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## REDUCE, REUSE, PEECYCLE

### A Chatham resident uses his urine as fertilizer. It's not as weird as you think.

BY BEN RAPPAPORT  
News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — Dr. John Dykers is well aware his home doesn't pass the smell test.

As soon as you enter the front door, the odor smacks you in the sniffer — it's unmistakable. The unpleasant stench is urine that he and his wife, Nancy Van Camp, have preserved over the past seven months.

The urine sits in several 55-gallon barrels on the Dykers' lawn, adjacent to the house. The plan is to use that urine as fertilizer for their 100-acre farm.

The idea for using their own urine as fertilizer came when Dykers — a beloved retired Siler City physician — read a New York Times article last June entitled "Meet the Peecyclers. Their Idea to Help Farmers is No. 1." The article shares the ancestral basis for using pee as a way to grow the garden.

"We've been using manure for ages," Dykers said. "The chicken farmers used to beg us to spread the chicken manure all over these fields."

#### Money down the toilet

Dykers, who has lived on his farm since 1964, said the chicken manure fertilizes fescue grass. Now, those chicken farmers can sell their manure elsewhere for profit, but the fescue grass on Dykers farm remains — that's where the peecycle comes in.

Urine contains important nutrients for plant growth including carbon, phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen. All those nutrients are ideal for fescue grass growth.

And it's free — something proving especially

useful during time of rising inflation and ongoing supply chain issues driving up costs of commercial fertilizers. In fact, the cost of some commercial fertilizers has risen

Dykers

300% in the last three years, according to the American Farmers Bureau.

By Dykers' calculations, that makes his urine worth about \$2 per gallon.

"Now every time we have to pee when we're out somewhere else it feels like we're literally flushing money down the toilet," Van Camp said.

If you're still skeptical about the practice, well, Dykers is too. He says he's still in the testing phase because it may take several more months or even years to get enough data to measure significant results from peecycling.

But he remains optimistic because of what he's read about in the Times and other outlets about the benefits. One study in the West African country of Niger found the use of peecycling increased crop yields by more than 30%.

The benefits are more than just personal, it's global. As climate change creates more uncertainty for farmers, preserving urine is a sustainable, local alternative to synthetic fertilizers.

According to Rich Earth Institute, which advocates for "reclaiming the nutrients from our bodies as elements in a life sustaining cycle," the average adult produces between 100 and 150 gallons of urine per year, containing about nine pounds of nitrogen and 0.8 pounds of phosphorus. If that urine were used to fertilize grain, this is enough to grow wheat for making a loaf of bread every day of the year.

Rich Earth Institute isn't some fringe advocacy group, either. It has academic or financial backing from the likes of the U.S. EPA, the University of Michigan and the National Science Foundation, among others. The organization boasts it's saved more than 1.8 million gallons of water since 2013 through peecycling.

The practice of peecycling has already made headway in Vermont, where Rich Earth Institute is headquartered. There, local farmers use urine to grow everything from flowers to giant ears of corn using pee collected by interested residents. They estimate that one adult peecycler

can support 1/10th of an acre food garden.

