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ISSUE SENT TO COMMISSIONERS FOR DECISION

County’s health board backs wearing of face coverings

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN AND OLIVIA ROJAS
News + Record Staff

Chatham County’s Board of Health unanimously endorsed a motion Monday night urging the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to require the wearing of face coverings inside all Chatham County government facilities, while “strongly encouraging” face coverings in other public settings.

This follows a request made by the commissioners, who will consider the recommendation and decide whether to enforce it as part of the county’s current COVID-19-related state of emergency.

Chatham County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Karen Howard told the News + Record in an email last week the commissioners referred

the question to Interim Health Director Mike Zelek for input from the board of health at its monthly meeting.

“I personally feel it is the direction we should go,” Howard said. “But think the advice of professionals would go far in advancing the idea from a public health perspective and might encourage widespread support.”

During the health board’s discussion Monday, there were questions regarding the enforcement of such a requirement and the precise wording of where to require face coverings. Board member Don Roscoe suggested the board make a “strong recommendation” instead of a requirement.

Fellow board member Marcia Herman-Giddens agreed and said the board could update its recommendation to a require-

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Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Chatham County’s Board of Commissioners will soon consider a recommendation by the county health board to ‘strongly encourage’ the wearing of masks or face coverings while in public.

CLASH AT PROTEST

Warrants issued after Pittsboro scuffle

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO — A clash last week between protesters near the former site of Pittsboro’s Confederate soldier monument led to at least one injury, and Pittsboro police are still seeking



Parnell

one of the persons responsible for the violence.

Warrants were issued last Thursday for the arrest of Tommy Parnell of Surry County with multiple charges after the disturbance.

Confederate “flaggers” have been sporadically returning to Pittsboro over the past few weeks, once again protesting the removal of the “Our Confederate Heroes” monument that previously stood on the grounds of the Historic Chatham County Courthouse. Leading up to the statue’s removal last November, and for several weeks following, protesters and demonstrators descended on Pittsboro’s downtown, mostly on Saturdays.

Those on both sides of the debate — many of them from outside Chatham County — have often confronted each other verbally, and occasionally physically, in the past. Business owners in downtown had just begun to breathe a sigh of relief as those protests eventually died down. But the battle seems to have renewed itself last Thursday as tensions rose between protesters.

Around lunchtime, a small group of between 10 and 15 pro-Confederate supporters showed up at the town’s circle and stood on the grounds of the courthouse, carrying flags. A counter-demonstration group soon began to build in the parking lot of the Blair Building on the circle.

A widely circulated Facebook video by Kerwin Pittman, a counter-protester and activist from Raleigh, showed the latter hours of the demonstration and subsequent scuffle. The video recorded protesters shouting expletives at each other, with counter-protesters using a

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Local B&Bs take hit during COVID-19

BY CAROLINE WATKINS
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — By the time COVID-19 spread to Chatham County, Fleming and Brit Pfann made the difficult decision to move out of their home and into their bed and breakfast, The Inn at Celebrity Dairy.

Due to the losses they were expecting from COVID-19, they chose to rent out their former home for additional income.

“Moving out of our house and our home was pretty traumatic,” Fleming Pfann said. “But that was something that both Brit and I agreed on.”

The Inn sits on a 300-acre dairy farm just six miles east of Siler City. The B&B has been in operation since 1998, and has hosted an array of events, from weddings to anniversary parties.

Earlier this year, things were looking up for The Pfanns — that is, until COVID-19 hit.

“We had everybody cancel,” Fleming Pfann said. “We had a really big wedding canceled, a really big anniversary party canceled...over \$50,000 worth of cancellations.”

The Inn at Celebrity Dairy is just one example of how hard the travel industry has



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Brit and Fleming Pfann sit outside their bed and breakfast, The Inn at Celebrity Dairy, which is located just six miles outside of Siler City. In addition to running a bed and breakfast, the couple also manages its 300-acre working dairy.

been hit by COVID-19. According to the American Hotel & Lodging Association, nearly 28,000 hotel-related jobs have been lost in the U.S. as a result of COVID-19.

In Chatham County, COVID-19 interrupts a nine-year trend of consecutive increases in tourism revenue, according to the 2019 State of Chatham County Report.

And with the county’s tourism industry generating \$4.74 million in total payroll, according to the report, the effects of

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MARIUM ALSTON’S ACT OF EMANCIPATION

In 1855, this Chatham woman set her 28 slaves free

BY STEVEN E. BROOKS & BEVERLY B. WIGGINS
Special to the News + Record

Editor’s note: Juneteenth is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of slaves in the United States, observed June 19. In Chatham County, back in 1855, one resident took it upon herself to emancipate 28 slaves she owned, provisioning in her will that they be freed. Local historians Steven E. Brooks and Beverly Wiggins, members of the Chatham County Historical Association, recently researched and wrote an academic paper on this piece of Chatham County’s history. Here’s the story of Marium Alston. First in a series.

Chatham County slave owner Marium P. Alston arranged in her last will and testament for the transportation to a free state and then the emancipation of 28 slaves.

Her will, made the day before she died on September 23, 1855, shows the remark-



Brooks



Wiggins

hiring of those slaves during the period

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able effort of a woman in a society in which laws favored slavery and the rights of men over women.

To obtain the slaves that she ultimately freed, Marium successfully contested the will of her husband, Oroondates (Oroon) Davis Alston. By her own will, Marium directed her executor, Jesse Marley, “as soon as he lawfully can” to transport her slaves to “some free state” where they were to be legally emancipated. She also provided \$300 and for her executor to use income from the

BY PRESTON LENNON
News + Record Correspondent

As North Carolina moves through the phases of its reopening plan, business leaders in Chatham County are trying to strike a balance between quelling public anxiety in respect to the pandemic, and supporting the desire of local businesses to bring in revenue.

Alyssa Byrd, the president of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation, remembers the last time leaders from the county were able to congregate in person. It was Opportunity Chatham, a conference in March where business leaders discussed the county’s economic outlook.

“Minutes after that event ended, that was the day that Chatham County’s first case was announced,” Byrd said.

The first death in Chatham County from COVID-19 was reported on April 14, and now there are more than 750 confirmed cases and 37 deaths reported in the county.

Byrd said in normal times, a sizable portion of her office’s work involves developing industrial land in the county. She said in Chatham County, around 90 percent of the tax base comes from residential property tax revenue, and since residential taxes are associated with more costs — like water and schools — than taxes on large businesses, bringing in industrial clients is a key goal for the county.

International travel restrictions and anxiety about public health, however, have stifled the recruitment of new large businesses, she said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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CANCELLATIONS

- **Town of Pittsboro:** All town advisory boards meetings are canceled. In order to protect the most vulnerable members of our community from the COVID-19 virus and slow its spread, please monitor the town's website at pittsboronc.gov for additional notifications and alerts.
- **Chatham County Council on Aging:** Both centers are closed at this time until further notice. If you need to pick up supplies, call the Siler City or Pittsboro location or check our website: chathamcoa.org.
- **Chatham County Historical Museum:** For the safety of visitors and volunteers, the Chatham County Historical Museum is closed until further notice. See our website: chathamhistory.org.
- **Chatham Community Library:** Closed to the public at this time, although curbside pick-up is now active. See story in this week's edition for more information.
- **State Employees Credit Union (SECU)** branches statewide have temporarily transitioned to drive-thru only. Members

who need to access safe deposit boxes, drop off tax return information, or inquire about a loan should call the branch to schedule an appointment.

THURSDAY

- The **Pittsboro Farmers Market** is open with seasonal items year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. They are located at 287 East St., Pittsboro.
- **St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church:** We provide a healthy, appetizing meal at no cost to those who come to us hungry at noon on Thursdays. We provide a place of hospitality and fellowship for everyone. All are welcome, regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religious preference, handicap, or income.

FRIDAY

- The **Second Bloom of Chatham Thrift Shop** will reopen for shopping on Friday, June 26. Face coverings will be required. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have a store full of adult summer clothing and accessories. Donations not accepted at this time. We are located in Pittsboro, on the Courthouse Circle, beside the Pittsboro Roadhouse. All proceeds support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and promote community education in collaboration with Chatham County.

UPCOMING

- **Chatham Community**

Library is offering free classes on job search skills, Microsoft Excel, and Google Apps in June. While the library is closed, all classes will be presented virtually via GoToMeeting. A description of each class and a registration link can be found at www.chathamnc.org/ComputerClasses. Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 2: June 24, Wednesday, 3 p.m. - Google Apps: June 29, Monday, 3 p.m. For more information, call 919-545-8086 or email reference@chathamlibraries.org.

- **Chatham Habitat for Humanity** is planning to hold its rescheduled 2020 Women Build event August 27 through 29. Registration will open in mid-summer on our website, and those who signed up for the April event will receive first priority. Assuming our new normal allows for events such as the Women Build, we will gather together in a few months. These dates may change, and additional ones may open as well. Mark your calendars and hope for the best. The Participate from Home benefit is still in effect — a donation of at least \$25 will get you a t-shirt and certificate during the month of the event.

ALSO HAPPENING

- **Carolina Farm Credit** is now accepting applications for the 12th year of the Ag Biz Planner program and the 5th year of the Ag Biz Basics program. These

e-learning courses teach financial and business planning, budgeting, and other farm management topics that are essential to a farm's success. All applications are due July 15. Applications, a course outline, and program information are available at carolinafarmcredit.com/about/resources/educational-programs. Individuals selected for the program will be notified after Aug. 15.

- Descendants of Horton High School alumni or attendees of Horton High School are eligible to apply for the **Horton High School Alumni Association Scholarship** for 2019-2020. High school graduates, college students, and graduate students are encouraged to apply on the HHSAA website: hortonhighalumni.com. Deadline for application has been extended to Aug. 1.

- **Girl Scouts** offers Virtual Summer Activities to Girls in Central and Eastern North Carolina with Virtual Day Camps and other events and activities available for girls to partake in safely, both indoors and outside. Girls and parents can learn more about the GS-NCCP Beyond Summer Program by visiting the Girl Scouting at Home page on nccoa-stalpin.es.org.

- With COVID-19 sweeping the country, artists' livelihoods are being challenged like never before. The Chatham Arts Council has put together a relief effort specifically for artists and arts-workers called CAARE: **Chatham Artist and Arts-Worker Relief Effort**. For more information on CAARE, or to donate, visit ChathamArtsCouncil.org.

- JMArts hosted a **JMA-CoronaConcert** via Twitter featuring performances submitted by JM students and faculty. Concerts can be viewed on its Twitter account, @JMArts, and by using the hashtags #JMACoronaConcert performances and #JMA-CoronaConcert program.

- **Adult Volunteers Needed** at Chatham Hospital in Siler City, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Siler City and part of the UNC Health Care System. All prospective volunteers must complete an online application, a criminal background check, an orientation and have documentation of required immunizations. To learn more go to: www.chathamhospital.org/ch/about-us/volunteer.

- **Volunteers Needed** — Nonprofit agencies in Chatham seek teen volunteers to help with many projects. Teens can help at food pantries,

in gardens, fundraising projects, office work, and care for animals. Chatham Connecting website lists many volunteer opportunities for youth. See where you are needed to help in the community: www.chathamconnecting.org.

- **Foster and/or adoptive information** — Give children a safe place to grow. Interested in becoming a Foster and/or Adoptive parent? Call 642-6956 to learn more.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** — North Carolina District 33, call the Help Line at 866-640-0180 for the meeting schedule for this area.

- **Motorcycle Association** — The Motorcycle Association for Chatham, Western Wake, Lee, Orange and Alamance counties meets in Pittsboro and is open to all riders. For information, call 919-392-3939 or visit www.chathamCBA.com.

- **Narcotics Anonymous** — For drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings.

- **Al-Anon Meeting** — Pittsboro Serenity Seekers Al-Anon Family Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays, at Chatham Community Church, in the lower level of Chatham Mill, Pittsboro.

NEWS BRIEFS

Griffith achieves membership in Million Dollar Round Table

LIBERTY — J. B. Griffith III, a representative for Modern Woodmen of America, is one of a small percentage of financial representatives worldwide to achieve membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) this year. Founded in 1927, MDRT, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals, is a global, independent association of more than 49,000 of the world's life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 500 companies in 70 coun-

tries. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business. The local Modern Woodmen office is located in Liberty. Contact Griffith at 336-622-6020 for more information about Modern Woodmen's financial services and fraternal programs.

Gooch recognized as a high achiever for Girl Scouts

Chatham County Girl Scout Kameron Gooch was recently recognized as a High Achiever for the 2020 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Girls join the ranks

of the High Achievers Club when they sell 5,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies or more since participating in their first cookie season. Kameron has sold 5,516 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies during her time as a Girl Scout. Members receive an engraved plaque, special cookie business cards and a personalized letter of recommendation from CEO, Lisa Jones. The purpose of the Girl Scout Cookie Program is to teach girls five key skills: goal-setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics; and the High Achievers have mastered these skills like no other.

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Pittsboro passes increased budget after new revenue projections

BY CASEY MANN
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PITTSBORO — Pittsboro's town board passed its \$10.3 million FY 2020-21 budget on Monday, a significant increase from the original proposed \$9.3 million budget developed after estimated revenue projections were increased based on updated local sales tax and ABC revenues.

With the new revenues, the budget now supports many of the items that the board of commissioners had considered priorities, including a 2.5% pay raise for employees, a pay study, investments in technology and ongoing support of Main Street Pittsboro.

The budget also includes a 2.5% increase in

water and sewer rates, an item that Pittsboro Commissioner Jay Farrell attempted to remove from the budget after saying the increase would "be hard to explain to our residents who feel like they can't drink the water." Without the support of any of the other members of the board, the motion failed and the increase remained.

Pittsboro Finance Director Heather Meacham said the sales tax revenues were increased because April's revenues were "better than anticipated."

The budget still reflects revenue estimates for the upcoming year to be "3% more conservative" than the League of Municipalities guidance. The League of Municipalities is a North

Carolina non-profit which for more than 100 years has represented towns' and cities' interests and provides guidance to municipalities for best practices.

In addition pay raises, a pay study and investments in technology, the budget also includes funding for three new positions — an engineering inspector, a police officer and a position in the Public Works/Parks Department. The funding for these positions is only for six months as the board decided to wait until a permanent town manager was hired to fill those positions.

The Main Street Pittsboro program generated significant discussion during the meeting on

Monday as the board discussed whether to increase the program's funding to \$105,000, which includes a \$15,000 facade grant program. While each of the board members noted support for the program, there was hesitation from Farrell and Mayor Pro-Tem Pamela Baldwin about increasing the funding during a pandemic.

Both Mayor Jim Nass and Commissioner Michael Fiocco voiced strong support for the program. Fiocco argued that with the "competition with development going on in the perimeter" of town, if the board needed to "continue to look after downtown" to "keep the historic portion of Pittsboro vibrant."

Nass added that for years the board has dedicated itself to protect old Pittsboro and downtown to the greatest extent possible.

Fiocco offered some middle ground for the discussion, suggesting a change to the split of ABC funds for the fiscal year. Typically, the excess revenues from the Pittsboro ABC Board are split with 40% going into the town's general fund and 60% going into an ABC fund for a future store. He suggested changing the split for this year's excess funds — which are estimated to be more than \$240,000 — to provide a greater amount to the town which would make funds available for Main Street Pittsboro and while protecting the town's "rainy day" funds.

Nass, who formerly chaired the local ABC Board, said he believed the board was in good enough position to handle a change in the split for this year.

After discussion, the board voted unanimously to apportion 90% of the excess ABC revenues to the town with the remaining 10% staying with the ABC Board. Even with the extra revenue, the Pittsboro Board voted to only appropriate \$96,000 to Main Street Pittsboro, including the facade grant program.

The budget is for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

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the industry's downturn on the local economy continue to unfold.

Cheryl Conrad and Houston Blair, the owners of 458 West, a B&B located in Pittsboro, had no choice but to close their business for 10 weeks as a result of COVID-19. They saw the pandemic's effects first-hand.

"When it all started, we were just gearing up for our busiest season of the year and we knew that it would affect it, but we didn't really know to what extent," Conrad said. "It didn't take very long to figure it out, though."

"I started working part time at a business just to try to offset some of the losses," Blair said.

Unlike more established B&Bs in Chatham such as 458 West, Lucky Bar Farm was just preparing for its first summer as a business before COVID-19 hit. The B&B, which is located in Moncure, opened its doors last October.

The B&B had around a dozen guests cancel due to COVID-19. The couple

agreed that giving their guests full refunds was the right thing to do, given the circumstances.

"We just gave the full refund and people were really just grateful," Nancy Adams said.

Opening their doors again

Following Gov. Roy Cooper's decision to move North Carolina into Phase 2 on May 22, guests are slowly but surely beginning to make reservations in local B&Bs once again.

However, many of them are still concerned about what B&Bs are doing to keep their guests safe during the pandemic.

Local B&B owners say that they have been following a number of health and safety protocols established by organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association.

Some of the additional steps they are taking to keep their B&Bs clean include having disposable



As a result of COVID-19, sanitization stations can be found throughout Lucky Bar Farm. Local B&Bs are following a number of COVID-19 protocols established by organizations such as the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association during the pandemic.

Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

gloves and masks readily available for guests, setting up sanitation stations throughout the B&Bs, taking extra care of stripping and washing bed sheets and frequently disinfecting surfaces and common areas.

Some B&Bs have also taken part in initiatives such as the "Count on Me NC" campaign, which is "a public health initiative that empowers guests

and businesses to help keep everyone safe from COVID-19," according to CountOnMeNC.org.

"I am hopeful that our guests will see that Count On Me NC is a mutual pledge and that we are doing all we can to ensure safety, not just following the standards that were in place for environmental health guidelines prior to COVID-19, but the enhanced protocols," Neha Shah, the director of the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention & Visitors Bureau, said. "The Count On Me NC initiative provides guidance, from professionals, in a time and a situation that is new for all of us."

B&Bs are also taking additional measures to ensure social distancing on their properties, whether that includes staggering breakfast times to avoid overlaps between guests or serving meals to guests outside, where they might feel more comfortable dining.

Most of all, local B&Bs are encouraging guests to share their concerns.

"Pick up the phone, call, ask your questions," Lucky Bar Farm's Nancy Adams said. "Let us speak to you about what concerns you have on an individual basis, and we will be happy to answer



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Steve and Nancy Adams stand on their porch at Lucky Bar Farm, a bed and breakfast located in Moncure. Lucky Bar Farm opened in October 2019, making it one of the newer B&Bs in Chatham County.

any questions that you have and modify whatever we can to make you feel comfortable in your stay."

An uncertain future

Despite the fact that guests are slowly starting to book at B&Bs again, owners believe a return to normalcy is still far from reach.

"In June last year, we had 82 reservations," Conrad of 458 West said. "This year, we've had 10."

And with warnings of a potential second wave in the fall, it's hard to predict how long it will take for the tourism industry to bounce back.

"I don't think we're going to be out of this even by next spring," Fleming Pfann of The Inn at Celebrity Dairy said.

Domestic visitors to

and within Chatham County spent \$36.9 million in 2018 alone, according to the 2019 State of Chatham County Report. Yet as a result of the industry's losses already and an uncertain future ahead, Chatham's tourism industry could be licking its COVID-caused wounds for the foreseeable future.

"I can't predict the long-term effects, but through the research shared with us and our own landscape, we are forecasting that the devastation to the industry is severe enough that the recovery will be slow," Shah said.

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ment if there was another surge. She cited studies that show the effectiveness of masks in reducing the spread of the coronavirus as reason to make the recommendation.

Chatham Commissioner Jim Crawford, who is also a member of the health board, told the group policy should be made for the "optimal population" and those who won't comply aren't a good enough reason for the board to not act.

"This isn't an abstract argument," Crawford said. "This is an argument in the middle of a pandemic that's going to get worse before it gets better."

Several motions were made and workshopped before the motion that would end up passing was made.

"Maybe we'll make a recommendation — a broad and high-level recommendation — to the county commissioners and they can hash out those fine details," health board chairman Carol Reitz-Barlow said.

With the board in agreement, board member Lewis Lampiris outlined the recommendation.

"Our letter to the commissioners will be that the board of health

urges the commissioners to require facial coverings in all county facilities and strongly urge the public to use facial coverings in the community setting," he said.

The county commissioners are scheduled to meet next on July 20. Crawford said the county could potentially move to implement the measure sooner.

"I will ask the chair to perhaps convene a meeting where we can pass this," he said. "We would have to advertise this 72 hours out, but we can do a virtual meeting on this matter."

Zelek told the News + Record last week that the health board will continue encouraging people to follow the three W's to slow the spread of COVID-19: wear a mask, wash your hands and wait six feet apart.

"We continue to hammer these messages home and we've seen a lot of support, a lot of positive uptake, from the community," Zelek said. "We really appreciate that because that's going to be the key in helping us stay ahead of this as best we can."

After the passage of their motion, the health board also discussed its role in providing equity and diversity. The board referred to a letter read during the public input session by Karinda Roebuck, the co-chairman

of Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity and the Chatham Health Alliance Equity Committee. In her statement, Roebuck called on the board to name and take seriously the threat of systemic racism on public health. The board also referred to the letter Howard wrote to the community regarding the coronavirus and George Floyd's death.

In the board's later discussion, members suggested writing their own statement rather than just endorsing Howard's letter. Questions about writing a statement that addressed concerns in an apolitical way were raised. There was no formal motion to write the statement, but board members Lampiris, John Kessler and Stephanie Freece volunteered to draft one on behalf of the board with Zelek.

"We know about those disparities, I mean, that's not rocket science," Lampiris said. "One of the major factors that has led to those disparities are issues of structural racism — so we're just putting that in there. We can talk about diet, nutrition and healthy foods but bottom line, it's structures that are in place that are keeping people oppressed. So it's not a political statement, it's just an honest affirmation of a condition people living under that we want to eliminate."

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The lagging measures of social awareness

Anyone with an abiding interest in human behavior — and more specifically, the nature that drives behavior — surely understands the notion of what specialists in those related fields call “lagging measures.”

When seen in a cultural context, a lagging measure is the simple expression of the fact that significant changes we observe in a society lag behind — or follow after a span of time — a preceding change in mindset.

In diverse Chatham County, there are plenty of mindsets to consider. One manifested itself a couple of weeks ago when a peaceful group gathered in Siler City, and then a different group gathered in Pittsboro a day later, in explicit expressions of racial unity.

A different mindset was manifested in a demonstration of differences and disagreement in Pittsboro last Thursday. The fracas that accompanied that clash between Confederate flag-wavers and their opposites resulted in, among other nastiness, profanity-laden tirades, threats, injury and an arrest warrant.

What made one of those events different from the other?

It could be the fact that one event focused on change — this is an example of lagging measures brought forward — while the other was focused against it. It’s the difference in working toward something versus working against something.

As we’ve seen in the wake of COVID-19 and the George Floyd killing in Minnesota,

the “lag” in lagging measures can sometimes be significantly abbreviated. In other words, changes (in procedure, in practice, in regulations, in beliefs, in relationships) can indeed come fast. COVID-19 has proven that. But when conflict remains unresolved (To mask up or not? To reopen or stay closed? To tear down historical monuments or not? To rename buildings or not?) there are usually missing pieces to our collective understanding.

That creates the “lag.”

Writer and social observer Seth Godin reminded us of this last week when he told the story of the publishing of the periodic table of elements some 150 years ago. Remember that from high school? Hydrogen, Helium, Lithium, Beryllium,

etc. — all the chemical elements, arranged by atomic number?

When Dmitri Mendeleyev created the periodic table in 1869, he was keenly aware that not all elements in existence had been discovered. He therefore left the appropriate empty squares on the periodic table blank. He wasn’t sure what needed to go there, but generations of other scientists knew, Godin writes, “to go looking for what needed to fill in that empty slot.”

Like the fish who isn’t aware he’s in water, lack of awareness — in other words, not knowing there are empty slots, or gaps, in our collective thinking that need filled through discovery — creates the kind of chaotic behavior that resulted in the pandemo-

nium around the square at the historic Chatham County Courthouse last week. It results, too, we’ve witnessed, in a purposeless standoff over symbolism, over whether to wear face coverings in a pandemic, over whether to argue against the existence of systemic racism, or over how prejudgments about a fellow citizen should carry any weight.

Behaviors we’ve seen these last few weeks suggest proof of lagging measures. They also suggest how counterproductive it is to ignore the gaps in thinking, those empty slots in our nature, that lead to the kind of chaos we saw in Pittsboro last week.

Thinking about how we think about things is the best way to close the gap on lagging measures.

Anger does matter

Psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler-Ross formatted her five-stage theory of grief after decades of counseling dying patients and their families. After the death of George Floyd, America has witnessed the collective grief of the African-American community, and the stage that has been most prominent is anger.

Anger is often thought of as the tip of the iceberg. Beneath the surface of anger is pain. At a death, particularly a violent one, anger is neither misplaced nor inappropriate. Anger is an expression of that deep pain.

In seminary, I studied the stages of grief. I also studied the Psalms — a collection of 150 hymns of ancient Israel that express a range of human emotions, including rage. The most dramatic example is found in Psalm 137: “Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us. Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks!”

The psalmist uttered this curse after Babylon had destroyed Jerusalem. Many of the Israelites were slaughtered. The survivors were forced into slavery in a foreign land. Psalm 137 represents the pain of a community that has experienced this national trauma. We may expect grief to look more like the opening verse of Psalm 137: By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. But anger is also a part of grief.

As part of the process, anger needs to be expressed. Not repressed. To deny anger does not make it disappear. The great poet of the Harlem Renaissance, Langston Hughes, provocatively asked: What happens to a dream deferred? Does it explode?

This is an explosive time. We can expect protesters to channel their anger in constructive ways which do not lead to the violence of collateral damage. And yet, we must not deny the anger, for this is to deny the pain.

This denial is the reason that many African Americans express frustration with the All Lives Matter movement. Of course all lives matter. But the current trauma is from the loss of Black lives — those slaughtered unjustly by authorities. To fail to recognize this point is to deny the grief of a community.

Perhaps by saying “all lives matter,” certain well-intentioned people appeal to the final stage of the Kubler-Ross theory: acceptance. At this stage, a mourner finds a sense of closure. He is able to move on. She finds a new dream.

But as Hughes put it, a dream deferred is a false closure. This is not acceptance but injustice. I am reminded of the prophet Jeremiah, who was alive around the same time that Psalm 137 was written: Everyone deals falsely. They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace (Jeremiah 6:13).

Properly understood, the Black Lives Matter movement reflects a recent development in the theory of grief — stage six. This stage is to find meaning. To find meaning is not to deny the pain, but to assert a new purpose in the aftermath of loss. It is to clarify goals and values. To work toward transformation.

Making meaning out of the deaths of Black men and women is evidenced by a variety of social-justice initiatives such as police reform, affordable housing, living wages and universal health care.

This is an explosive time. But I find hope in the past. Psalm 137 was not the final word in the Old Testament. After years of working out the grief, pain and anger of his community, another prophet could look at the same collective trauma and find meaning: I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:6).

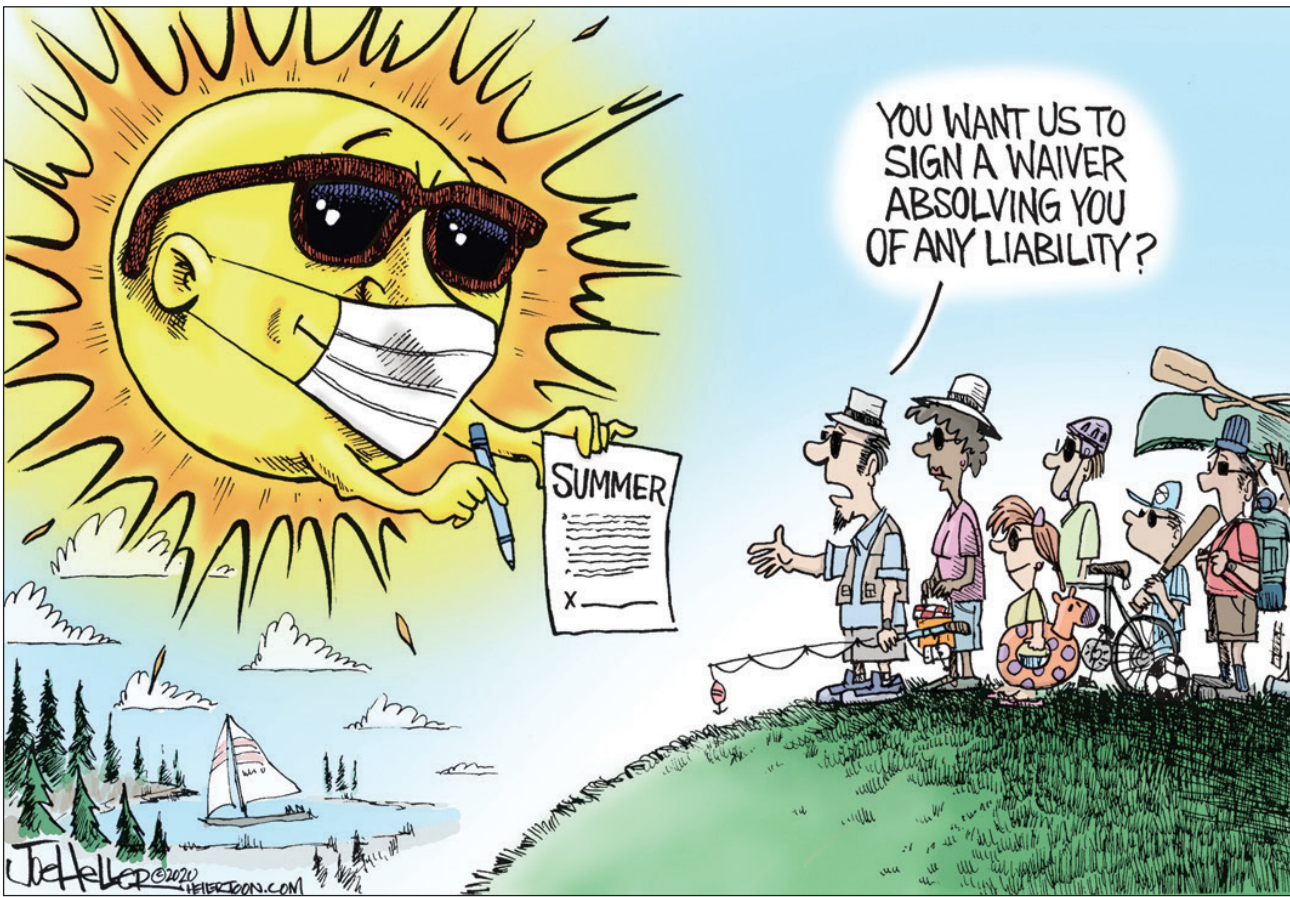
Isaiah affirmed the particular lives of a smaller community mattered — those lives that had suffered persecution. Only then could all lives matter.

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Looking up to someone not just measure of height

These words, of course, come after the fact — a characteristic that seems to fit my nature. I won’t say I’m always slow or late but I’ve been known to take awhile to get started on some things and then to drag them out until the last ounce of life is gone.

It was the realization, I guess, that on the calendar last Sunday was Father’s Day that got me started down this road.

That and the realization that July 1, soon to be here, is their wedding anniversary date.

It was in 1933.

In Bennettsville, South Carolina.

They “ran away” — eloped is the formal word, I believe.

Lots of folks did that then, I’m told. For some reason it was easier to get married south of the border than at home in North Carolina. She was 15; he was 21.

I know, I know...today that would be all sorts of crimes — child abuse, crossing state lines, underage issues and on and on. But then...well, it was different.

She used to tell me she “was mature for my age” and she didn’t mean just physically.

She grew up the daughter of millworkers. Her dad also subsidized providing for their 12 children by working as postmaster of their little village and her mom tended a garden, scrimped and saved, and added a cup of water to the soup when necessary. The life of a child then in the days of the Great Depression would, no doubt, cause you to grow up in a hurry.

One day she met a young man of that same village. I never heard her say where, when or how; maybe she always knew him. I don’t



BOB WACHS
Movin’ Around

‘It’s only when you grow up and step back from him — or leave him for your own career and your own home — it’s only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it.’

MARGARET TRUMAN

know. She did say he was a ladies’ man...or, at least, he thought he was. The first time they went out — to church on a Sunday night — he was late and she decided he wasn’t going to add her as a mark in his little black book so she went out without him.

He showed up late at her house that evening after she left but made sure he was the one who walked her home from church.

I don’t know how long the courtship lasted but apparently it wasn’t extremely lengthy until that day, along with another couple as witnesses, they became Mr. and Mrs.

From that union came my two brothers and me.

They’ve been gone some time now — he left in 1992; she followed 11 years later.

I still miss them.

Tremendously.

Think of them every day.

He left in such a hurry I didn’t get to tell him goodbye. Died with his boots on. Best way to go. She lingered. I spent years telling her goodbye until that day.

His was better.

It took me months to stop almost picking up the phone or turning into the nursing home. Now I look at the pictures. Remember them when something crosses my mind. Need to take out one of the old family VHS tapes and stick it in... if I could figure out how to operate the mechanism.

I really didn’t have a favorite parent; they were just different. I’m told sometimes children do

like one better than the other. I suppose that’s true and maybe alright. I don’t know from my own experience.

She tended to cut to the chase, offering advice and direction sometimes without asking. “Nobody cares more about your welfare than I do,” she’d say at those times.

I believe that.

He, on the other hand, would let us plow our own field, learning sometimes the hard way as we hit rock after rock. But even when things went sour never did we hear an “I told you so.” It was more like, “What did you learn?”

I read something the other day. Made me think once again about them. It was about fathers, written by Margaret Truman. I think it applies to me...maybe to you, too, if you care to have it do so.

It said, “It’s only when you grow up and step back from him — or leave him for your own career and your own home — it’s only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it.”

Their three sons were all taller than both of them. I remember once we three surrounded him in his living room and took turns patting him on top of his head, just messing with him. He squirmed and howled in protest but I think he liked it — and was proud.

We may have been taller but we still looked up to them then.

Still do...

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VIEWPOINTS

LETTERS

A plea for Chatham neighbors to wear masks

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Chatham County neighbors,

This is a personal plea in which I ask you from my heart to please wear a mask over your mouth and nose in public.

Both of my young children have histories of post-infectious autoimmune reactions, where their bodies started to destroy

themselves due to autoimmune disorder. So, both my 6-year-old and my 9-year-old are at higher risk of developing MIS-C, the mysterious Kawasaki disease-like syndrome seen in some children with COVID-19. MIS-C is a post-infectious autoimmune reaction to the novel coronavirus.

COVID-19 would be scary enough but because of what we've gone through MIS-C scares me way more. Some children have died from

MIS-C. Those who survive it may have lifelong organ damage.

My wife lives with Type 1 Diabetes and Hashimoto's Disease, both of which put her at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19.

I am lucky to be able to work from home during this pandemic. We have nearly everything delivered and we have stayed out of public places since mid-March. We've had no play dates. Early on, we

self-isolated to protect my children's grandparents, and even still, we visit only outdoors and at distance. We are doing everything we can to keep from being exposed.

But occasionally we need things that can't be delivered and I have to enter stores.

Today as I walked into Food Lion, three other people were walking in with me. I was the only one wearing a mask.

When you wear a mask, you

are protecting yourself and other people. You are not only protecting the people you see around you in the store — you are also protecting their high risk family members they've left at home.

Like my 6- and 9-year-old children.

Please wear masks in public.

John Bonitz
Pittsboro
Mr. Bonitz is a member of the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners.

State's economic recovery is too slow

During the month of May, 38 states saw their unemployment rates drop as governments eased COVID-19 restrictions and allowed more businesses to open and individuals return to work.

In North Carolina, Gov. Roy Cooper eased COVID-19 restrictions during May, as well. But his phased reopening was relatively slow and narrow. Not coincidentally, North Carolina bucked the national trend — and not in a good way. Our unemployment rate in May was 12.9%, unchanged from April. That's higher than in any of our neighboring states. It's

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higher than the Southeastern average of 11.5%.

Other labor-market indicators did tick upward. North Carolina's employment-to-population ratio was 50.4% in May, up from 49% in April. And North Carolina employers added some 67,000 net new jobs in May.

So, even Cooper's limited reopening plan was helpful. But such glacial progress is not an adequate response to the economic challenge facing North Carolina. Our employment rate is still lower than that of our neighbors. And those 67,000 new jobs in May came after a stunning 616,000 jobs went away in March and April. Our state is replacing our lost jobs at a rate slower than the national average.

Yes, I know Cooper's cautious approach is intended to reduce COVID-19 deaths. I also know that recent increases in cases and hospitalizations have prompted some to argue North Carolina is reopening too quickly, not too slowly. I recognize public officials are under extreme pressure and face difficult questions with no easy answers.

But I'm not persuaded that North Carolina is right and most other states in the Southeast are wrong. There is no consistent pattern in regulations and COVID deaths. Virginia (tightly restricted) and Georgia (less restricted) have higher deaths per capita than North Carolina. But South Carolina's is roughly the same and Tennessee's is lower. Both have fewer restrictions and are experiencing more rapid economic recoveries.