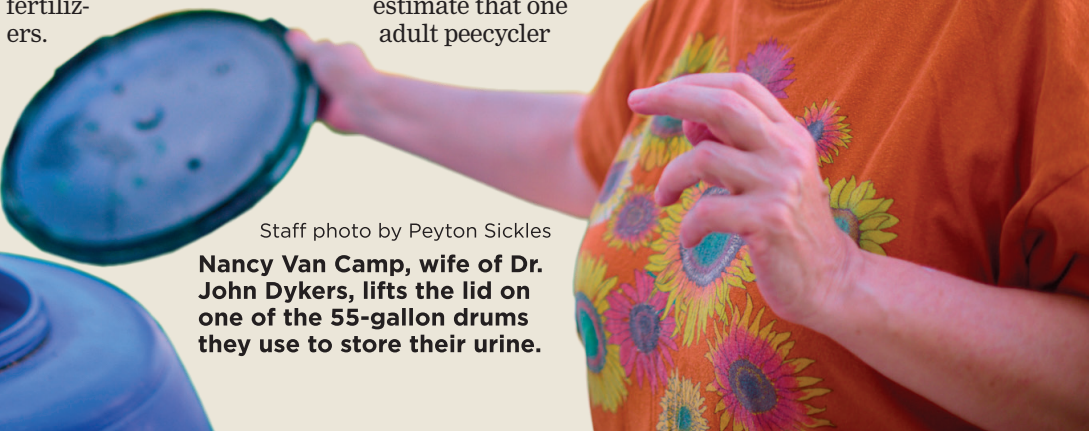
#### Urine luck

So backed by research, statistics and an experimental mind, Dykers and Van Camp are now proud peecyclers.

"You pee in a commode, but it's just as easy to pee in a cup," Dykers said. "That's how we capture it."

They each keep large plastic cups by their bedside and near the toilet for when they need to go. Those cups then get dumped in a five-gallon bucket, which they store in the shower. When the bucket fills, they dump it into the large drums outside. When those barrels are close to full, Dykers adds vinegar and acid to help neutralize the smell. It doesn't work too well, but

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Staff photo by Peyton Sickles  
Nancy Van Camp, wife of Dr. John Dykers, lifts the lid on one of the 55-gallon drums they use to store their urine.

## IN SILER CITY

### Town set to acquire former bank building

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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SILER CITY — The building once housing Carter Bank & Trust in downtown Siler City is being repurposed by town government.

The town of Siler City has negotiated a deal to purchase the former bank building, located at 101 E. Raleigh St., for \$100,000, according to a document provided in an agenda packet for commissioners posted on Friday. The structure, owned by Peoples National Bank, has a tax value of \$257,709. It's been vacant since Carter Bank & Trust closed on Oct. 19, according to Town Manager Hank Raper.

The town began talking to representatives of the building's owners in January about acquiring the former bank.

"We're always pursuing new opportunities or ventures to provide better quality services to residents and doing that as efficiently and effectively as we possibly can," Raper told the News + Record Monday. "Carter Bank reached out to us originally, and we asked a few questions ... It's a big building, and that's something we'd want to entertain, if the price was reasonable."

The town plans to use the building for additional office space for administrative offices — including possibly its Parks and Recreation or Community Development departments. Raper said as the town continues to grow, the amount of staff and services for residents will also need to grow.

With the purchase of Carter Bank, Raper said he and staff are hoping to get in front of the inevitable growth coming to town hall.

"It's not a matter of if Siler

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## A HEALTH CHECKUP

### The new 'State of the County Health Report' is in. Here's why you should read it.

CN+R Staff Report

Chatham County's high infant mortality rate, increases in poor mental health and deaths from drug overdoses are among the priority areas named in the newly published 2022 State of the County Health Report.

The report — just six pages long, but full of charts, data points and links to other documents — is part of the county Public Health Department's stated commitment to a fair and inclusive Chatham County. It's produced in the years the county doesn't produce a Community Assessment (the 2021 version of which was published last year) and designed to provide up-to-date data on key health metrics, as well as updates on community health priorities set in the prior assessment.

Referred to as "SOTCH" by the health department, the report—available at [www.chathamcountync.gov/](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/)

healthreports — features the latest data on topics including health insurance, poverty and food insecurity. They line up with three Community Health Impact Priorities chosen in the last Community Assessment (Access to Comprehensive Health Services; Healthy Eating, Active Living; and Economic Resilience) and the three priority topics (Mental Health and Substance Use; Transportation; and Employment/Income).

The report, the department says, also provides updates on work done by the CCPHD's divisions and the Chatham Health Alliance and its subcommittees. Each SOTCH also focuses on an emerging issue, with this year's report providing updates on work done by both the CCPHD and community members on harm reduction and substance use prevention.

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## IN THE HOUSE | THE CN+R Q&A

### Reives talks voting, development and more

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — If you're the Democratic Leader of the N.C. House in the midst of a busy (and sometimes contentious) legislative session — working on your own bills and rallying support on both sides of the aisle for legislation you believe in — you're in near non-stop motion.