Increases in testing explain most of the recent increases in North Carolina's confirmed cases. It's also one of the explanations for the hospitalization trend. As North Carolinians return to hospitals to receive surgeries deferred from the spring, some are testing positive for COVID. It's not the reason they were admitted, and their COVID symptoms might be mild or nonexistent, but they are still in the COVID count.

That's not all that's happening, to be sure. If you look at North Carolina's latest statewide reports, you'll see that the share of visits to emergency departments by patients with COVID-like symptoms has been fluctuating within a narrow range of about 2.5% to 2.7% since early May. There are still North Carolinians getting sick, not just getting infected. But there has been no increase in the share of those emergency-room patients who end up being hospitalized or placed in intensive care. Indeed, those shares went down last week, not up.

So far, deaths from COVID-19 in North Carolina have continued to follow a downward trend, not an upward trend. By all means we should monitor these trends over time. But state leaders should accompany such vigilance with a stronger emphasis on economic recovery.

Remember that lost jobs and incomes have adverse social and medical consequences, as well. North Carolina's state and local governments are also grappling with massive budget deficits that will lead to sharp reductions in public services and employment. A more robust economic recovery — opening gyms, entertainment venues, and other sectors still shuttered or severely constrained by Cooper's executive orders — will help to soften the public-sector blow by producing new revenue and creating job opportunities for those displaced by cuts in government.

In February, before COVID-19 hit, 59.4% of North Carolina adults were employed and our jobless rate was 3.6%. Of course it will be quite a while before our labor market recovers to that extent. That's why every month counts. Every month we keep parts of our economy sidelined will be another month of frustration, loss, and despair for far too many North Carolinians who simply want to get back to work.

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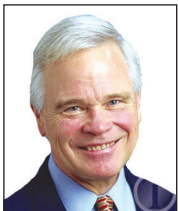
UNC's new president

"Who is Peter Hans?" This is a question I am getting from friends who have learned that Hans has been elected the next president of the University of North Carolina. Maybe they think that because I was once a vice president of the university system, I still know something about what is going on there. I don't.

But, yes, I did know almost 30 years ago when Hans (Class of 1991) was part of a group of young activist student politicians at UNC-Chapel Hill, a group that included Gene Davis, currently a member of the board of trustees at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Tim Moore, now speaker of the state House of Representatives.

The group contained Republicans and Democrats, but they supported each other in student politics, and were mostly fast friends despite their political differences. Said another way, they did not let differences in partisan politics get in the way of helping each other when they could.

Although Hans is still a strong Republican, he continues that tradition of working with people on all sides of the political spectrum. Currently president of the state's community college system, he will begin work at the university system on August 1. He will succeed Bill Roper, who provided steady leadership as interim



D.G. MARTIN
One on One

president during challenging times that featured controversy about Confederate monuments, the raging coronavirus, and an unusual high incidence of pettiness among some members of the board of governors.

Roper announced early on that he would not be a candidate for the permanent position. Beginning in August, Hans will have to deal on a daily basis with, as he says, "the thousands of questions that are being raised and thought through as we look forward to a careful and helpful reopening."

In the meantime, Dr. Roper will shoulder that burden.

In addition to the health-related challenges the virus presents, Hans will confront an unprecedented set of financial challenges arising from the pandemic. Revenues from the state will be down. So will tuition payments on all the campuses. Just keeping each of the 17 campuses open will be a herculean task.

Hans brings an impressive resume to these challenges.

A loyal Republican, Hans worked on the staff of Sen. Lauch Faircloth and assisted Elizabeth Dole, Richard Burr, and other Republicans. Back in North Carolina, he and Democrat former Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker formed a lobbying firm. Hans served on the university's board of governors and was chairman for a term.

His ability to work on both sides of the political aisle brought a rare joint statement from Gov. Roy Cooper, Senate Majority Leader Phil Berger, and House Speaker Tim Moore: "Peter Hans has done tremendous work as president of the

N.C. Community College System, and he's the right choice for UNC System President. That we all agree on Peter is a testament to the respect he commands as an able, competent leader."

Some, perhaps many, faculty members across the system may complain that their new leader is not an academic, lacking the PhD that many consider essential for an academic leadership career. But since the creation of the multi-campus Consolidated University of North Carolina in 1931, none of the presidents (Frank Porter Graham, Gordon Gray, William Friday, Dick Spangler, Molly Broad, Erskine Bowles, Tom Ross, and Margaret Spellings) were PhDs. Their success, or lack of it, came from their political skills, their management and organizational efforts, and their ability to inspire faculty, legislators, students, and campus supporters.

Hans' experience in the management and governance of North Carolina higher education and his talents in working in the state's political jungle arguably have prepared him better for the president's job than any of his predecessors when they began work.

All North Carolinians, whether they agree with me or not, should wish Hans good luck in his new job. He is going to need it.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch" at 11 a.m. Sundays and 5 p.m. Tuesdays on UNC-TV. The program also airs on the North Carolina Channel at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and other times.

Are we in for a strong economic recovery?

My best friend at N.C. State was a physicist. We had much in common. We were both transplants from the north. Our spouses taught elementary



MIKE WALDEN
You Decide

school. We were passionate baseball fans. He grew up in New England, so he rooted for the Boston Red Sox, while I cheered for the team of my birthplace, the Cincinnati Reds. We also enjoyed weightlifting at the Hillsborough Street YMCA in Raleigh.

My friend has been retired for over a decade. He's amazed I'm still working, soon starting year 43. Before he retired, my friend — whose specialty was water dynamics — developed models for predicting the number and severity of hurricanes each season. Around this time each year he'd be receiving a lot of media attention.

We used to tease each other about who had the better track record for their forecasts — he for the number of hurricanes, or me for predicting the direction of the economy. After a couple of years of poor forecasts by my friend, I told him I was now going to expect the opposite of what he said: that is, if he expected an active hurricane season, I would assume a mild season, and if he said mild, I would anticipate active!

My friend is probably laughing now about the latest big missed forecast

by economists, including yours truly. As most know, the economy has been weighed down by government orders closing businesses and restricting travel in order to limit infections, hospitalizations and deaths from the coronavirus.

As a result, national and state economies have suffered, with millions losing their jobs and signing up for unemployment compensation. In April, unemployment rates hit the mid-teens. When the May job numbers for the nation were released a couple of weeks ago, almost all economic forecasters saw millions of more lost jobs and an unemployment rate reaching 20%.

These predictions made sense given that most states didn't begin softening restrictions on businesses and workers until late May. And even once some businesses reopened, it was widely thought people would be cautious and only slowly return to visiting stores and restaurants.

Well, economists were wrong — indeed, very wrong. Instead of millions — some economists thought as many as 8 million — of additional jobs being cut in May and the jobless rate soaring to 20% or above, the exact opposite happened. Nationally, 2.5 million jobs were added, and the unemployment rate went down, not up.

The good news continued in our state. Although the unemployment rate was the same in May as in April in North Carolina, during May almost 120,000 more individuals were employed than in the previous month.

First, let me say — and

I think I speak for most economists — if I have to be wrong, I'd rather be wrong predicting a bad outcome and be surprised by a good outcome. Still, this mistaken forecast was a doozy. Why were most economists so off with their predictions?

First, we may have underestimated how anxious consumers were to get out and spend when they could. They had what economists call pent-up demand, meaning consumers were just itching to spend.

In addition, consumers had the ability to spend. Although unemployment has been high, the federal government supplemented state unemployment checks to make them comparable to — and sometimes better than — the income that many were receiving from working. Add to this the stimulus checks that most people received, and the situation is that many households have been flush with cash. When the opportunity came to spend some of it, they did.

Actually, the strong rebound in the economy during May is in line with the predictions of a few economists, one of them being Jason Furman, who was President Obama's chief economic adviser for several years. Furman thinks there will be a rapid snap-back during the initial months of the economic recovery from the virus, but then followed by much slower growth.

So, what are we to think? Will the economy shoot upward like a rocket during the next several months? The problem for economists is we don't have a previous playbook

to follow. We've never had a recession that was mandated by the government in order to control a pandemic.

Plus, there are many balls in the air, and we just don't know where they'll land. How will cases and hospitalizations change as the economy opens and more people interact? If the answer is "badly," will states have to reinstitute some restrictions? Also, will the virus return in the winter, and if so, how strongly? Finally, and perhaps most importantly, when will there first be a treatment available, and then — ultimately — when will a vaccine be perfected and ready to be used?

One factor is for sure. The coronavirus has caused permanent losses to the economy. We can't recover all the sales, revenues and incomes that have been lost since February. Sure, the government has tried to fill the gap, but those funds were either borrowed from the future or created without any real substantive backing.

But a faster economic recovery will help. If everything works in the best way, the virus will soon subside and then vanish, allowing buying, jobs and incomes to come back. Then, a year from now, the coronavirus will be a bad memory.

Is his wishful thinking? You decide.

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OBITUARIES

CECIL ULYSESS DAVIS



Cecil Ulysess Davis, age 81, of Chapel Hill, died Monday, June 15, 2020 at UNC Hospital.

Cecil was born in Old Fort, North Carolina on April 27, 1939 to the late Richard Clyde Davis and Margaret Lytle Davis. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Roger Davis.

Surviving relatives include his wife Anna Davis; two sons, Spencer Davis and wife Susan of Chapel Hill, Robert Davis of Old Fort, NC; one brother, C.L. Davis and wife Judy of Morganton; two sisters, Doris Meadows of Asheville, NC, Grace Elliott of Old Fort, NC; four grandchildren, Brittany Vickers and husband Mitch, Wesley Davis and wife Ashlei, John Davis, Holly Davis, and two great-grandchildren, Bristol Vickers and Bentley Davis.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Lystra Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Tim Williford presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Cecil's memory to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

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

CARL R. GRANATH



(1930 - 2020)

Carl Granath was the life of the party if you could get him to go. He was a lifelong liberal arts student. Carl served in the Air Force during the Korean War shooting a camera in the south of France while developing an enduring love of languages. He was in demand as a writer, art director and voice talent during his long career with major advertising agencies in Chicago but hated watching commercials. He was an animator and cartoonist who grew up idolizing Walt Disney and Charles Shultz but it was his work as a songwriter and lyricist that inspired cartoonists. Carl's "Armour Hot Dog Song" was featured in Pixar's animated feature "Monsters Inc" and on an episode of "The Simpsons." Carl worked with comedians Steve Allen and John Cleese, Chicago Bears legend Walter Payton and country music star Roy Clark. He created countless logos, t-shirts, invitations and posters for different causes and projects throughout his career. Pittsboro's City Hall still flies the flag Carl designed. Carl was a talented painter, an avid tennis player and skier. The Parkinson's group with Fearrington Cares provided support and friendship to Carl and Anne for many years. Carl was a lover not a fighter, but he battled the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease with patience and humor for 24 years. Carl passed away on May 28 at the age of 89.

Carl considered it his greatest good fortune to have married Anne Williams. Through 62 years of marriage and a life lived in Chicago and Winnetka, Illinois and then Fearrington Village, North Carolina, he never stopped marveling at her good heart and selfless generosity.

Carl was a loving husband, brother and father. He is survived by his wife Anne, his son Bruce Granath and daughter-in-law Erika Löwstedt-Granath, his daughter Cathy Granath Kimble, his son-in-law Rick Kimble, his four adored grandchildren August and Alexander Granath, Matthew and Helen Kimble, as well as in-laws Jan Granath, Betty Tukey, Hugh and Diane Williams. Carl was preceded in death by his beloved big brother, John Granath, as well his parents, Carl Eugene and Helen Margaret Granath.

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Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a memorial celebration in Carl's honor will be scheduled at a later date.

Remembrances may be sent to Fearrington Cares which had an impact on Carl's life: <https://fearringtoncares.org/donate/>

Condolences may be shared at: cremationsocietync.com.

RAEFORD THOMAS HAYES

Raeford Thomas Hayes, 68, of Bear Creek, died Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2020 at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, with Rev. David Edwards officiating.

Mr. Hayes was born July 10, 1951 in Chatham County to Ralph Thomas and Wilma Phillips Hayes. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Brenda Brafford Hayes; brothers, Henry C. "Shorty" Hayes, Lacy E. Hayes, Ralph "Jack" Hayes, Jr., Hobart Hayes, Norman L. "Joe" Hayes, and Jerry W. Hayes. He was employed by Collins & Aikman (Joan Fabrics).

Survivors include a daughter, Marsha Hayes of Bear Creek; sisters, Barbara Ann Tesh of Robbins, Irene Atkins and Shirley DeBoard, both of Siler City; and brother, John Henry Hayes of Robbins.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

CLAUDIO SANJUAN TRINIDAD

Claudio Sanjuan Trinidad, 63, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

SHARON AMANDA ALSTON

Sharon Amanda Alston, 33, of Asheville, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Services entrusted to: Knotts and Son, Siler City.

RONALD REGISTER REECE

Ronald Register Reece, 64, of Pittsboro, died Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

A private memorial service will be held.

He was born in Robeson County, on April 16, 1956 to Shirley Ann Register.

He is also survived by daughters, Anna Reece and Brittany Reece Poletta, both of Pittsboro, Casey Reece Ketchel of Apex; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

LARRY DALE MCKEE

Larry Dale McKee, 59, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on June 27, 2020 at Rocky Fork Christian Church Cemetery with Rev. Vanya Mullinax officiating.

He was born in Fulton, MO on July 6, 1960 to the late Larry Gene and Sandra Grabb McKee. He worked many years in construction.

Larry is survived by his brother, Fred McKee.

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

TOMMY MAURICE BARROW

Tommy Maurice Barrow, 31, of Apex, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020 at his residence.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

BARRY NEWLIN



Mr. Barry Newlin was born November 11, 1950 in Siler City, the son of the late Alfred Cyrus and Sarah Janell Moody Newlin.

Barry was employed as a general contractor for most of his life. Later on, he became the owner of Newlin Construction, LLC. He had a strong love for the Lord, claiming to be a wealthy man from all the love surrounding his life. His pride and joy were his children and grandchildren, followed closely by his family and friends. He was never without a story to tell. He found great joy in dancing, which brought him many of the closest friends he has today.

He is survived by daughters: Kelly Newlin Martin and husband Brian, Claire Newlin McDowell and husband Cody, Angelina Esposito and husband Jake of Conway, SC; sons, Daniel Dean Newlin and wife Dayna York of Cary, Matthew Antonicello of Greensboro; sister, Cynthia Newlin Bari of Montclair, NJ; brothers, Gerald Newlin of Siler City, William Newlin of Burlington; his lady friend, Frances Antonicello of Pleasant Garden; grandsons Levi and Isaac Martin; grandson, Neill McDowell; and granddaughter, Mila Rose Esposito.

The family received friends Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Center United Methodist Church, 9204 Center Church Road, Snow Camp with Pastor Michael Barrett officiating.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home will be handling arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritans Purse, Hand of Hope, www.joycemyer.org or to Charles Stanley, www.intouch.org.

JUDITH WILKIE FOWLER

Judith Wilkie Fowler, 79, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2020 at the Fox Hollow Assisted Living Facility in Pinehurst.

Due to current events, a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Interested parties should contact the family for details.

Judy was born and raised in Sanford, graduating from Sanford Central High, studying extensively throughout her lifetime, always sharing her knowledge through teaching. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lewis Fowler, her mother, Marguerite Smith Wilkie, her father Gordon W. Wilkie, and brother, Stephen Patrick Wilkie.

Survivors include her son, Nathaniel Fowler; one grandson; and a sister, Fynne Wilkie Fowler of Morganton.

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

BOBBIE LEE SEAGROVES THOMAS

Bobbie Lee Seagroves Thomas, 85, of Sanford, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at The Addison of Fuquay-Varina.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 2020 at the Shallow Well Church Cemetery with Rev. Robert Thomas officiating.

She was born in Lee County on April 18, 1935, daughter of the late Charlie Hubert Seagroves and Evelyn Marie Badgett Sellars. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Wilbur F. "Bud" Thomas. Bobbie was a member of Shallow Well Church, the Office Manager at Womble Chevrolet, and a Librarian at West Lee Middle School for many years.

Surviving are her daughter, Sandra Marie Thomas of Fuquay-Varina; a son, Jimmy Gray Thomas of Mooresville; sister, Janice Seagroves Johnston of Goldston; and three grandchildren.

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

KATHLEEN FOUST BROWN

Kathleen Foust Brown, 86, of Bennett passed away Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the Hospice House of Randolph.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at Mt. Zion U.M.C.

Kathleen was born on September 28, 1933 to Gurney L. and Geneva Anderson Foust. She was a member of Mt. Zion U.M.C. and a poultry farmer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Arnold "Curly" Brown, five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include a sister, Kay Houtchins of Burlington; and a brother, John Wesley Brown of Bennett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Mt. Zion U.M.C. Cemetery Fund, 8616 Curtis Powers Road, Bennett, NC 27208.

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

WILMA LEE DEBOARD BOWMAN

Wilma Lee DeBoard Bowman, 85, of Siler City died Monday, June 15, 2020 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheville.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2020 at Moon's Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Dr. Patrick Fuller and Rev. Frank Taylor officiating.

Mrs. Bowman was born October 22, 1934 in Smyth County, VA, the daughter of Walter Glenn and Mary Evelyn Parks DeBoard. She was retired from Selig Manufacturing, and was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Otis Clinton Bowman; and sisters, Jessie McGlocklin and Janet Fagg.

She is survived by daughters, Carol B. Bray and Rose B. Staley, both of Siler City, Bonnie B. Trogdon of Ramseur; son, Curtis Bowman of Siler City; brothers, Sterling DeBoard of VA and Joe DeBoard of Siler City; eleven grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Randolph Hospice House or to the Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

LAKEISHA MONAY WASHINGTON

LaKeisha Monay Washington, 39, of Sanford, passed on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home, with burial following at Minter Cemetery.

BERTHA MAE WOODS

Bertha Mae Woods, 80, of Sanford, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Central Carolina Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Tempting Congregational Church Cemetery.

MARY LEE (TILLMAN) DUNLAP

Mary Lee Tillman Dunlap, 80, of Sanford, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Moore Regional Hospital.

The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Knotts Funeral Home, with interment following at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery.

WILKIE RAY MCCRIMMON

Mr. Wilkie Ray McCrimmon, age 78 of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2020 at his residence.

Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

MONICO VALDEZ GONZALEZ

Mr. Monico Valdez Gonzalez, age 58 of 100 South 8th Street, Sanford, NC transitioned into eternal rest on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home.

CLARA MAE MANESS KENNEDY

Clara Mae Maness Kennedy, 84, of Robbins passed away Monday, June 22, 2020 at First Health Hospice House.

Due to the current COVID-19 mandate, a private family graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at the Kennedy Family Cemetery with Rev. Robert Kidd presiding.

Clara was born in Moore County on January 20, 1936 to Dewey W. and Layla Kidd Maness. She attended Putnam Friends Church and installed drywall. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James "Danny" Kennedy, Sr., a daughter, Deborah L. Maness, a sister, Velma Garner and brothers, Jim Maness and Bill Maness.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Morgan of Eagle Springs; sons, James Danny Kennedy, Jr. of the home and Billy Ray Kennedy of Robbins; and three grandchildren.

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

ATLAS LEE BOONE

Atlas Lee Boone, 85, of Pittsboro, died Friday, June 12, 2020 at Parkview Health & Rehabilitation in Chapel Hill.

There are no services planned at this time.

Atlas was born in Chatham County, on October 19, 1934 to the late Andrew J. and Mozelle Bryan Boone. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Andrew Newton Boone, James C. Boone, Robert Bryan Boone, and sisters, Mozelle Penny Boone, Etta Marie Clegg Johnson, and Annie Estelle Smith Deese.

Surviving is one brother, Arthur Lewis Boone.

Condolences may be made at: www.donaldsonfunerals.com.

NANCY JEAN PARLIER

Nancy Jean Parlier, 84, of Siler City, died Sunday, June 21, 2020 at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2020 in the Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Glencoe United Methodist Church Cemetery in Summerfield.

Mrs. Parlier was born January 7, 1936 in Madison, the daughter of James and Sallie Barham Woods. She was a cook at area restaurants.

She is survived by daughters, Sally Jones and Annie Marie Bright; sons, Buddy Ray Thompson, Sr., Danny Thompson, Freddie Calvin Thompson and Buddy L. Thompson, Jr.; 20 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

JERICHO JUNIOR MOSER

Jericho Junior Moser, 32, of Bear Creek, died Saturday, June 20, 2020.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2020 at Meroney United Methodist Church Cemetery with Baxter Moore officiating.

Jericho was born June 20, 1988 in Alamance County to Elvis Moser and Cathy Nunnery. He was a self-employed mechanic. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother: Deborah Nunnery.

He is survived by his father, Elvis Moser; his mother, Cathy Nunnery; brother, Jody Harris of Bear Creek; sister, Morgan Moser of Graham; maternal grandfather, Roger Nunnery of Bear Creek; and paternal grandmother, Mary John Scott of Siler City.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is assisting the Moser family.

Online condolences may be made at: www.pughfuneral-home.com.

LULA MAE (TAYLOR) GILL

Lula Mae Taylor Gill, 80, passed on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Chatham Commons Assisted Living in Cary.

Services entrusted to: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

NEWS BRIEFS

CAC offering \$10,000 to local arts organizations

PITTSBORO — The Chatham Arts Council announced the availability of its annual Grassroots Arts Grants, a program aimed to help organizations do amazing work through the arts. The CAC is now accepting online applications.

The CAC serves as the designated

county partner to the North Carolina Arts Council in awarding the funds to local organizations. Cash grants range from \$500 to \$2,500, and are typically used for program expenses (i.e., artists' fees, space rental) or operating expenses for arts organizations. Areas of particular interest for the CAC are local artist fees/fair payment to artists and outreach to diverse or underserved communities.

Organizations applying must:

- Have been in operation for at least one year as a 501(c)(3)
- Have an arts mission, or a program that uses the arts to help accomplish the organization's mission;
- Be based in Chatham County, or carry out the project in Chatham County.

The CAC is offering a Zoom meeting with applicants who may have questions about the process from 3 – 4:30 p.m. on

July 14. Interested persons should RSVP to Jenni Detwiler via Jenni@ChathamArtsCouncil.org deadline for applications and supporting materials is July 31.

For more information on the Grassroots Arts Grants, or to apply, visit <https://www.chathamartscouncil.org/grassroots-arts-grants>



Duke Energy ‘Hire North Carolina’ list promotes ‘local’ for construction projects

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

CHARLOTTE — Duke Energy is seeking North Carolina-based businesses, including women- and minority-owned companies, to register with its “Hire North Carolina” list.

Corporate spokesperson Meredith Archie said the company has been working for years to “diversify and expand its supply chain” through its supplier diversity team. As a result of those efforts, Duke Energy spent \$1.7 billion with North Carolina suppliers, including more than \$316 million with women- or minority-owned North Carolina businesses in 2019 alone.

Last year, the N.C. Utilities Commission instituted a “Hire North Carolina” rule which will go into effect on July 1 of this year. Duke Energy and the Commission have been working together for the past year, providing feedback, to create the final language for the

program. Duke Energy’s Hire North Carolina list is part of that rule.

“The rule itself is a great compliment to what we’re already doing,” Archie said. “It put formality, transparency and reporting to the outreach initiative that we have undertaken for several years now.”

Duke Energy is developing a list of contractors in North Carolina, including women and minority-owned businesses, to be considered for utility projects that exceed \$700,000 in the state. This includes new construction, extension projects and other utility and repair projects. The list will be provided to the N.C. Utilities Commission, as well as contractors Duke Energy uses to encourage them to choose North Carolina-based businesses for their sub-contracting work.

It will also be coordinating with colleges, universities and trade schools to “raise awareness of career opportunities” for these types of projects. The company

will be sending annual reports “detailing the progress” of the program to the N.C. Utilities Commission.

“We want to continue to support job creation and investment with suppliers, vendors and contractors who, like many of our team members, are proud to call North Carolina home,” Melody Birmingham, senior vice president of supply chain and chief procurement officer for Duke Energy said. “Hire North Carolina will be a useful resource for Duke Energy to expand access to our local and diverse talent for construction projects.”

Duke Energy is encouraging North Carolina-based and minority-owned contractors and subcontractors to join the program. Information on registering for the Hire North Carolina program can be found at duke-energy.com/partner-with-us/suppliers.

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PROTESTS

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bullhorn. Just prior to 7 p.m. Thursday, the pro-Confederate group left the courthouse grounds and walked its way toward the parking lot adjacent to Beggers and Choosers, which rests on the northeast quadrant of the circle, where they were parked.

The video shows that as they walked, the shouting continued with one of the pro-Confederates saying “We’ll be back” as a counter-protester on a bullhorn shouted at them. Several counter-protesters stood in front of one the pro-Confederate’s vehicle while counter-protesters tried to urge them to let them leave. As the counter-protesters moved away, a fight broke out with pro-Confederates using their flags — some of which were attached to hockey sticks — as weapons. The video shows a female counter-protester sitting on the steps with a bloodied nose and face. She was later identified by the Pittsboro Police Department investigation report as Courtney Ritter. An ambulance was called to the scene, but it was unclear whether Ritter’s injuries required hospitalization.

Police arrived at the scene to disperse the crowd. Pittsboro Police Lieutenant Carrol Swain later investigated the fight using video from the scene from Pittman’s posting. As a result, the Pittsboro Police Department issued warrants for the arrest of Parnell for felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury and four misdemeanor charges including assault on a female, inciting a riot, disorderly conduct and impeding traffic. As of press time, those warrants had not yet been served.

Other residents of Pittsboro seem to be taking a different kind of stand against the pro-Confederate flaggers. Last week, Lea Ciceraro of Chatham County started a GoFundMe to raise funds for a “Black Lives Matters” billboard on U.S. Hwy. 64 East Business. The billboard’s proposed location is adjacent to the property of Sam White, a Pittsboro resident who was arrested early in the protests for driving a backhoe laden with Confederate memorabilia down Sanford Road where protesters were facing off over a Confederate flag that was installed across from Horton Middle School. The school, formerly Horton High School, was the historic African-American high school prior to desegregation. White currently has a Confederate flag hanging on the property.

“Pittsboro, North Carolina, is a close-knit small town filled with kind hearts, artists, farmers, families, and a community that is here to change the world for the better,” the GoFundMe page description reads. “Those Confederate flags do NOT represent who we



Screenshot from Facebook video

A clash between pro-Confederate protesters and counter-protesters resulted in an injury and warrants being issued for Tommy Parnell of Surry County for assault.

are as a community. It is important for us now more than ever as a community to show our support for #BLACK-LIVESMATTER, with that message on a billboard that is counter to the confederate flags next to it.”

The original goal of \$1,000 was met so quickly that the organizer expanded the goal to \$6,500 to fund an entire year. After reaching close to that goal, it was increased to \$10,000 and any additional funds would go toward a scholarship fund “that supports racial equity here in Chatham County.” As of Monday, the fund had raised \$7,410. The estimated date for installation is not yet known.

As for the incident on Thursday, Pittman, who took the cell phone video, told WRAL, “It was like a mob attacking individuals with different poles and sticks and different things of that nature. And that is highly unacceptable.”

Pro-Confederate protesters have stated on social media and at gatherings they plan to continue to demonstrate at the site.

“Every chance I get,” Robert Butler told WRAL. “We’re not backing down. We told them when they took that statue, we’re not backing down. And we will not back down. That’s our history.”

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CHURCH NEWS

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LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Outdoor services will continue at Loves Creek Baptist Church, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Bring your chairs and join us in the shade or you may still listen in your vehicle. You are always welcome. The church is located at 1745 East 11th St., Siler City.

RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESIDENT’S LIST

The following area students have been named to the Randolph Community College President’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. These students earned A’s in all classes, completed at least 12 semester hours, and received no incomplete grades.

Bear Creek: Emily Ferrell, Cayley Powell

Bennett: Lauryn Hill

Franklinville: Hannah Anderson, Curtis Blevins, Bethany Walker

Liberty: Jazmin Becerril-Pena, Rhonda Hargis, Kristan Kirkman, Montserrat Mariscal

Ramseur: Anna Bowser, Danielle Cruey, Cindy Franco, Cameron Frye, Haley Kearns, Vanessa Martinez, Jackson Richardson

Seagrove: Taylor Greeson, Dakota McPherson, Hong Nguyen, Julianna Owen, Grace Poole, Ethan Wallace

Siler City: Mason Clark

Staley: Gladis Vera-Raya

DEAN’S LIST

The following area students have been named to the Randolph Community College Dean’s List for the Spring 2020 semester.

Bennett: Mariah Brown, Trever Gray, Dakota Green

Carthage: Jessie Short

Chapel Hill: Rafe Grimball

Franklinville: Sheyanne Christine, Sara Cross, Trenton Crutchfield, Mickaela Toomes

Liberty: Destiny Gooch, Brooklyn Langley, Katie Rose, Kirstin Thomas, Jacqueline Vera-Raya

Ramseur: Dylan Brown, Tyler Campbell, Shaista Chaudhry, Melanie Garner, Yaheli Rangel, Amanda Smith, Lauren Stanley, Debra Sutphin

Robbins: Meghan Bannick, Amari Moore-Johnson

Seagrove: Lindsay Castlebury, Nicole Kluba, Monica Stickler, Jantzen Weathers

Siler City: Abigail Andrade, Ana Galicia, Wesley Shelton, Doris Tomas Garcia, Charlie Vicante

ACADEMIC MERIT LIST

Bennett: Ainsley Hancock, Jonas McCannless, Suzanna Morgan

Franklinville: Jordan Baker, Kristal Beltran, Eblin Chavarria, Daniel Ellison, Amelia Garrison, Walter Johnson, Daniel Kaminski, Alyson Kidd, Ashley Lowe, Skyler Robbins, Hannah Shore, Chloe Stover, Jeffrey Wright

Liberty: Erika Alejo Pacheco, Christera Boggess, Natalie Canter, Emily Castro, Yasmin Cervantez, Trinity Currin, Ma-lea Ferguson, Gabriela Gil, Heidi Ham-mond, Cathy Hartman, Sierra Hunt, Delton Johnson, Tyler Jones, Kailey Mabe, Stephanie Marcceleno, Kendall Mauldin, Shane McDuffee, Samantha McPherson, Tia Meredith, MacKenzie Minton, Saray Morales, Katherine Nor-ris, Ana Perez, Adriana Pineda, Hunter Rook, Daisy Suarez Garfias, Leah Swit-zer, Issac Vera-Espinoza, Charles White

Ramseur: Alexis Alvarez, Daniel Avila, Carlie Badeaux, Cody Cadeaux, Jessica Cardin, Blake Coble, Landon Collins, Clayton Flinchum, Kimberly Flores-Perez, Antonio Garcia, Agustin Gutierrez, Kiran Houston, Amy Hughes, Cesar Jaimes Mon-tes de Oca, Mallory Johnson, Jacqueline Peltier, Karen Perez, Hannah Proper, Mar-lene Rangel, Eliseo Rivera, Alex Rodriguez, Wayne Rose, Brodie Smith, Sara Tomlin-son, Jonathan Waldron, Trracy Witsaman, Susan Wright, Matthew York, Robert York

Seagrove: Austin Atkins, Hailee Cagle, Hannch Carter, Nathaly Chacon Bustos, Enriquetta Clark, Jessica Dunlap, Cpdy Evans, Justin Gillispie, Evan Hoey, Allie Joines, Zachariah Mabe, Corgin Ricard-son, Sabrina Snider

Siler City: Natalee Clark, Pamela Lopez Ulloa

Staley: Kaylee Bowman, Sabrina Rau, Noah Schmidt, Daisy Vera-Raya

Chatham County Libraries to offer curbside pick-up services

CN + R Staff Reports

Chatham County Public Libraries have begun offering curbside pick-up service at all three branch locations by phone ap-pointment from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Library facilities remain closed to the public.

To request library ma-terials for pick up call your local branch to reserve materials and to schedule a pick-up time. Your items will be checked out to your account, processed and bagged by library staff. Staff will be placing held items outside the library and assisting custom-ers with pick-up during scheduled appointment times. Library staff will be wearing protective face coverings and gloves. Pro-protective face coverings are recommended for patrons when picking up library materials.

To place holds at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro, call 919-545-8084 or 919-545-8085. For the Goldston Branch, call 919-898-4522, and for Wren Memorial Library in Siler City, call 919-742-2016. Phone lines may be busy due to high call volume. Please call back.

Please note the follow-ing:

- Prior to your call, please visit the online catalog to determine location and availability of materials.
- Holds are made by tele-phone appointment only. Placing holds through the online catalog is currently unavailable.
- Book inventory is available on a first come, first served basis.
- Up to eight items may be placed on hold at one time and includes two each of new adult fiction and new adult nonfiction and up to five DVDs.
- All materials, includ-ing DVDs, will circulate for three weeks. Overdue fines remain temporarily suspended.
- Holds may only be placed for materials that reside at a particular branch. Items are not currently being transferred to other branch locations to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19.
- Held items not picked up by the end of the day of your appointment will be checked in and made available for the next hold request.
- Please return library materials to external book-drops. Returned materials are quaran-tined for three days then disinfected before being made ready for check-out.

- Curbside service may be temporarily suspended due to inclement weather. Please call in advance. Inter-library loan and in-person outreach ser-vices remain suspended until further notice.
- Book donations are not being accepted at this time. Electronic resources are available with your library card through Overdrive and include eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. Please visit our Download eBooks site on the library webpage for device specific instruc-tions and a link to digital collections. Overdrive tutorials are also available on the library’s YouTube channel.

To apply for a library card, please use our online library card registration. No new library accounts will be processed on-site during curbside service.

Chatham County Public Libraries appreciates your patience and understand-ing as we try to reconstitute services to the community. For changes to Chatham County services visit the County’s Novel Coronavi-rus (COVID-19) website at <https://www.chathamnc.org/services/health/corona-virus> and the library’s Limited Services FAQ.

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CHATHAM’S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

CORE, Health Department host online observance

BY HANNAH MCCLELLAN
News + Record Staff

On June 19, 1865 — two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation — Union soldiers told enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, the war had ended and they were free.

Now, the day is known as “Juneteenth” and is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of American slavery.

In Chatham County, 155 years later, the third annual Juneteenth event was hosted by Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) in partnership with Chatham County Public Health Department.

This year, protests over police brutality in response to George Floyd’s death and national conversations about race led to this day being more widely observed across the country than in years past. It’s not a national holiday, but among local banks, for example, BB&T let customers know in an email they were closing early

so their employees could observe Juneteenth and the Bank of America Corp. said employees could take a personal day off.

“Though it has long been celebrated among the African American community, it is a history that has been marginalized and still remains largely unknown to the wider public,” The National Museum of African American History and Culture said in a post Friday.

Because of coronavirus pandemic and limitations on gathering sizes, this year’s Chatham Juneteenth was very different from previous years. The event took place over two days: 300 meals from Zwelli’s Kitchen & Catering in Durham were distributed across the county Friday and a virtual Juneteenth program was provided on a virtual conference call Saturday that began at 10:30 a.m.

Aspects of black culture, African-American spirituality and arts were presented by several Chatham County performers and an African Dance company from Durham via recorded performances. The event

also included a presentation from the Chatham County Health Department, a question-and-answer session on living wills and testaments and a community conversation facilitated by the Equity and Community Engagement Initiatives Lead of the health department.

CORE is a multi-racial group of Chatham residents that works to build awareness of personal, cultural and systemic racism to create a more equitable Chatham, according to its website.

CORE member Shvaughn Ross, who helped organize the event, said some virtual attendees experienced connectivity issues — evidence of Chatham’s broadband issues being emphasized during stay-at-home orders and a rise in virtual meetings. Still, she said she received a lot of positive feedback from people, particularly regarding the drumming workshop by Diali Cissokho and Will Ridenour and performances by dancer Keisha Degraffenreidt and Garvy-Sissa West African Drum and Dance

Ensemble.

At one point, Ross said she saw 68 people were streaming the event, a number she was pleased with. Ross said she hopes events like this one will inspire community conversations about race and systemic racism. “Hopefully this event opened the door for those conversations, but not only do we need to have conversations, we need to take action,” she said. “We can talk all day — we can talk about it, we can think about it, but unless we have some action behind what we’re talking about and solving problems, it’s really not going to do anything.”

Last year, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in support of the Juneteenth Community Remembrance and Celebration. Commissioner Jim Crawford, who holds a Ph.D. in U.S. history from UNC-Chapel Hill, introduced the resolution.

“I love that in Chatham we are making strides in celebrating and honoring the valuable contributions of African Americans in

this nation and learning our history is integral to that,” Commission Chairperson Karen Howard said at the time.

Crawford, who spoke at last year’s in-person Juneteenth event, told the News + Record he was very pleased with the growth of the event and grateful to all the CORE organizers who pushed to make the event happen.

“There are folks who have been diligent and consistent and firm through at least half a decade now — this didn’t arrive from nowhere,” he said. Crawford noted Chatham’s history of white supremacy, referencing the six recorded lynchings in the county and segregated schools. Still, he said he was proud of the county for times they’ve acted, such as when the Confederate monument was removed from in front of the Pittsboro Courthouse last November.

The motion made to remove the statue was introduced by Crawford in August and passed 4-1, with only Commissioner Andy Wilkie dissenting. “These values once

ruled Chatham County, and now they no longer rule,” Crawford said.