That's how Rep. Robert Reives II, who represents Chatham County and a portion of Randolph in Raleigh, is these days. North Carolina is a busy place, and that's reflected in the halls of the Legislative Building on West Jones Street. Gov. Roy Cooper's state budget, released last week, is just one of dozens of issues occupying Reives' days and nights.

Reives, 52, has held a seat in the General Assembly since 2014. As House Minority Leader, one of his most difficult responsibilities is keeping members of his party unified. But there are other onerous tasks, as well as those in which he delights. At the end of a long day in the legislature last week, Reives spoke with the News + Record about a number of topics.

The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

#### Let's start with the announcement of VinFast's production delay. Any insight on your end about it?



Reives

I've not seen anything that makes me think that we're not still a "go," and that everything is in good shape. I think all of us agreed, including VinFast, that they had an aggressive schedule. And had things just gone perfectly, I think they probably still would have been able to stay on schedule.

I don't think this delay is something that would cause me concern.

#### You've co-sponsored the "Freedom to Vote Act," joining Democrats in both the House and Senate to address voting rights ...

Yes, because I think that the bill tries to take into account the realities of today. And by the realities of today, I mean that you have to think about how we operate as a society.

People are working two jobs a lot;

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## ON THE AGENDA

• The **Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 27, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

## OTHER

• **Siler City's City Hall** is currently under renovation. The Planning and Community Development Department is now located on the first floor and can be accessed through the front door to City Hall (door facing North Second Avenue). Public parking is available in the town parking lot located along the 100 block of East 3rd Street (parking lot is located between North 2nd Avenue and North Chatham Avenue).  
• In recognition of Women's History Month in March, **Chatham Community Library** will host a virtual film screening of *Storming Caesars Palace* (2022). This program is free and open to the public. Access to the virtual screening is available now, by visiting: <https://www.wmm.com/virtual-screening-room/storming-caesars-palace-watch-page-chatham-community-library>. A password is required at the time of viewing. Those who are interested may contact [social.library@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:social.library@chathamlibraries.org) or

thamlibraries.org to request the password or for additional information. The library has purchased a hard copy of the film if residents who wish to see the film miss the virtual screening window.  
• The **Goldston Public Library** announces new events during March for the Chatham County community to enjoy. Goldston Pop-up Art Gallery runs through Friday, March 31. In celebration of Youth Art Month, the library will display art pieces from surrounding Chatham County schools (JS Waters, Bennett, Bonlee, and Chatham Central), throughout the library.  
• The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) of the **Chatham Community Library** announces a Teen Poetry Contest. Local teens in grades 6-12 are encouraged to submit an original poem using any poetic form. Submissions will be accepted through April 15. Participants should email their submission to Kathleen Pierce, Youth Services Library Assistant and TAB advisor. TAB members will judge the submissions. Three \$25 gift cards to McIntyre's Books in Pittsboro will be awarded. Prizes for the Teen Poetry Contest are sponsored by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library. For more information, individuals may visit the Chatham County Public Libraries website [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org), or

contact Youth Services at [youth.services@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:youth.services@chathamlibraries.org).  
• **Wren Memorial Library** Learn About Food at Your Library: A Prepared Pantry for all Situations, Monday, March 27, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Join us for a presentation and food demonstration on pantry readiness from Registered Dietitian, Tara Gregory, from the N.C. Cooperative Extension - Chatham County Center. This event is made possible by the Chatham County Libraries Food Literacy Center Grant. Wren Memorial Library is located at 500 North 2nd Avenue, Siler City, and may be contacted at [wren@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:wren@chathamlibraries.org) or (919) 742-2016. Information about all Chatham County Library branches can be found at [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org).  
• **Chatham Community Library** is offering free in-person classes on Microsoft Excel in March. Class descriptions and a registration link can be found at [www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/ComputerClasses). Call 919-545-8086 or email [reference@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:reference@chathamlibraries.org) for more information. Microsoft Excel Basics, Part 2: March 27, Monday, 3:00 pm. Build on the concepts learned in Part 1. Hide, freeze, and filter data; use functions and formulas; work with charts; and more. Participants should have prior basic experience with Microsoft Excel.  
• The **Siler City Lions Club**

**meeting** for next month at Dry Dock Seafood Restaurant, 408 N. 2nd Avenue, will be March 28 at 6 p.m. Join the Siler City Lions Club. Come see how you can make a difference in the world and your local community. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [Silercitylions@gmail.com](mailto:Silercitylions@gmail.com) or call 910-624-5784. Together we serve!  
• Applications available for **Horton High School Alumni Association** Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. Descendants of a Horton High School alumnus or attendee of Horton High School are eligible to apply. High school graduates, college students and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Application is on our website: [hortonhighalumni.com](http://hortonhighalumni.com) Click: Scholarship - Deadline for application is June 1, 2023 - Text Helen Dark at 919-548-4578 with your questions.  
• **Community Meals:** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Pittsboro distributes two meals each week for the benefit of the community. From 12 to 1 p.m. each Thursday, the Pittsboro Community Lunch (in its 15th year!) provides healthy, ready-to-eat meals to all who come. Just arrive hungry! Then from 4:30 to 6 p.m. each Tuesday, the Chatham Chuckwagon provides cooked/frozen entrees that are ideal for quick dinners.

These meals are provided at no cost (although donations are welcomed!). Our volunteers invite you to join our efforts to preserve a caring and sharing community spirit. The church is located at 204 W. Salisbury St., Pittsboro. For more information, call 919-542-5679.  
• **Chatham County Parks and Recreation** invites the community to step into spring with The EGGstreme Spring Fling. This epic Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Carolina Community College's Main Campus located at 764 West Street, Pittsboro. Community members are invited to enjoy many different activities that The EGGstreme Spring Fling has to offer. There will be balloon twisting, hula hoops, glitter tattoos, and multiple other community organizations hosting other spring-themed activities, including the Maple View Mobile Ice Cream Truck. Starting at 11 a.m., there will be field games including a sack race and water balloon toss. Participants will have a chance to win a prize during these games. The egg hunts will begin at noon and will wrap up the event. The egg hunt will be tiered into age groups: under age 3, ages 4 to 6, ages 7 to 9, and ages 10 and older. Community members are encouraged to bring their own baskets for the egg hunt.



## NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-322 the Chatham County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law.

### PURPOSE OF MEETING

To hear upon request, any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in Chatham County, with respect to the valuation of such property or the property of others, to schedule hearings, and to fulfill duties and responsibilities required by law.

### TIME OF MEETINGS

The Board will convene Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at 12 East Street, Pittsboro NC. The Board will be open to receive appeals of value and will adjourn on April 27, 2023, at 5:00 PM. At that time the Board adjourns, no additional appeals can be accepted by the Board of Equalization and Review for tax year 2023.

Those individuals with written requests for hearings received prior to 5:00 PM on April 27, 2023, the advertised date for adjournment of the Board of Equalization and Review, will be notified when and where to appear for their individual hearings.

In the event of earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this newspaper.

The schedule for the hearing of appeals timely filed will be posted at the Office of the Assessor, serving as Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review.

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## CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT

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# Pittsboro hires Jonathan Franklin as town manager

## Town Engineer Kent Jackson will serve as interim

BY TAYLOR HEEDEN  
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PITTSBORO — The town’s board of commissioners voted unanimously last Tuesday to hire Jonathan Franklin as Pittsboro’s new town manager. He will begin his tenure on May 1. “Mr. Franklin has served the communities of Newton, Louisburg and Maysville with distinction and brings those experiences and talent to us,”

Mayor Cindy Perry said. “His expertise with utility infrastructure is key to our future.”

Franklin’s appointment comes after seven months of searching for a full-time manager after Chris Kennedy resigned from the position back in August. Franklin has worked as the city manager for Newton since last May. He previously served as the town administrator for Louisburg from 2015 until his tenure in Newton.

“The board and I welcome him, his family, and his keen interest in helping Pittsboro address growth,” Perry said. “We have a shared vision to remain a vibrant and welcoming

community.”

Tuesday’s vote came after last Monday night’s closed session was recessed.