Last week, Chatham resident Lea Ciceraro started a GoFundMe to raise money for a “Black Lives Matter” billboard on U.S. Hwy. 64 East Business Route in Pittsboro, next to a Confederate flag. Ciceraro originally aimed to raise \$6,500, the cost of having the billboard up for one year. After reaching full funding in two days, Ciceraro updated the goal to include \$2,000 toward a scholarship fund to support racial equity efforts in Chatham.

Ross also mentioned the flying of Confederate flags around Chatham and said the flag doesn’t represent the entirety of the county. She said celebrations such as the Juneteenth event should lead to the continued discussion of these matters.

“I never thought in a million years that I’d be raising a child in 2020 and she has to see this on a daily basis,” Ross said. “It’s hurtful — it’s disheartening that I have to have these conversations with her today.”

ALSTON

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before he could lawfully free them to pay for the expenses of the move and getting the freed slaves settled in their new community. The evidence indicates that Marium’s will was the culmination of several years of effort and planning.

As a result of Marium Alston’s efforts, 28 slaves were taken by her executor’s son to Westerville, Ohio, and there emancipated. As was the fate of many free people of color in that era, some left little record of their lives in Ohio, but we have evidence that others prospered and that they likely encouraged and assisted other newly freed North Carolina African-Americans to settle in the Westerville area after the Civil War.

Marium’s Story

As with most women of her time, we know little about Marium P. Alston. Despite being the wife of a well-to-do planter, Marium appears in few official records, and there are no records that we have found of her thoughts — such as diaries or letters. She had no children, and therefore no descendants to record remembrances or to look back to learn what they could of her. So, how do we come to know Marium’s story? It was through the stories of her former slaves, whose freedom she arranged on her deathbed.

In the early 2000s, Ohio researcher Sharon Lytle was working to identify the burials in an African-American cemetery in Ohio that was believed to be associated with a group of slaves that had been freed by their mistress in North Carolina — sent by wagon to their freedom. She found that many of the surnames in the cemetery were “Alston” and noted that one man buried there had the unusual given name, “Oroon.” Census records indicated that many of the deceased were born during slavery and came from North Carolina. Ms. Lytle came across a reference to Oroon Alston in Chatham County on a website managed by researcher Sue Ashby. She contacted Ashby, who knew that Chatham’s “Oroon Alston” was a plantation owner and sent Ms. Lytle Oroon’s will and estate papers, which listed the names of his slaves just before his death in 1851. Ms. Lytle found that many of those names matched those of the freed Alstons she was researching.

Eventually, Ms. Lytle would also obtain Marium’s will and estate papers, which listed the slaves she came to own after Oroon’s death and contained details of Marium’s efforts to obtain the slaves and keep families together, as well as the arrangements for their journey to Ohio. Ms. Lytle published some of her early work online and provided several personal communications to clarify and help us document the story of the Alston freed slaves in Ohio.

Ms. Lytle’s research goals expanded from identifying the deceased in the cemetery to learning all she could about the Chatham County Oroon/Marium Alston slaves who were freed in Ohio. Based on her research, the former Alston slaves and a local Westerville man, Samuel Patterson, are recognized on an Ohio Historical Marker that credits the mistress of a North Carolina



Submitted photo

The Chatham County grave of Marium Alston.

Alston plantation with arranging for the slaves to travel to Ohio and thus to freedom. Marium Alston is not mentioned by name on the Ohio marker, although subsequent research has shown that she was, indeed, the plantation mistress who arranged for the freedom of the 28 Alston slaves who moved to the free black Ohio community of Africa. The area was a stop on the Underground Railroad and likely became known to the caravan of to-be-freed people as they journeyed north.

Dr. William Hunt’s “The History of Africa” mentions that the group “crossed the Ohio River near Portsmouth, fell into the hands of the Underground people, who told them it would not be safe to locate near the river for fear of being kidnapped; indeed, it was considered a miracle that they had come that far. Following directions they came north over the Scioto Trail, and reached the Patterson station...[where] farmers needed help, and they induced them to remain there, each family moving into one of several vacant log cabins, and there they remained for several years.”

Another Ohio source, the 1880 History of Delaware (County, Ohio) explains that, “On their arrival, the friends of the anti-slavery movement were called together, and homes provided for all.” Whether they were housed in the Africa community to help the free black farmers there or just as a place where anti-slavery whites could help them settle, the Alston slaves were freed there, culminating a long saga.

Marium’s efforts on behalf of her slaves did not begin at the end of her life. Oroon’s 1851 will gave her 10 slaves outright and the use of the rest of his property for her lifetime. However, she was not satisfied with this arrangement and petitioned the court for her dower rights of one-third of Oroon’s property. Her petition was successful and resulted in her legal acquisition of 23 of Oroon’s slaves. Had Marium accepted the terms of Oroon’s will, she would have had no legal basis for freeing any of the slaves other than the 10 allocated to her outright, and likely no funds of her own to facilitate getting them to a free state. Her dower petition more than doubled the number of slaves that she owned outright and thus could arrange to set free. As well, among the 23 slaves she obtained through her dower petition were three families, consisting of, at that time, 14 people. Others of the single slaves

she obtained were related to those families — as brothers or sisters, for example. Some, but not all, of these people were included in the list of the 10 slaves that were allocated to Marium in Oroon’s will, so those family members would have been separated had she accepted the provisions of the will.

Marium was awarded 1,850 acres of land in the dower settlement; yet immediately thereafter, on Oct 16, 1851, she signed a transfer deed giving ownership of this same land to the four Alston nephews who would have ultimately inherited it if she had not disputed the terms of Oroon’s will. She sold them the land for far less than its market value, suggesting that her purpose in bringing the dower suit was to acquire the slaves, not the land. In her own will, Marium, in addition to arranging for the freeing of her slaves, allocated \$300 plus net funds from hiring out the to-be-freed slaves after her death to pay for their journey to freedom and to help the newly freed slaves get a start in their new state.

By the 1850s, North Carolina law the freeing of slaves was complicated and purposefully rendered difficult at every turn. As with the rest of the South, in North Carolina the reasoning supporting the freeing of slaves that had briefly flourished at the end of the American Revolution was dramatically altered in subsequent years, as the national debate over slavery in the territories of the United States heated up. What in 1787 had seemed non-threatening to many people both North and South, as they enacted the Northwest Ordinance providing for multiple new territories that would be forever free of slavery, by 1830 was altered in North Carolina and the rest of the South by John C. Calhoun’s argument that slavery, far from being contrary to the ideals of the Revolution, was a “positive good,” and the presence of free persons of color in the state was discouraged in every way possible. As John Spencer Bassett wrote in his seminal 1899 history, Slavery in the State of North Carolina:

In 1830 it was made more difficult to emancipate. Now, the petitioner must notify his intention at the court house and in the State Gazette six weeks before the hearing of the petition; he must give bond with two sureties for \$1,000 that the said slave should conduct himself well as long as he or she remained in the State, that the slave would leave the State within ninety days after

TRANSCRIBED WILL OF MARIUM P. ALSTON

On this the 22 day of September 1855, I Mirium P. Alston do make publish and declare the following as my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to James Woody my negro Slave Abner. It is my will that all the rest of my Slaves shall be free, and I therefore give all my Slaves (Abner excepted) to my Executor hereinafter named, in trust that he will remove them as soon after my death as he can lawfully do so to some free state to be there emancipated — and until he can so remove them, that he hire them at private hiring, on the best terms he can, to such persons as he may deem Suitable.

I will to my Executor three hundred dollars to allay the expenses of this move of my Slaves to a free state as provided for in the preceding clause.

I will that my executory retain out of the hires and the foregoing bequest of three hundred dollars a full compensation for his trouble and services in moving said Slaves to a free state and that he dispose of the residue of said \$300 and hires for the benefit of said emancipated slaves in such a manner as he may think will be most beneficial to them.

I will all the residue of my Estate both real and personal to my three nieces daughters of my deceased sister Sophia. If either of them should be dead leaving a child or children living I will such child or children to receive the portion to which the deceased mother would be entitled if living and should one or more of them be dead leaving no issue, then I wish the Survivor or Survivors to receive the portion to which the deceased would have been entitled if living, and to enable my Executor to make this distribution among my said nieces, I authorize them to sell any part of my real or personal Estate not herein before disposed of. I nominate my friend Jesse Marley in power attorney last will and testament.

Signed by the Testor in presence of us who in her presence and at her request attest the same.

A. Cotton
Levinia Allred
Mirium P. Alston

liberation, and the said liberation should invalidate the rights of no creditor. Executors of wills by which slaves were directed to be liberated must secure consent of the courts and take steps to send the negroes out of the State and guard against the loss of creditors. A slave more than 50 years old might be liberated for meritorious conduct to be approved by the Court without subsequently leaving the State, provided that the master swore that the emancipation was not for money and that he gave bond that the negro would conduct himself well and not become a charge on the county. No slave was to be liberated except by this law.

This 1830 North Carolina law remained in place until the Civil War, and Bassett referenced the hardening of societal attitudes and legal context around emancipation as “the cast-iron necessity of keeping slavery unendingly confined to its present condition, cutting off the least tendency to amelioration.”

Among his evidence for this hardening of attitudes, he cited the William Quarry legal case from Mecklenburg County in 1849, in which Quarry “conveyed by deed absolute to Peoples and others a slave woman Linney, who was married to a freeman. Desiring that she might continue to live with her husband he conveyed to the same parties twelve acres of land with a house on it, presumably for her use. The defendants claimed that they were absolute owners, that the donor conveyed the woman and her family to provide for her comfort and to prevent the division of the family. They allowed the husband to occupy the house with his wife for a certain rent. They took her and her children under their personal care and agreed to control their conduct.

Yet the arrangement would not do at all. It was, said the Court, qualified slavery, and the conveyance was void. Linney and her children were given to the heirs of the donor. And,

moreover, the donees were held liable, ‘with just deductions,’ for the profits due from her services while in their hands, and because the defendants had attempted to defraud the law, they were to pay the costs.”

Next week: Brooks and Wiggins look at how Marium Alston’s former slaves found their way to Ohio.

About the authors

Steve Brooks is a native of Siler City, where he lived until age 18, when he went to college in Chapel Hill. He now lives in Durham. He has maintained an interest in Chatham history and people and is a member of the Chatham County Historical Association. He holds a Masters degree in American History, and his specialty was race relations both before and after the Civil War. Bev Wiggins contacted him about the Marium Alston story, and together they began a lengthy process of piecing together the details of what happened.

Wiggins has lived in Chatham County, near Bynum, since 1978. Before her retirement she worked at UNC’s Odum Institute for Research in Social Science. She has been involved for many years in the Chatham County Historical Association and currently serves as the website coordinator and maintains the Association’s Facebook page. She became intrigued by the story of Marium Alston, having seen a posting about the Ohio marker by Sue Ashby.

That story, especially in these times of renewed focus on racial justice, is a relevant and important piece of Chatham County history. But it has remained obscure until now. The authors hope that the people of Chatham will be inspired by reading this previously unknown episode of our past and that telling Marium’s story will help her take a deserved place among historical Chatham County figures.

DMV waives driver road tests for Level Two Provisional Licenses

RALEIGH — With the signing of House Bill 158 by Gov. Roy Cooper, the N.C.

Division of Motor Vehicles will be temporarily waiving the requirement that young drivers seeking a Level 2 Limited Provisional License need to undergo a driving test. Those tests have been suspended since March for health safety reasons.

Drivers who are 16 or 17 years old, have held a Level 1 Limited Learner Permit at least 12 months, have completed at least 60 hours of supervised driving, including time at night and who have not had a moving violation or seat belt/

cell phone violation within the last six months, qualify for the waiver. As part of the Level 1 permit process, they already passed the DMV’s written, sign and vision tests and have their driving eligibility and driver’s education certificates.

Drivers seeking the waiver must make an appointment at a driver license office at <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/driver-license-appointments/Pages/default.aspx>.

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“We’re seeing requests for information, but we’re just not seeing a lot of the visits and the moving forward with projects,” she said. “Most of the projects that we have seen for our area are requesting an existing building. And we just have very limited available existing building space.”

So instead, the EDC is bolstering existing businesses, Byrd said, and making sure they have what they need to make it through this period of diminished economic activity.

The EDC has started a program where it will provide 100 percent of the collateral on a business loan up to \$10,000.

“I really think that our economic health is going to depend on actual health indicators, so if people don’t feel safe going out and engaging in economic commerce activities, then they’re not going to,” Byrd said.

Byrd said that now, as priorities for the county have shifted to adjust for the impact of the pandemic, the county is focusing on strengthening public health measures in tandem with the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services.

“I feel that we all kind of miss an opportunity with providing support to those mid-sized businesses, so that’s something I want to make sure that we’re expanding our reach to provide support,” she said. “In terms of support to businesses, that hasn’t been there, but our request has been for PPE and cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer and what not, to make those available to employers.”

She said the county wants to provide businesses the tools needed to operate safely during the pandemic.

“The reality is we have a county that has a large senior population,” she said. “And we have a lot of vulnerabilities in



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Business owners in downtown Pittsboro have been impacted both by COVID-19 and the resumed protests by those on both sides of the Confederate monument issue.

our community, and if we want a real economic recovery, we have to be mindful of how we lead and implement policies to keep people safe.”

Greg Lewis owns Pittsboro Roadhouse and 39westcatering in Pittsboro. He said that among business owners, especially those in the service industry, there is a great deal of concern about what will happen in the fall and next year.

He caters weddings and large events, but all the scheduled ones have been postponed for months, and no one can say for certain that a resurgence of the virus won’t disrupt events that have been pushed back to this fall or next spring.

“At this point, whether it materializes or not, it doesn’t matter, because it’s already on everybody’s mind,” Lewis said. “People already are worried. That concern is already there for this fall.”

To help the community cope, he was providing 150 family meals per day to locals that were out of work because of the pandemic. Community members helped him stay afloat by making donations and buying

gift cards, but still — because of bleak turnout — he has been forced to make a decision to keep his restaurant open only on Fridays and Saturdays.

“I know restaurants that are serving 10 people a night for dinner during the week, or 20 people a night,” he said. “That’s not a profitable model.”

Lewis said it would be a major boost to the service industry if businesses were allowed to sell liquor to-go at restaurants. Cindy Poindexter, the president and CEO of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce, said in an email: “It has been mentioned that there is no clarity as to why restaurants and the ABC store can sell alcohol, but bars cannot reopen.”

Poindexter said some businesses “prefer to remain closed for now to keep employees and the community safe,” whereas others are eager to safely reopen.

“It hasn’t been feasible for some smaller restaurants to open at 50% capacity due to lack of space,” she said.

Poindexter said the abundance of “unknowns” has caused uncertainty in plenty



Staff photo by Kim Hawks

Some downtown Siler City businesses have struggled to gain solid financial footing as the town’s economy improves, but COVID-19 has hampered those gains.

‘Our economic health is going to depend on actual health indicators.’

ALYSSA BYRD, Chatham Economic Development Corporation president

sticks as a weapon in a protest against the removal of the Confederate monument, which was taken down last fall.

Gov. Roy Cooper is expected to make a decision this week regarding the next steps in N.C.’s transition toward a reopening. (The state is currently in Phase 2.) Byrd, the EDC president, said she thinks that federal support programs are working as intended, and her organization will continue to prioritize public health as N.C. moves forward.

“The virus does not know county lines and boundaries,” she said. “When we think about economic recovery, the recovery of Raleigh is important for Durham and it’s important for Chapel Hill, and that’s important for Chatham County. We’re not just doing it on our own.”

Chatham Park Names Four Area Builders For Single-Family Home Development

Chatham Park has selected four custom homebuilders to lead a second phase of the Vineyards. The second phase includes a new 27-home neighborhood in the Vineyards residential neighborhood of the Live, Work, Play, Learn community located in Pittsboro, N.C.

The builders were hand selected for their reputation and expertise in the custom home market.

- Prewitt Custom Homes, Inc.
- Upright Builders
- Upton & Co.
- Walker DesignBuild

“We are honored to join in partnership with the other esteemed builders to continue our long-standing tradition of building exceptional custom homes that exceed our client’s expectations,” said Randy Walker, Walker DesignBuild President.

Each of the 27 single-family homes will be designed and constructed to meet the desires of today’s buyer. Many homes will have a modern design similar to the information center, a modern prairie, designed by Tony Frazier of Frazier Home Design. The homes will be built surrounding the Cottages, the previously announced, first 30-



Father and son team Rudy Upton, Jr. and Rudy Upton of Upton & Co.



home subdivision in the Vineyards, and located across the street from a new 10-acre town park and Thales Academy school.

“These four companies are among the premiere custom builders in our community,” said Vanessa Jenkins, Executive Vice President of Preston Development Company. “The collective craft of these locally owned building companies will be integral as we continue our pursuit to develop the perfect community for our future residents.”

“The Vineyards is the first of many neighborhoods to be built over the next three decades in Chatham Park, each offering diverse housing options attracting a broad community of residents,” adds Jenkins. “Our partnership with these builders enables us to help residents own their dream home.”

Unique homes from each builder will be highlighted on the Triangle Parade of Homes this fall. Pre-sales will begin on June 1, 2020.

About Chatham Park: Chatham Park is a Live, Work, Play, Learn community being developed by leading residential developer Preston Development Company in Pittsboro, N.C. When complete, Chatham Park will cover 7,068 acres. In Chatham Park, residents will discover a place where convenience is the key to a lifestyle that puts everything within reach. www.ChathamPark.com



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Woods Charter, like its public school counterparts, opts for a July 6 workout start date

‘It’s just not worth it right now,’ coach says

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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CHAPEL HILL — Last Monday, Woods Charter athletic director Dena Floyd met with her coaches via Zoom. But it didn’t go as scripted.

The tentative plan, Floyd said, was to further discuss a return to modified summer workouts, which the NCHSAA had allowed schools to begin June 15.

She’d instructed coaches to read the association’s six pages of guidelines thoroughly and come ready with questions. Three days later, the Woods Charter board of directors would put the potential return to a vote at its meeting scheduled for June 18.

But after the meeting — by all means still a productive one — the Wolves’ athletic department chose to err on the side of caution.

“Our coaches decided to wait until July 6,” Floyd said Friday.

In pushing back to the first Monday of next month, Woods Charter followed Chatham County’s three public schools — Northwood, Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Central — who announced last week,

in conjunction with district leadership, they’d also start July 6.

The Wolves went in a different direction than Chatham Charter, the county’s other charter school and a fellow 1A Central Tar Heel Conference member. The Knights started socially distanced workouts June 15 and are now in the middle of their second week.

Woods Charter’s July 6 start date lines up with two scheduling quirks. It takes into account an NCHSAA-mandated dead period that runs from June 29 to July 5 (a holiday weekend), and it’s the tentative start date for the NCHSAA’s Phase Two guidelines for workouts.