In a story in the Hickory Daily Record on Franklin shortly after his appointment for the city of Newton, he outlined three goals for the town: expand wastewater treatment, finish the city’s downtown streetscape project and focus on economic development efforts.

Franklin was able to secure \$34 million for Newton’s wastewater treatment plant project within the first three months of his tenure there, authorize the installation of new water, sewer and road infrastructure

in Newton, and help bring more businesses to the city’s downtown district.

Franklin told the Daily Record he saw each goal as “an economic development issue,” which needed to be addressed before industries and businesses could establish themselves in a community.

“Anywhere from having an industrial site to making sure the city is walkable,” he was quoted as saying. “I mean, it’s all economic development. Folks who are industry people, folks moving in for retail, whatever it is, they’re going to look at what the community looks like, the quality of life and all the things that make up

key core city services.”

In the meantime, Pittsboro commissioners have appointed Kent Jackson to serve as the interim town manager until Franklin’s first day in May. Jackson will resume his role of town engineer when Franklin begins in May.

“We have an extremely talented and committed staff and board,” Jackson said in a statement after his appointment. “My top priority is to support them, collaborate, and strive to reach our full potential. We’re all in.”

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# New bill could bring funding, recognition to Haw River Trail

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A proposed bill in the North Carolina General Assembly could bring additional funding, recognition and access to the Haw River Trail by designating it as an official state trail.

Senate Bill 100 would allow trail projects along the Haw River to be competitive in state grant funds and give it further recognition.

“Achieving the designation of a state trail will increase the opportunities for grant funds and will encourage trail use by increasing awareness,” said Sen. Amy Galey (R-Dist. 25), the bill’s primary sponsor, in a statement to the News + Record. “Conservation efforts for the Haw River are very important in part because it feeds into Jordan Lake, which is a drinking water source for hundreds of thousands of people.”

The bill already has bipartisan support and is also sponsored by Sen. Natalie Murdock (D-Dist. 20), who represents Chatham and a portion of Durham County in the General Assembly. A companion bill was also filed in the N.C. House of Representatives, House Bill 124, which also received bipartisan support, including from Rep. Robert Reives II (D-Dist. 54).

Both bills were approved in committee hearings — including unanimous approval by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Energy Environment —

and look slated to be passed this week (neither was officially approved by press time Tuesday).

The planned Haw River Trail corridor extends approximately 80 miles along the Haw River from Haw River State Park on the Rockingham-Guilford County line through Alamance County to Jordan Lake State Recreational Area in Chatham County.

There are 12 state trails in N.C. Being recognized as a state trail means it is recognized as part of a regional network and partnership. According to N.C. State Parks, a state trail is composed of multiple connected sections, and each section of the trail is sponsored by a state or federal agency, local government or private landowner.

That recognition also makes funding applications more attractive for grant applications. For example, in 2021 the General Assembly passed a one-time fund of \$29 million to “Complete the Trails,” but the fund was only available to officially recognized state trails.

One of the people instrumental in bringing the legislation to the legislative floor was Gretchen Smith, president of Friends of the Lower Haw River. Two years ago, Smith helped form a steering committee to help Chatham County begin designing its portion of the Haw River Trail. She saw nearby trails like Deep River Trail get state designations in recent years and wanted similar recognition for the Haw.

“I had been working on a draft bill,” Smith said. “I always figured when you’re asking someone to do something, it’s easier to go ahead and do the work and draft something.”

She drafted her bill based on the legislation of other nearby trails that had been recognized as state trails, then brought it to the desk of Sen. Galey. The man who got it on her desk was Bill Holman, a Pittsboro resident and N.C. director of the Conservation Fund, which aids state and federal agencies with conservation projects

“I think the legislation really complements the efforts already underway by the county to provide more trails,” Holman said. “With the rapid growth in the county, it’s really important to conserve some areas and provide outdoor recreation.”

Holman said he believes the bills have bipartisan support because of growing interest in trails in the wake of the Covid pandemic. With people looking to get outside more, trails offered a refuge for exercise and recreation. Usage of trails has continued at high rates, even after the peaks of the pandemic surge have passed.