Under the current Phase One guidelines, athletes cannot participate in team drills or share equipment, and teams must follow capacity limits for socially distanced indoor (10 people) and outdoor (25) workouts. The NCHSAA said Phase Two and Three information, which would presumably be less strict, “will be developed and shared according to the Governor’s continuing reopening guidelines, N.C. DHHS guidance, and CDC guidance.”

“Not sure what Phase 2 will bring,” Floyd said, “but it’s left up to the principal (Cotton Bryan) and me to make the decision.”

In her initial conversations with coaches, before their



Woods Charter’s Wiley Sykes runs in the NCHSAA 1A boys cross country state championships on Nov. 14, 2019, in Kernersville.

CN+R file photo

formal meeting, Floyd said she already saw a willingness to hold tight. Volleyball coach Scott Green, for example, didn’t think all the logistics of a Phase One return for his team were worth the pay-off.

Volleyball, classified as a “higher risk infection activity,” is limited to conditioning and individual ball drills under Phase One. And players “may not participate in drills with a single ball that will be bumped,

served, or passed to other teammates,” the NCHSAA said.

“He was like, ‘It’s just not worth it right now,’” Floyd said of her conversation with Green.

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Ariely Santana, 10, is Siler City’s newest black belt



Submitted photo

Ariely Santana, 10, of Siler City, officially received her black belt on May 20. Santana (middle) is pictured here with her cousin, Edna Santana, and her instructor, Larry Mabe.

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
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SILER CITY — The Iron Hand Hapkido School has another black belt in its ranks.

Ariely Santana, 10, officially received her junior black belt in May after passing her exam earlier in the spring. The honor was jointly presented by Larry Mabe, the head instructor and operator of the school, and Edna Santana, Ariely’s cousin who earned her own black belt in January.

Santana, who lives in Siler City, started working with Mabe when she was 7 years old. Over the next three years, she spent most of her Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Iron Hand Hapkido School, located at 223 E. Raleigh St., training for three hours a week.

“To keep a kid in karate for three years, it’s tough,” Mabe said.

But that wasn’t a problem

‘All the hard work has paid off.’

ARIELY SANTANA, 10-year-old black belt recipient

at all with Santana, whom he described as “dedicated to the art of Hapkido” with a “good attitude” and a natural ability to work well with other students.

At her black belt exam on March 10, Santana had to properly execute about 50 techniques, among them take-downs, rolls, stick defense and knife defense.

The only reason her black belt ceremony was delayed over two months from then? The coronavirus pandemic, which also forced Mabe, 67, to temporarily close the school he opened in 2013. When Santana finally got the honor, Mabe said she was plenty excited.

“It was really a big thing for her,” he said.

In a release provided by Mabe, who has a 2nd degree

black belt in Hapkido and 5th degree black belt in Taekwondo, Santana said the black belt “symbolizes a great achievement” and thanked Mabe and her mother, who brought her to and from classes.

“After three years of training, all the hard work has paid off,” she said in the release.

Santana was the 12th black belt Mabe has instructed in his 36 years of martial arts training. The “junior” title on Santana’s black belt, he said, is only because of her age, and doesn’t indicate anything less than the standard honor.

“Once you’re a blackbelt,” he said, “you’re always a blackbelt.”

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CHATHAM CHARTER’S TOP PERFORMERS



CN+R file photo

Chatham Charter’s Jordan Hamilton (42) drives against Winston-Salem Prep in the NCHSAA 1A boys basketball west regional on March 7.

Spillman, Allred, Lineberry and Hamilton announced as athletes of the year

BY CHAPEL FOWLER
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Chatham Charter announced its middle and high school athletes of the year Sunday, capping off three weeks of virtual recognition for the teams that contributed to the best overall year in Knights athletics history.

Tennis player Elphie Spillman was named the middle school girls athlete of the year, and soccer/baseball player Aidan Allred was named the middle school boys athlete of the year.

At the high school level, volleyball/basketball player Morgan Lineberry was named the girls athlete of the year, and basketball’s Jordan Hamilton (a Wake Tech commit) was named the boys athlete of the year. Those four athletes, all of whom were nominated by individual coaches, were selected as winners in votes by Chatham Charter’s coaching staff at large.

The Knights also released a list of 18 total fall and winter team MVPs, who were announced intermittently in the video series. Spring sports rosters and coaches were recognized online “but did not have honorees since the season was ultimately canceled” as a precautionary measure against COVID-19, the release said.

Spillman and Allred are both rising ninth graders, and Lineberry, a 6-foot rising senior, was a three-sport athlete this year for Chatham Charter. On the volleyball team, where she was also named team MVP, she started at middle hitter and

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Chatham Charter 2019-20 team MVPs for middle and high school students listed on page B2.

logged 286 digs (11.9 per match), 202 kills and 108 total blocks.

The Knights’ volleyball team made the 1A state playoffs and finished the season 16-12 after losing in the first round.

In basketball, Lineberry (a team co-MVP) averaged a team-high 15 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. The Knights went 27-4 — that included a 14-0 record in regular-season conference play — and advanced to the 1A round of 16.

Lineberry also appeared in two softball games before the NCHSAA suspended and ultimately canceled spring sport seasons.

Hamilton, a 6-foot-3 forward, was the leader of a Knights basketball team that went 32-2 and advanced all the way to the state semifinals, where the team lost to 1A stalwart Winston-Salem Prep. He was also named team MVP.

The captain shot 62% from the field and also averaged 9.4 rebounds (3.9 offensive), 3.3 assists and 1.4 steals per game. He committed to Wake Tech, a two-year junior college in Raleigh, on March 20 and signed his letter of intent Monday.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

J-M alum Fuquay signs to play college baseball

Camden Fuquay, a former Jordan-Matthews left-handed pitcher, has committed to play baseball at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. Fuquay, who also played basketball for the Jets, had originally planned to attend East Carolina and play club baseball before a few late offers popped up. In his Jordan-Matthews career, he made 28 appearances on the mound and compiled a

2.15 ERA, according to MaxPreps. Bryan is a private Christian school and competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Other NAIA schools include North Carolina's Montreat College and St. Andrews University, both of which compete in the Appalachian Athletic Conference with Bryan.

Northwood honors senior basketball players

Northwood had a

memorable 2019-20 boys basketball season, going 13-1 in Big 8 conference play and making a run to the NCHSAA 3A semifinals. Its eight seniors were a big part of that. The Chargers had their drive-by ceremony on June 10, and the boys basketball team posted pictures honoring each of its graduating players on Twitter. The list: Justin Brower, Jalen McAfee-Marion, Sebastian Mehringer, Jack Thompson, Aaron Ross, Tommy Ocariza, Deuce Powell and Alex Snively.

Chatham Charter's Hamilton, Brown, Carter sign

A day after it completed its three-week video series honoring athletes, Chatham Charter held a signing day for three seniors. Jordan Hamilton signed to play basketball at Wake Tech Community College in Raleigh; Jessica Brown signed to run track at the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky; and Noah Carter signed to play baseball at Catawba Valley Community College in Hicko-

ry. Hamilton and Brown both signed in Chatham Charter's gymnasium and were joined by their parents; Carter signed on the baseball field with his father and grandmother in attendance.

Muddogs no longer in Ramseur

The Deep River Muddogs, a team in the Old North State League, will play home games in High Point's BB&T Point Stadium. It's a change from their original plan of playing in Craven Stadium in

Ramseur, just 15 minutes from Siler City. Muddogs coach Riley Nelson said there were logistical issues, and league co-commissioner/director of operations Alec Allred added the stadium ultimately "closed for the season." The Muddogs, who moved to 3-0 Monday, are playing a four-game series against the Guilford Lumberkings this week. They'll play a double-header Tuesday in High Point, with games at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. (both past the Chatham News + Record's press time).

Chatham Charter 2019-20 team MVPs

Middle school

- GIRLS TENNIS:** Elphie Spillman
- VOLLEYBALL:** Keeley Allen
- GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:** Kynzie Jordan
- BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:** Colton Todd
- BOYS SOCCER:** Aidan Allred
- GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Delana Loflin
- BOYS BASKETBALL:** Beau Harvey
- WRESTLING:** Eddie McGaughnea
- CHEERLEADING:** Samantha Scott

High school

- CROSS COUNTRY:** Brandon McKoy
- BOYS SOCCER:** Clay Griffin and Trevor Golden
- GIRLS TENNIS:** Rachel Brookshire
- JV VOLLEYBALL:** Olivia Cheek
- VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:** Morgan Lineberry
- WRESTLING:** Chandler Steele
- BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL:** Jordan Hamilton
- GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL:** Morgan Lineberry and Tamaya Walden
- CHEERLEADING:** Kennedy Andrews and Tamia Lipford



CN+R file photo
Chatham Charter's Morgan Lineberry (44) works around the River Mill Academy defense on Jan. 23.

WORKOUT

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"We'd rather issue balls to our kids and get them back, sanitize them after Phase One, because why make them do that when they can do that at their houses?"

Men's soccer coach Graeme Stewart and cross country coaches Bernard Penney and Karen Hawkins, meanwhile, expressed interest in resuming workouts under Phase One guidelines. That made sense, Floyd said, given that running, an easy activity to socially distance for, is a crucial part of both sports.

But by agreeing on a July 6 start date, Woods Charter is hoping to avoid the logistics of such situations, where a few sports start one week and another hops in later.

Floyd has also spent the last few weeks gathering thermometers and PPE for what she sees as a slow yet promising first step for her school and the state at large.

"We all are mindful of the situation," she said. "We're trying to do as much as we can but also understand the bigger picture — that we'll hopefully be back playing in the fall."

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Woods Charter's Anna Mitchell (5) and Chatham Central's Brenda Soriano (8) chase a loose ball in a girls soccer game on May 2, 2019.

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N.C. Zoo reopens after 'challenging' 3-month shutdown

Following record-setting 2019 attendance, zoo now faces major deficit

BY VICTOR HENSLEY
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ASHEBORO — Spring at the North Carolina Zoo is synonymous with the oohs and aahs of kids, the excitement of family day trips and the noise of bustling plazas.

This year's spring season, however, was vastly different.

On March 17, the zoo temporarily suspended its operations following Gov. Roy Cooper's Executive Order 117, which prohibited mass gatherings in reaction to the coronavirus pandemic. And after a nearly three-month hiatus, the zoo opened its doors to guests on June 15, with just five official days of spring — the zoo's busiest season — left on the calendar.

"It has definitely impacted us to be closed for three months because we still had to care for the animals and the grounds," said Debbie Fuchs, the public relations officer for the North Carolina Zoo. "Those costs didn't go away. It's been challenging."

The zoo is projecting a loss of \$2.6 million for the time missed this spring, based on revenue totals from previous spring seasons. In all, Fuchs said, the zoo is running at a \$6 million deficit for 2020 so far, primarily due to their original estimated attendance increase that has since altered.

Earlier this year, the zoo announced record-setting attendance for 2019, totaling more than 917,000 visitors — including nearly 400,000 last spring.

Saying things have changed over the last few months would be an

understatement.

Along with guests being absent, staff members who were able to work remotely were encouraged to do so, while zookeepers and other in-park staff worked staggered schedules to avoid coming into close contact with people not on their teams.

The animals went about their lives, albeit without the thousands of daily visitors, as keepers cared and built enrichment for them to stay busy. Some of them handled the calmness of the park better than others.

Residents like the red wolves, which typically spend most of their time hiding from guests, began hanging out in more open areas of their habitat. Social animals, such as the chimpanzees, seals and sea lions, appeared to enjoy it when new staff would come around to interact with them.

"The seals and sea lions were really interested in us because, according to the keepers, they kind of feed off of the energy of the guests," Steve Gerkin, the interpretive programs manager for the zoo, said. "The smells, the visuals, the sounds, all of that is enriching for the animals. It's a new experience each day for them."

Gerkin and the rest of the zoo's education team used the hiatus as an opportunity to grow the park's digital audience through a variety of virtual programming.

Zoo EDventures, an online series hosted two or three times weekly on Facebook Live, is an extension of the in-person "EDventures at the Zoo" program, which aims to enrich student learning about animals and their



Photo courtesy of the N.C. Zoo

The North Carolina Zoo's new policies include COVID-19-related restrictions.

habitats.

The series features a different animal or area of the park in each episode, averaging nearly 21,000 views per video and garnering attention from all over the world, including viewers from Libya, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Canada, Vietnam and Thailand.

"There's all of these amazing places that people are coming from, and to know that our reach is that extended is really kind of fun," Gerkin said. "They might not ever come here, but we can still spread the message of the zoo to those folks."

Alongside Zoo EDventures and its Ed-Zoo-Cation series that encompasses a majority of its virtual programs, the zoo will also be offering its summer camps virtually, giving those who can't make it to Asheboro a chance to participate.

"You can be a kid in Massachusetts and still take one of the zoo's summer camps," Fuchs said.

"This is a way that we can safely offer all of the education and all of the fun of our camps without them actually having to be here."

When the zoo reopened its doors to guests last week, the park implemented a few changes to promote guest safety, including reserved tickets — which you can only purchase in advance; no walk-ups are permitted — one-way walking paths, extra sanitation measures and limited entrances to the zoo.

To regain some of the lost revenue from missing the spring season, the zoo continues to charge full price for tickets — \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$11 for children — despite all of its indoor amenities remaining closed throughout the reopening phase.

In addition to all of the changes made to the zoo's original summer schedule, the premiere of the eight-part National Geographic WILD video



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Two members of the North Carolina Zoo staff work on a digital project at the zoo's Alligator Overlook.

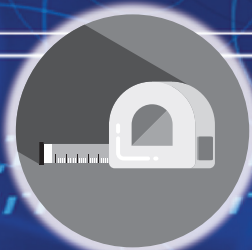
series "World's Biggest Zoo" — centered on the North Carolina Zoo and planned for August — will likely be pushed back to late 2020, according to Fuchs.

Despite all of the challenges thrown their way since March, the staff at the zoo continue to look for the positive in what has been a challenging

situation.

"I think a lot of us have realized that we can do things that we didn't know we could do," Gerkin said. "We have folks who have learned how to be technology wizards in three months. I think it's been a little bit of a confidence builder, too, like if we need to do this, by golly, we can do it."

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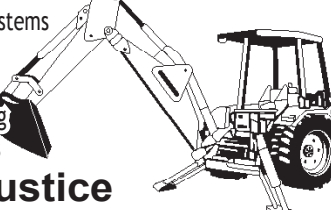


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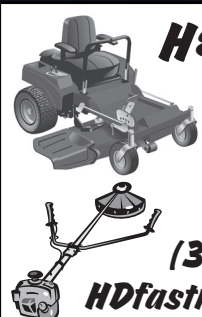
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‘SOMETIMES, I’M LEFT WITH NOTHING’

Financial and health risks of COVID-19 disproportionately affect N.C. Latino population

BY MARCO QUIROZ-GUTIERREZ
NC News Intern Corps

Júlia Pimentel Gudiel came to North Carolina from Guatemala for her children.

While her four kids stayed in her home country, Pimentel Gudiel came to the U.S. to earn money, which she sends back to the rest of her family.

But with the slowdown in business caused by COVID-19, Pimentel Gudiel, who used to work as much as 75 hours per week, said she sometimes struggles to pay all her expenses because her hours have been drastically cut.

“Sometimes, I’m left with nothing,” she said.

Pimentel Gudiel is one of thousands of Latino people across the U.S. who have had their hours or pay cut in the midst of the pandemic — or lost their jobs altogether.

An April study by Pew Research Center said 61% of Hispanic adults reported that they or someone in their household had lost a job or taken a pay cut due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This is a much greater percentage than both black adults and white adults surveyed. Forty-four percent of white people and 38% of Blacks reported that they or someone in their household had lost a job or taken a pay cut due to the pandemic.

In an even more recent study of May unemployment figures, Pew reported that the unemployment rate for Hispanic women was 19.5%, the



Julia Pimentel Gudiel helps cook tinga de pollo, a traditional Mexican dish at her friend, Elizabeth Cacho’s house.

Photo by Marco Quiroz-Gutierrez

highest among men and women of the country’s major racial and ethnic groups.

The May unemployment rate for Hispanic women was several percentage points higher than the next highest groups including black women, 17.2%; Asian women, 16.7%; and Black men, 15.8%.

Pimentel Gudiel said she was fired from her job at Venable Rotisserie Bistro in Carrboro because business decreased. Mediterranean Deli, where she works making pita bread, also cut her to 25 hours a week from her usual 45, she said.

With a pay rate of \$10 an hour, Pimentel Gudiel said she cannot afford to send as much money home to her family as she used to.

“Having payments to make both here and in Guatemala, that’s what

hurts the most,” she said. “My mom is still in Guatemala and I help her out with money, but right now I can’t with so many payments.”

Elizabeth Cacho, who works at both Cosmic Cantina and Italian Pizzeria III in Chapel Hill, said her hours have also been cut.

At Cosmic Cantina, where she works in the kitchen, Cacho said she was cut down to two days from her usual four days a week.

She usually sells tamales, a traditional Mexican food, to her friends and acquaintances to make extra money in hard times, but because the price of meat and other ingredients has risen, she can’t afford to make them.

“If I raise the price of the tamales, nobody will buy them,” Cacho said.

Despite her hours getting cut at Cosmic

Cantina, she still has bills to pay, including her daughter’s college tuition at Appalachian State University and the \$900 per month rent for her daughter’s apartment.

Cacho said, luckily, her boss at Cosmic Cantina told her he’s not planning to fire any employees, and her other job, Italian Pizzeria III, has not cut her hours at all.

While losing work poses a financial risk, working poses a significant health risk, especially for workers who are in close contact with other people.

An independent study by the (Raleigh) News & Observer and Enlace Latino found that as of June 1, more than 10,000 Hispanic people are infected with COVID-19 across 45 of North Carolina’s 100 counties.

North Carolina data for the number of Hispanic people infected with

COVID-19 is incomplete, but according to the study, some North Carolina counties, such as Forsyth, Burke and Durham have reported that a large percentage of their infected are Hispanic.

Though Hispanic people make up a large percentage of those infected with the virus, they make up a small portion of each county’s total residents.

In Forsyth County, around 68% of people infected with COVID-19 were Hispanic, but Hispanic people make up 13% of its residents. In Burke County around 66% of infected people were Hispanic while only 6% of residents are Hispanic and in Durham County around 61% of the people infected with COVID-19 were Hispanic, while Hispanic people account for only 14% of residents.

In Chatham County, 34% of confirmed cases were among the Hispanic population, which makes up 12% of the county’s population.

Dr. Viviana Martinez-Bianchi, a primary care doctor and associate professor at Duke University, said Hispanic people are likely getting infected at high rates because many of their jobs were deemed “essential” when Gov. Roy Cooper announced a stay-at-home order in March.

Essential jobs included “food and beverage production” as well as construction and landscaping, which are often filled by Latino workers.

These workers are more likely to be infected because of their close

contact with customers or other workers, Martinez-Bianchi said. But once they are infected, Hispanic people sometimes don’t get the help they need, she said.

“In a country with tremendous health resources, we have a group of people, a large segment of the population — the Latinx community — that doesn’t have access to health care, that doesn’t have a primary care clinician,” Martinez-Bianchi said.

In spite of the staggering infection rate for Hispanic people in North Carolina, Pimentel Gudiel said she wants to continue working.

“I need to leave the house because if I don’t leave, no opportunities are going to come my way,” she said. “I have to take the risk.”

She said she wants to go back to Guatemala and be with her family someday, but she can’t until she feels she has saved enough money.

When students come back to UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall, Pimentel Gudiel said she hopes businesses will earn enough money to begin hiring again.

Until then, she said she will weather the crisis as best she can.

“We trust God that this will pass,” she said, “and life will go on.”

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Most gardeners have a love-hate relationship with Mimosa trees.

Mimosa trees — friend or foe?



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Most gardeners will tell you they’ve got a love/hate relationship with mimosa trees. On the one hand, these deciduous trees are quite lovely, with their flamingo-pink flowers and airy, multi-stemmed, vase-like branches. On the other, they’re volunteers. Unwanted acquaintances. Giant, overgrown, bullies staking their claim in your landscape whether you want them or not.

If you research them through the Chatham County Extension Gardening site, mimosa trees are labelled as “Known Invasive Plants.” If you combine them with a handful of other plants listed on the site — Japanese Barberry, Russian Olive, Princess Tree, and the Oregon Grape — you can see they’re practically an organized mob of “known associates” in the garden. A veritable checklist of plants to clear out.

Mimosa trees (*Albizia julibrissin*) are hearty. They like full sun and a range of soil types. They’re also drought and wind tolerant, which means if you’ve got a bunch of wide-open space, they’ll fill it in quickly and efficiently. But then you’ve got a mimosa tree. Or, gasp, a mimosa forest. Let me assure you: this is not the Tinder date you’re looking for. So let’s look at the pros and cons.

PROS: Even invasive plants can be helpful. Mimosa trees provide great shade, they grow quickly, they’ve got pretty cotton can-

dy-like blooms, and they’re nostalgic. They attract hummingbirds, are a food source for wildlife, and reseed themselves.

CONS: They’re invasive. They die quickly and pop up in unwanted beds. They wilt and they harbor mimosa webworms. They form dense thickets that prevent other plants from growing.

Danny and Robin Bergeron inherited half a dozen mimosa trees when they moved to Pittsboro a year ago. Danny said, “Even though the mimosa produces pretty pink flowers, it’s the seedpods that become the issue. They’re filled with seeds that can germinate anywhere.” And even though the Bergerons have substantially thinned out the herd, they kept two mammoth mimosas because they actually are pretty. It’s a good thing they’re hyper-vigilant about taking out any volunteers brave enough to try and take root.

One truth I’ve learned from two and a half decades of gardening is that Mother Nature always wins, regardless of how diligent you are in the garden. I think I’ll reserve my mimosas for Sunday brunch. Cheers, y’all.

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Roots, family fuel Bear Creek teen’s drive to succeed

BY CASEY MANN
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BEAR CREEK — Kelsey Hussey’s drive to achieve is impressive.

Just 14 years old, Hussey plays three sports, served as the president of the Beta Club at Bennett Elementary School, has gotten straight A’s her entire academic career thus far and has never missed a day of school — even after she suffered a season-ending injury while playing basketball.

Hussey has lived in Bear Creek her entire life with her mother, Susan, who works for the Chatham County School System as an accountability specialist; her father, Travis, who works at Belk Building Supply in Siler City; her dog, Peanut; and her three-legged cat, Ore.

Kelsey said her family, starting at a very young age, was a main source of her drive.

“They always pushed me, especially when I was younger to go to school and supported me in whatever I did,” she said. “They have been a huge help to me to succeed as far as I have.”

Kelsey is a third-generation student of Bennett Elementary School, which actually serves students from kindergarten through eighth grade. She admitted she’s always been a “fan of everything” in school and her teachers “always pushed me to do my best” which “made an impact.” She said the school has “this family feeling” because it’s small and “everybody knows everybody.”

“That’s one for the things I really loved about Bennett,” Kelsey said.

In her early years of school, she said she never really thought much about achieving perfect attendance. She was



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

Kelsey Hussey graduated from Bennett Elementary School without missing a day in nine years.

just “blessed” with good health and a generous dose of “self-motivation,” saying her parents started her off well.

“I guess it’s just who I am,” she said. “I’ve always thought I’m supposed to go to school and do my best.”

Kelsey said she “kept pushing” herself and school “became a routine.” And she credits attendance as to why she has always gotten straight A’s.

“What you learn everyday, how important it is to go to school,” she said. “Yeah, I guess you can always make up work, but it’s different being there. Everyone has their days. They get up tired and don’t want to go. Or maybe there are projects you don’t want to do. But I just kept pushing myself.”

This school year, her last at Bennett Elementary, the notion of achieving perfect attendance became more significant and one bad step nearly

ended it. Kelsey was playing a basketball game on a Thursday night at her school. While going in for a layup, she rolled her ankle. At first, she thought it was just a sprain and stayed on the sidelines until the game was over. After, her family took her to the hospital where they learned she had broken her ankle. The doctor told her that she could stay home for a few days and likely return to school the following week.

“But I was this close to never missing a day,” Kelsey said. “I never thought about it when I was younger, but as I was getting closer to graduation it became a major goal for me. So I went to school that Friday. It was tough, but it was worth it. My friends and my teachers all helped me so much.”

Even in quarantine, her drive remains. She has been continuing her workouts so she can be ready for the next sports

season. She has also created a garden at her home with her father which includes a array of flowers and vegetables. And she enjoys baking, but not to eat the treats. Instead, she gives them away to her friends and neighbors.

Even with the accomplishments she’s already achieved, Kelsey is nervous about moving to the next stage as a rising freshman at Chatham Central High School.

In Bennett Elementary School, her friends and classmates had been with her since kindergarten, in every class. In high school, that dynamic changes as students move from class to class with different kids. She’s nervous about trying out for sports — basketball, volleyball and softball.

And she’s concerned that the work may be a lot harder, putting her record of straight A’s at risk. But she’s still pushing.

“I’m just going to do my best to keep doing what I’m doing,” Kelsey said.

She “wants to be a role model,” especially for her younger cousins who are still attending Bennett Elementary School. She wants to help them understand how important it is to go to school and get good grades on their report cards. To that end, Kelsey also wants to be an elementary school teacher. She’s hoping she can get an athletic or academic scholarship and attend N.C. State University.

“I’m just making sure I stay on track, keeping myself motivated, doing my best and not lose track of what my goals are,” she said. “I guess my best piece of advice would be, even when things are hard, just keep pushing. I can tell things will pay off.”

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4 Chatham students get ‘Young Authors’ honors

CN + R Staff Reports

Four Chatham County students have been named winners in this year’s Young Authors writing contest.

Winners of the contest are selected among writers in kindergarten through second grades, third through fifth grades and sixth through eighth grades from across the state.

The best out of all of the grades earns the Mary Lee Moore Distinguished Young Author Award, which this year went to Margaret B. Pollard Middle School’s Sophia Baliff for penning “Lemon’s Game.”

“I really didn’t expect for my story to go so far,” Sophia said. “I hope people find the meaning behind the fear in the main character’s

everyday life — how her mind is always brimming with thoughts about how things could be different if people took the initiative to help ‘save the earth.’”

“Wonder Park” earned Siler City Elementary School’s Kensley Smoak the Distinguished Young Author Award among students in kindergarten through second grades.

“My book is about a little girl named Lucky,” Kensley said. “She falls down a magical hole where she finds a magic key and discovers a magical place called Wonderpark. She teams up with Froyo to save Wonderpark from the evil and ugly toys. Together, they restore Wonderpark, saving all the fun and adventure for everyone.”

In the category for writers in third through fifth grades, Perry W. Harrison Elementary School’s Samuel Resnik emerged as the Distinguished Young Author with “Separated: A Holocaust Story.”

“I have been working on getting this prestigious award since I was in kindergarten,” Samuel said. “My book is a story about the Holocaust and how a normal person living a normal life got affected by such a terrible event. The main character goes through her whole life scarred by the Holocaust. After a long time she goes to her old city on a business trip and runs into her parents when she thought she lost them forever. I want my readers to be informed that such a ter-

rible and inhumane event happened in history. I want my readers to experience the shock of living your normal life and having a terrible event change your life for the worst — similar to what’s going on now.”

Chatham Middle School’s Emmanuel Hernandez Castaneda is the Distinguished Young Author among sixth through eighth graders with “I Am Miguel Angel.”

“My book was written for people to see what many immigrants have to face in order to come to the United States,” Emmanuel said. “Something I want readers to gain from this is simply to understand that [the reason] immigrants...come to the United States is because they want to live [both] a better and successful life, and that they shouldn’t be seen as bad people.”

Sophia, too, was aiming to promote understanding.

“Lemon’s Game is a story about the future and how life might be for the upcoming generations,” Sophia said. “It focuses on one girl and her means of survival in an overpopulated world. She doesn’t have a good life; in fact, far from it, evident by the fact that she is taking part in illegal actions in her day-to-day life. It’s a look into the not-so-pretty side of teenage lives while also subtly warning you of the dangers of the future.”

There’s been an uptick in Young Authors participation among middle school students at Silk Hope School — over the years it’s mostly been submissions from kids at the elementary level, according to Kim Johnson, the media specialist at the school.

“To see students who are self-motivated to write from the heart and share with the world has been very encouraging,” Johnson said.

Bonlee School media specialist Cari Ann Brick welcomes more participation at her campus but salutes the students who put in the work to transfer thoughts from their craniums to their Chromebooks.

“I am proud of those who do try and submit a book,” Brick said.

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POLICE REPORTS

‘THIS IS OUR HOME’ The reaction to the Supreme Court’s DACA ruling

BY OLIVIA ROJAS
News + Record Staff

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that the Trump Administration could not terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, which protects about 700,000 young immigrants — commonly referred to as “Dreamers” — from deportation and gives them permission to legally work in a renewable two-year time period.

The program, which was implemented by the Obama Administration in 2012, was set to be repealed in 2017 by the Trump Administration with claims that the program was unconstitutional and illegal by then-U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. This plan launched many lawsuits against the program’s repeal.

Last Thursday, in a 5-4 ruling, the Court found that the Trump Administration did not provide adequate justification for its repeal. Chief Justice John Roberts gave the opinion.

“We do not decide whether DACA or its rescission are sound policies,” he wrote. “The wisdom of those decisions is none of our concern. Here we address only whether the Administration complied with the procedural requirements in the law that insist on ‘a reasoned explanation for its action.’”

In North Carolina, according to the American Immigration Council, 24,260 active DACA recipients lived in the state as of 2019, while DACA has been granted to 92,374 people in total since 2012. As of 2019, 64% of DACA-eligible immigrants in North Carolina had applied for DACA. In 2015, about 31,000 high school students in North Carolina were undocumented — one of the largest undocumented high school populations in the country.

For Siler City’s Janet Ramirez, 27, Thursday’s decision filled her with shock and relief.

“I feel like myself and



Staff photo by Olivia Rojas

The United States Supreme Court ruled June 18 that the Trump Administration could not end the DACA program.

others prepared for all the negative outcomes,” she said. “I’ll speak for myself, I saw this as a loss already.”

Ramirez, the program and volunteer coordinator for The Hispanic Liaison/El Vínculo Hispano, is a native of Michoacán, Mexico. She moved to Siler City with her family in 2000 when she was just 8, and she’s been a DACA recipient since 2015.

Ramirez said she was frustrated by arguments against the program.

“You’ve been raised here, you’ve been educated here and for them to not recognize that is very disappointing,” she said.

Ramirez also said she wanted Congress to create a “clear pathway” to citizenship for DACA recipients.

“This is not a permanent fix, this is something temporary,” she said. “We’re here to stay. A lot of us DACA recipients are helping the community and making a difference within our work, within our jobs and within our careers. We are more than deserving of having something more permanent. It’s not fair for us to be on this rollercoaster, going back and forth.”

Hannia Benítez, 28, is the president of the board of directors for The Hispanic Liaison/El Vínculo Hispano. A native of Guatemala City, Guatemala, she was raised in Siler City and has been a DACA recipient since 2013. She hopes the public

will become aware as a result of this decision.

“We’re really hopeful that there is more education to the general public so that they can understand that we want to help this country,” Benítez said. “This is our home, this is all we know. We want to be able to give back to our communities.”

Although it remains unclear for students whether the DACA program will be taking new applications, Tych Cowdin, the executive director of Communities In Schools Chatham County — whose mission is to surround students with a network of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life — said the organization stands with all community members.

“We love and fully support all of our community members, especially those who continue to live in uncertainty of what their future may hold without any clear pathway to citizenship,” he said. “These are our classmates and community leaders, family and friends, who make our country a better place through their diversity and strength of spirit. We will continue to stand and support all individuals who seek to make a better life for themselves and their families.”

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CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Ja’Cori Naisjay Alston, 20, of Siler City, was charged June 16 for assault on a female, interfere emergency communications and injury to personal property. Alston was jailed under a domestic violence 48 hour hold with a June 24 court date in Pittsboro.

David Klarmann, 69, of Goldston, was charged June 17 for domestic violence protective order violation. Klarmann was issued a written promise to appear in Chatham County District Court with a July 8 court date in Pittsboro.

Alicia Jones, 35, of Siler City, was charged June 17 for larceny from a per-

son, possession of stolen goods/property, financial card fraud, exploitation of disabled/elder trust and obtain property false pretense. Jones was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond with a July 20 court date in Pittsboro.

Samantha Smith, 28, of Goldston, was charged June 18 for exploitation of disabled/elder trust, obtaining property by false pretense, financial card fraud, identity theft and aid and abet domestic violence protective order violation. Smith was issued a written promise with a July 20 court date in Pittsboro.

Sharon Letterlough, 27, of Siler City was charged June 18 for communicating threats. Letterlough

was issued a written promise with a July 1 court date in Pittsboro.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Halie Abrams of Ramseur was cited June 16 for failing to stop at a red light on U.S. Highway 64 in Siler City

Hermon Douglas Jr. of Sanford was cited June 16 for failure to maintain lane control on N.C. Hwy. 42 near Pittsboro.

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J-M’S MATTHEW FRY

Chorus director gets statewide award from N.C. Symphony

CN + R Staff Reports

SILER CITY — Matthew Fry, the chorus director at Jordan-Matthews High School, has received the 2019-20 Jackson Parkhurst Award for Special Achievement from the North Carolina Symphony, one of three honors presented each year to music teachers in the state who inspire students and make a lasting difference in their lives.

The Jackson Parkhurst Award for Special Achievement is named for the North Carolina Symphony’s former director of education to recognize his longstanding service and commitment to young people in the state and comes with a \$500 prize funded through an anonymous annual gift.

“I was excited to be nominated and thrilled beyond belief when I was chosen,” Fry said.

After 32 years of teaching, Fry directs a number of vocal ensembles at J-M, is music director for the annual musical and was twice named the school’s Teacher of the Year. His choirs have successfully participated in the annual North Carolina Music Performance Adjudication, regularly achieving ratings of superior and excellent. Three soloists performing this year — Kayli McIntosh, Conrad Suits and Jennifer Trejo Benitez — all received the highest rating of superior.

His students have been selected to the North Carolina Honors Chorus and participated in the North Carolina All-State Choir. He is a member of several music education professional associations and a founding board member

of JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, created to provide opportunity for student actors, artists and musicians.

In addition to his teaching duties, Fry is director of The Fearrington Village Singers and the Rocky River Baptist Church choir in Siler City. He sang for nine years with the Duke Chapel Choir and several seasons with the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham, both under the baton of Dr. Rodney Wynkoop. He is a graduate cum laude of Missouri Western State College, where he was named the Outstanding Graduate in Vocal Music.

JMArts President Rose Pate, who nominated Fry for the award, said she is constantly amazed by her colleague’s impact across the entire community. She praised him for creating a welcoming atmosphere in class that attracts a broad cross-section of the student body with a wide range of musical abilities, all working together, while still demanding rigor and exceptional musicianship.

“Matt gets it right,” Pate said. “He never says, ‘Oh, it’s good enough.’ ‘Good enough’ is never enough for him; he makes sure students understand what ‘good’ sounds like. But he does it with endless patience with the students’ struggles. I’ve seen him working with actors for hours, over and over, getting them ready for a solo number in the show.”

Other 2019-20 honorees were Barina Bailey of Heritage Elementary School in Wake Forest, who received the Maxine Swalin Award for Outstanding Music Educator, and Matthew Holt of Durham School of the Arts, formerly with Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, who received the North Carolina Symphony Musicians Award.