Smith said it was fitting S.B. 100 was introduced on Valentine’s Day because the bill was a labor of love for the trail she’s devoted so much time and energy toward. But the real symbol of love would be seeing the bill become official — making Haw River Trail the 13th

official N.C. State Trail.

“There’s a status and recognition that you get from being designated a state trail,” Smith said. “It carries more marketing clout.”

Holman said Haw River Trail was worthy of becoming lucky number 13 because of the substantial investment already put into the trail by Alamance and Chatham counties. The trail also serves as a connector between two state parks: Haw River State Park and Jordan Lake State Park.

The other advantage is the Haw River Trail could work with N.C. State Trail Planners to assist with technical assistance, design, marketing and more on trail projects for the Haw.

Ben Rippe, Chatham County Parks and Recreation trails and open space planner, would work directly with state trail planners in the Haw River. He said getting the designation would bring a huge boost to the county by giving it outreach potential and a better way to engage with stakeholders.

“State Parks would kind of take [the trail] under their wing once sections are completed and designated,” Rippe said. “So they would have it on their maps, advertise access points, trailheads, destinations, etc.”

Rippe began working with Chatham County in January, and previously served alongside state trail

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City is going to grow — it’s a matter of when and how soon,” he said. “There’s no doubt we’re going to need the space, but getting an opportunity to get in and get something that’s already built and well constructed at a very reasonable price, before prices rise, gives us the time to not only get in the building, but to make the improvements that are necessary.”

The building is more than 6,500 square feet in

size and completed maintenance on its roof and HVAC last year by the bank’s owner, according to Raper. With the bulk of crucial work completed to make the building move-in ready, Raper said only cosmetic renovations remain.

“The building is in good shape, structurally, but it looks like the ‘70s if you walk in,” he said. “It’s got that beige, tan wallpaper, some thick plush carpet to match and the spackled ceilings, so it needs some work — but it’s on the cosmetic side.”

Raper said he’s leaning toward relocating Parks and Recreation to the new location so the public can regain access to the Fitz Community Center, where the department operates now. He also said he was considering moving Community Development Director Jack Meadows and his staff there, too.

In the future, Raper said it may become necessary to move more departments to East Raleigh Street as the town’s population and number of employees increase. “As the town grows,

it can really be a complex space,” he said. “As the town grows, Town Hall is going to have to have fewer and fewer departments because the departments that are here are going to get bigger ... There’s nothing about that building (Carter Bank) that’s set up so we can only serve this certain department — it can become usable by many different departments over a long period of time.”

Raper said this allows town staff to get a head start on preparing for inevitable changes com-

ing to the town’s departments and employees. The town doesn’t need the extra space “today or tomorrow,” he said, but it will become necessary as people and industries — including Wolfsped, already working to develop its facility at the Chatham Advanced Manufacturing site off U.S. Hwy. 64 — make their way to west Chatham.

“The town is always looking for proactive solutions to solve the problems of today and tomorrow,” he said. “We don’t want to have to

say, ‘We need to go build a building because our staff has nowhere to go.’ You already have the site already bought, renovated and operational and getting it done now will save the town a lot of money down the road.”

There isn’t an official start date for the cosmetic repairs to start on the town’s new property, but Raper said renovations should occur in a six- to 12 month-long timeframe. If supply chain shortages or change orders placed on the projects, it could take even longer to complete the renovations.

“If you start and you have all of your supplies and materials on time or all your contractors come and everything goes according to plan, it could only last six months,” Raper said. “But if work is done wrong and has to be redone, or we get in there and something Carter Bank told us was great about this building isn’t right, where we’ll have to do a change order to the project, will result in a delay.”

Raper said this is a step in the right direction for the town, and he hopes this proactive purchase will help set the town up for success when adding staff in the future.

“It’s a long-term investment,” he said. “It’s something we’re really excited about acquiring and utilizing, but we’re not moving in tomorrow. We’re gonna take our time and make sure we do this project right.”