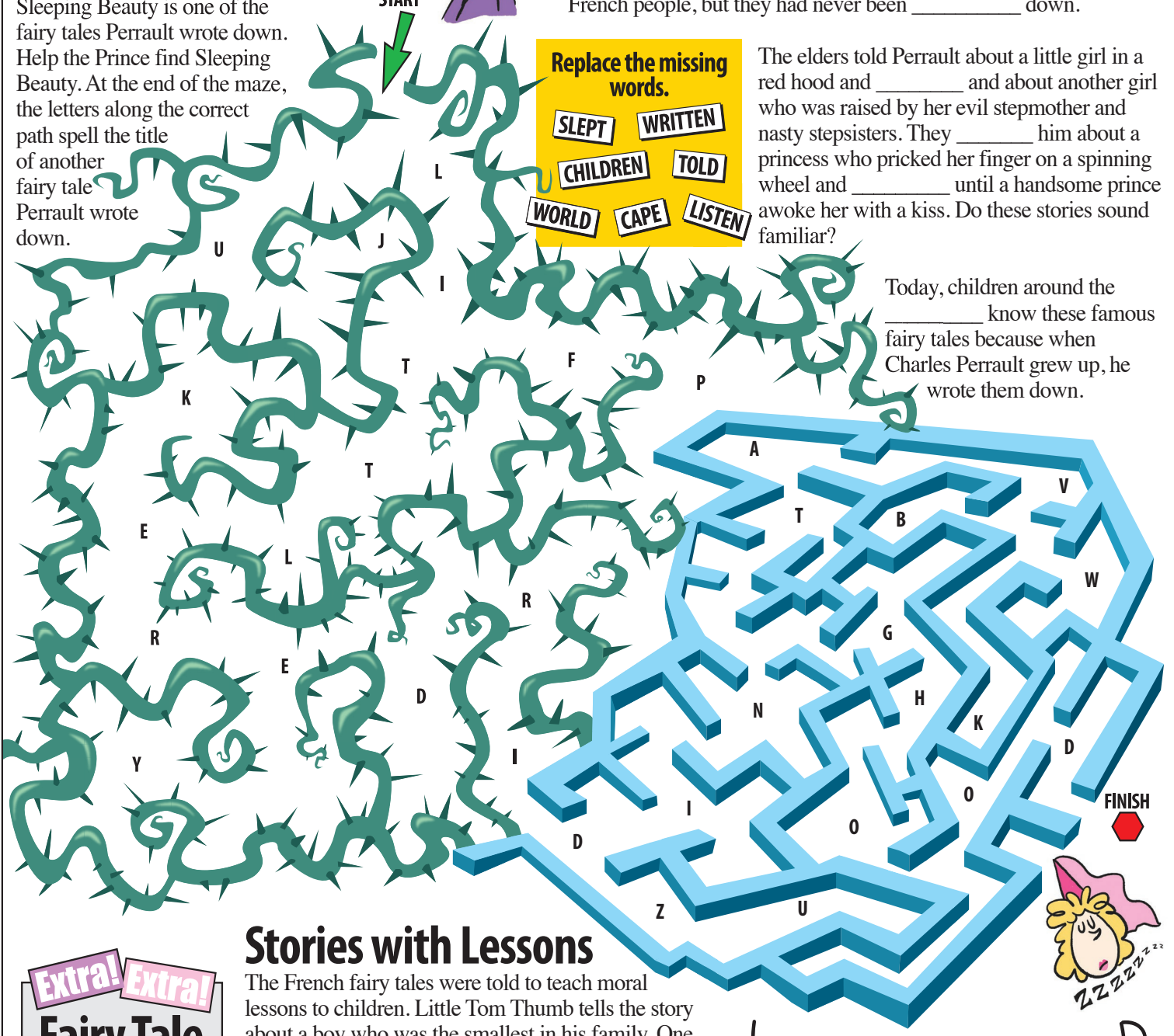
Fry

Fairy Tales

Find Sleeping Beauty

Sleeping Beauty is one of the fairy tales Perrault wrote down. Help the Prince find Sleeping Beauty. At the end of the maze, the letters along the correct path spell the title of another fairy tale Perrault wrote down.

START



FINISH

Replace the missing words.

SLEPT WRITTEN

CHILDREN TOLD

WORLD CAPE LISTEN

The elders told Perrault about a little girl in a red hood and _____ and about another girl who was raised by her evil stepmother and nasty stepsisters. They _____ him about a princess who pricked her finger on a spinning wheel and _____ until a handsome prince awoke her with a kiss. Do these stories sound familiar?

Today, children around the _____ know these famous fairy tales because when Charles Perrault grew up, he wrote them down.

Once upon a time... in the country of France, in the year 1628, a boy named Charles Perrault was born.

As a child, Charles liked to _____ to the stories told by his elders. They told him stories they had heard as _____. These stories were well known and well loved by generations of French people, but they had never been _____ down.

Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Ask a friend or family member to give you nouns and adjectives to fill in the blanks in this story. Then read the silly story aloud for lots of laughs!

Embers the Dragon

Once upon a _____, there was a _____ dragon named Embers. Unlike most dragons who breathed fire, Embers breathed _____. Embers practiced all the time. She sometimes breathed blasts of _____, or little puffs of _____, but fire never happened.

A sorcerer in the _____ tried to help Embers. With a wave of his hand, Embers took a deep breath. And when she exhaled, _____ flew out of her mouth.

Embers was very discouraged. But as word spread, she began to be hired for kids' birthday parties. The children laughed when she would breathe out a cloud of _____ or maybe some _____. And when she would sing, _____ would fly out of her nostrils!

Soon other dragons asked Embers to teach them how to produce blasts of _____ instead of flames. Dragons around the world learned that it was better to breathe _____ rather than fireballs. Knights stopped battling dragons and instead brought the gifts of _____.

Thanks to Embers, dragons and humans became good friends.

Stories with Lessons

The French fairy tales were told to teach moral lessons to children. Little Tom Thumb tells the story about a boy who was the smallest in his family. One day he brought good fortune to them all. To find out how, you must read the story. **Discover the moral of the story by reading the message on the scroll.**



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Fairy Tale Birthday

Pretend it is your favorite fairy tale character's birthday and you have \$500 to spend on gifts. Look through the newspaper to select the gifts for this character. Spend as much of the \$500 as you can without going over budget!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Fairy Tale Scramble

Unscramble the fairy tale words. Unscramble the circled letters to find out the name of another French tale put into writing by Charles Perrault.

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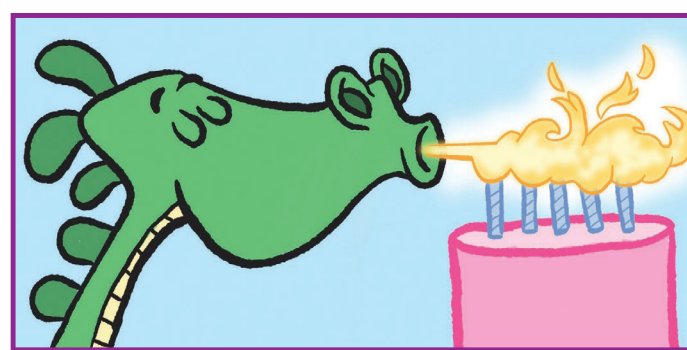
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY All persons having claims against RALPH K. ANDERSON aka RALPH KENNETH ANDERSON [hereinafter "Ralph K. Anderson"] of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 23rd day of March, 2020, are notified to present them to Susan M. Anderson, Executrix of the Estate of Ralph K. Anderson in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before September 10, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executrix, and the devisees of Ralph K. Anderson. Those indebted to Ralph K. Anderson are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203 Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 Jn4,Jn11,Jn18,Jn25,4tp

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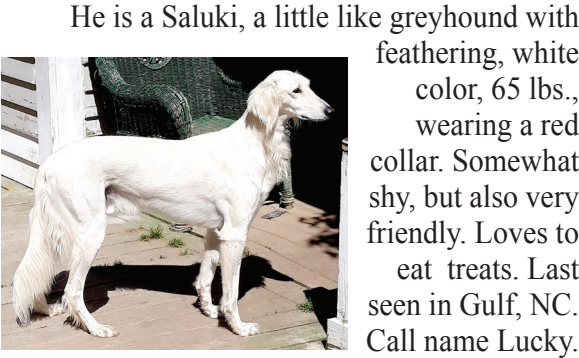
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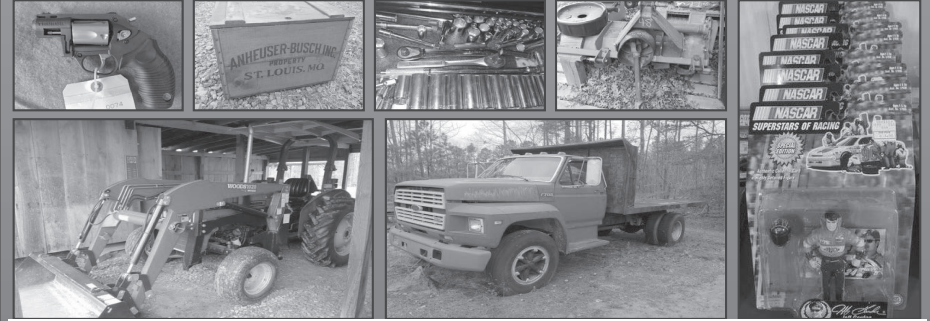
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W. Eric Medlin,

Attorney for Fidelity Bank
Medlin Law Firm, PC
114 North Elm Street, Suite 500
Greensboro, NC 27401
(336) 617-4280
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Harold D. McCoy
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **HAROLD D. MCCOY** late of 11257 US 15 501

North, Chatham County, North Carolina, 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 100 Europa Drive, Suite 271, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517, on or before the 12th day of September, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 11th day of June, 2020.
Teresa Lynn McCoy Crumley, Executor of the Estate of Harold D. McCoy
Dori J. Dixon
Schell Bray PLLC
Attorney for the Estate
100 Europa Drive, Suite 271
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27517
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CREDITOR'S NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified on the 3rd day of June, 2020, as Administrator of the Estate of **LISA KAY MANSFIELD**, 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 9th day of September, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This is the 5th day of June, 2020.
David Mansfield, Administrator of the Estate of Lisa Kay Mansfield
191 Moncure Flatwood Rd
Moncure, NC 27559
Law Offices of W. Woods
Doster, P.A.
115 Chatham Street, Suite 302
Sanford, NC 27330
Jn11,Jn18,Jn25,Jy2,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
William Lextor Thompson having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **JOAN CLARK THOMPSON**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on May 7, 2020, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before September 9, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This is the 8th day of June, 2020.
Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1.
Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record
50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, Jennifer B. McBee and Jeffrey C. Brewer, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **SHIRLEY S. BREWER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 11th Day of September, 2020, 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 is the 11th day of June, 2020.
Jennifer B. McBee
98 Pine Lake Drive
Siler City, NC 27344
1-336-707-7971
Jeffrey C Brewer
929 Landings Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37422
1-423-443-5007
W. Ben Atwater, Jr.
Attorney at Law
PO Box 629
Siler City, NC 27344
919-663-2850
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified on the 5th day of June, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **PAULINE M. GILLIS**, 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 11th day of September, 2020, 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 is the 11th day of June 2020.
Charles A. Gillis, Executor of The Estate of Pauline M. Gillis
4011 University Drive
Suite 300
Durham, NC 27707
G. Rhodes Craver, Esquire
Kennon Craver, PLLC
4011 University Drive, Suite 300
Durham, North Carolina 27707
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
OF PATRICIA LEE SCHADE
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **PATRICIA LEE SCHADE**, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Curtis W. Schade, as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before September 11, 2020, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400, Naples, FL 34108, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor.
This is the 8th day of June, 2020.
Curtis W. Schade, Executor
c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty.
Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.
8889 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 400
Naples, FL 34018
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
17 E 427
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **DEBORAH E. ANDREWS**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before September 11, 2020 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.
This is the 11th day of June, 2020.
Patrick W. Hamlett, Limited Personal Representative
2128 Briar Chapel Parkway
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Jn11,Jn18,Jn25,Jy2,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the

Estate of **RACHEL LINDA HILL**, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 18th day of September, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 18th day of June, 2020.
Mary Hill Mabe aka Mary Hill Farmer, Executrix, Estate of Rachel Linda Hill
Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC
501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Jn18,Jn25,Jy2,Jy9,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
All persons having claims against **GREENE FENLEY III aka Greene Fenley aka Greene Fenley II (hereinafter "Greene Fenley III")** of Chatham County, North Carolina, who died on the 11th day of March, 2020, are notified to present them to William Greene Fenley, Executor of the Estate of Greene Fenley III in c/o David R. Frankstone, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before September 24, 2020. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Greene Fenley III. Those indebted to Greene Fenley III are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate. David R. Frankstone Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.
1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203
Exchange West at Meadowmont
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 271
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **PHOEBE MAY MIEDREICH**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before September 18, 2020 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. This is the 18th day of June, 2020.
Co-Executors:
1. Lawrence S. Miedreich
340 High Ridge Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312
2. Nadine S. Miedreich
340 High Ridge Lane
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Jn18,Jn25,Jy2,Jy9,4tp

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of **AMY ELIZABETH BUCKNER** late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of September, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

recovery.
This is the 15th day of June, 2020.
Gary Cyr, Administrator of The Estate of Amy Elizabeth Buckner
Post Office Box 1806
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
MOODY, WILLIAMS, ROPER & LEE, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOX 1806
PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27312
(919) 542-5605
Jn18,Jn25,Jy2,Jy9,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Jane Carroll Livziey having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **ROY CARROLL**, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County on June 17, 2020, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned attorney of the Personal Representative on or before September 23, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment. This is the 17th day of June 2020. Payments and claims should be presented to Austin C. Vandever, 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150, Chapel Hill, NC, 27517.
This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1.
Austin C. Vandever, Attorney of Record
50101 Governors Drive, Suite 150
Chapel Hill, NC, 27517
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
20 E 270
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **MICHAEL RAY KIDD**, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before September 25, 2020 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. This is the 18th day of June, 2020.
Lauren Rebecca Kidd Punch, Administrator
62 Jubilee Ct.
Clayton, NC 27527
Jn25,Jy2,Jy9,Jy16,4tp

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
20-SP-17
UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Rachel R. Rogers dated April 22, 2004 and recorded on April 28, 2004, in Book 1100 at Page 520, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina; and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned, Goddard & Peterson, PLLC (Substitute Trustee) will offer for sale **at the courthouse door in the City of Pittsboro**, Chatham County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, on **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM** and will sell to the



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Present Record Owner: Estate of Rachel R. Rogers Trust-ee may, in the Trustee sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. Said property is sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, any Land Transfer Tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). The real property described above is being offered for sale “AS IS, WHERE IS” and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. If the Trustee or Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey title include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the sale and reinstatement of the loan without knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in its/their sole discretion, if it/they believe(s) the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Additional Notice where the Real Property is Residential with less than 15 Rental Units: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the County in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the Notice that is at least ten (10) days, but no more than ninety (90) days, after the sale date contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgage has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the Notice of Termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of such termination. This is a communication from a debt collector. The purpose of this Communication is to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection. If you are under the protection of the bankruptcy court or have been discharged as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is given to you pursuant to statutory requirement and for informational purposes and is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt or as an act to collect, assess, or recover all or any portion of the debt from you personally.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
20 E 287
The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **HAROLD E. TRUELOVE**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 2501 Dockery Lane, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27606, on or before the 25th day of September, 2020, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 19th day of June, 2020.
Dwight Jones, Executor
2501 Dockery Lane
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606
GUNN & MESSICK, LLP
P. O. Box 880
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880
Jn25,Jy2,Jy9,Jy16,4tc

Two questions, many answers: State capitol edition

Two years ago, I was prescient. I wish I could say it was in the stock market, or foreknowledge of lottery numbers, but I can't. It was about entertaining during a quarantine — sort of.

For a holiday piece for another publication, I came up with the idea of a virtual potluck party. I asked notable North Carolinians if they were invited to a Kwaanza, Christmas, or Hanukkah potluck what would they bring?

Once I explained my strange idea to folks, many people RSVP'd with dishes, recipes, and stories about the origin of those dishes. Ken Smith from WRAL, community activist and musician Pierce Freelon, the mayors of both Raleigh and Durham, and state government officials participated.

Some of the recipes were included in the final piece, and some were not.



DEBBIE MATTHEWS
The Curious Cook



N.C. First Lady Kristin Cooper.

One of my very favorite recipes came from the two guests I was most excited about. Governor Roy Cooper and First Lady Kristin Cooper participated and the dish they virtually brought came from Mrs. Cooper's Oklahoma childhood.

After church on Sundays, young Kristin and her family would go for lunch to Dodser's Cafeteria. Her favorite treat was the pineapple fluff pie.

Years later, she discovered a very similar recipe online. She increased the amount of pillowy whipped cream, and the recipe was just as she remembered it. Today it is an anticipated part of holiday meals and special occasions for the Coopers.

It's this crazy combination of pineapple toasted and pecan-spiked

whipped cream sitting on top of a buttercream/pastry cream hybrid that's somehow light and rich at the same time. I made it for my family and it was a huge hit with the whole tribe (plus, I got to tell them the recipe came straight from the Governor's Mansion).

This pie is so delicious that I've given the First Lady honorary chef status. So, I asked her to answer our two pandemic-related culinary questions.

When the larder's getting empty, what's your favorite pantry meal?

"In the summer, pasta with fresh tomatoes, basil and Italian parsley from the garden," she said. "Add lemon juice, olive oil, and garlic if available at home."

What's your best food-related activity suggestion for staving off familial boredom and the resulting mayhem? (Maybe something you did with daughters Hilary, Natalie, and Claire when they were small, and you were all stuck in the house?).

"My daughters and I loved having tea parties at home. We'd have tea with

Pineapple Fluff Pie

The pie filling is piled into one pie crust
1 baked and cooled 9-inch piecrust
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
1 stick of butter (1/2 cup), softened
2 large pasteurized eggs
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 can very well-drained crushed pineapple
1 cup finely chopped, roasted pecans

Cream first 2 cups powdered sugar and butter, beat in eggs until very light and fluffy. Spread that into baked and cooled pie crust. Chill.

Then whip cream until stiff, and gradually beat in 3/4 cup powdered sugar. Fold in the pineapple and pecans.

Pile that onto the first layer which has chilled, then chill the whole thing. Chilling overnight is best.

loose leaves, a teapot, homemade scones, and clotted cream with strawberry jam. Those afternoons were always a treat."

And although my original idea was for a holiday potluck, having a virtual party via Zoom or Google Hangouts with friends is perfect if you're sheltering in different places. To add some spice, exchange recipes and everyone makes somebody else's special dish.

Enjoy your remote soiree. And as Dave Bautista says in that commercial, "Pants optional!"

Thanks for your time.

Contact me at dm@bullecity.mom.

Chatham 4-H members attend 2020 Citizenship North Carolina Focus

CN+R Staff Report

A delegation of Chatham County 4-H members attended 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus, which was held virtually this year.

The Chatham delegation attended with more than 200 youth and adults representing 56 4-H programs across the state. Delegates participated in facilitated discussions and activities related to the importance of advocacy, local government, state government and action planning.

Emir Vargas, Abigail Molina, Bacho, Catlin Gantt, Reyna Nava, Kenia Uribe, Santos Vazquez Quiquivix, Avery Wright, Briseydi Nava Zarate, Giancarlo Lopez and Rae Fridley represented Chatham County at the June 15-17 conference. Through various conference sessions and facilitated discussions, delegates learned from leaders across the state and from other conference attendees.

The 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus is sponsored by NC Electric Cooperatives. 4-H is North Carolina's largest youth development organization, equipping more than 262,200 young people each year with the skills to succeed and improve the world around them.

4-H programs and camps encourage young people to "learn by doing," helping them to develop into active, contributing citizens. N.C. State Extension and the Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University coordinate 4-H programs statewide.

N.C. State Extension is the local and statewide outreach provider of North Carolina's pre-eminent research enterprise, N.C. State. N.C. State Extension translates research-based knowledge in the areas of agriculture, food and nutrition, and 4-H youth development into everyday solutions that create economic, intellectual and societal prosperity for North Carolina.

For more information on this event or other 4-H programs, please contact Liz Mauney, 4-H Program Assistant in Chatham County at 919-542-8257.

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