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# VIEWPOINTS

GUEST COLUMN | BUCK RYAN

## Echoes of shock and awe about the war



**BUCK RYAN**  
Columnist

There's something about shock and awe that sticks with you. Twenty years ago, my workshop for newspaper journalists at a conference center outside Warsaw, Poland, was interrupted with the breaking news that the U.S. and "a coalition of the willing" had invaded Iraq. As that coalition included 900 troops from Poland, you can only imagine my awe when the workshop's format got flipped on its head. Suddenly the top editors of Poland's newspapers started interviewing me — an American — for articles about the meaning of the invasion. "The first casualty of war is truth," I told them, so be careful of whatever you think is

"news," especially in the early days of a conflict. It's not an original idea, as the quote has echoed through history since Aeschylus (525 B.C.-456 B.C.), the Greek father of tragedy on stage.

But it was the best I could do, and it satisfied the journalists, including a group from Ukraine who had traveled 16 hours by car. Later I was sent a copy of a newspaper article with a nice photo of me and the quote in Polish.

I had booked the workshop far in advance knowing I would be free of teaching duties on Spring Break 2003. Day by day, leading up to my departure, I could see the war coming. As I traveled through airports, the screaming front-page headlines were eerily the same: "The Last Chance."

President George W. Bush had traveled to the Azores islands off Portugal to announce

with European leaders that they were giving Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein, the last chance to give up his weapons, including those of mass destruction.

One British newspaper delivered an alternative view with its own screaming headline, "The Last Charade." And, indeed, Bush made the fateful decision to invade Iraq with "shock and awe" blazing from March 19 to 21, 2003.

So began one of America's longest wars, which officially ended twice (2009, 2011) after "mission accomplished" (2003), though we still have U.S. troops in Iraq.

Over the years Bush deflected questions about the Iraq War's impact, saying it would take at least 20 years to know. Well, 20 years is up.

Any reflections on the meaning of America's wars must begin with heartfelt thanks

to those who served and their families, especially those whose loved ones lost a piece of their bodies or minds, or their lives. Then we must pay our respects to all the civilians who died or were injured. War is hell — no originality there, either.

If you have not binge-watched the television series "Turn: Washington's Spies," I highly recommend it, as the episodes cast light on war and the press from our violent, yet triumphant, beginning. Little has changed, really.

As I have often lectured to my Journalism 101 students, they must be loyal to truth, though that's easier said than done. Truth has at least three dimensions: what people are telling you, what's really going on, and what can be seen from a historical perspective.

George Washington, the father of our country, could not have succeeded at war without

deception.

As painful as it is now, you can watch President Bush's national address on the rationale for the Iraq War, Vice President Dick Cheney's prediction of a short conflict on "Meet the Press" and General Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations on "facts" about weapons of mass destruction.

As the great Aretha Franklin once asked: "Who's Zoomin' Who?"

Were they duping us, or were they duped? No matter, the first casualty of war is truth. Just keep that in mind, as today you listen to "news" about the war in Ukraine.

*Buck Ryan is a journalism professor at the University of Kentucky. He is conducting a "participatory case study" of the Chatham News + Record, which he considers a model community newspaper.*

## Here's a prescription for getting well



**BOB WACHS**  
Movin' Around

A few days ago, I spent the better part of those days battling a tummy bug of some sort.

I'm not sure where this case of Montezuma's Revenge came from, since I haven't eaten in Mexico for some time. And I'd hate to think it came from the four pounds of chocolate-chip cookies I had over the weekend.

But wherever it came from, it was a tough nut. I've been told an animal of this description is making the rounds through the community, sort of a last "hurrah" to winter, and that lots of folks are in similar misery.

Fortunately things are on the upswing. Lots of liquids, sleep, soup and other aids go a long way in improving the general situation.

But when you're under the weather, at least when I'm under the weather, I do a lot of thinking and remembering, mixed in with the sleeping. And invariably, when I'm a sick little boy, I remember the days when I really was a sick little boy and my Mama would take care of me.

That's not to say I don't have a great nurse now when the need arises. She's super-attentive, anticipates many of my needs and is ever present with whatever. Her kind words and gentle hands go a long way toward recovery... and I've needed all that recently.

Now as I ponder the entire matter, I think the difference is that at my ripe old age of 39-plus I understand the situation, what needs to be done and how long it all will take.

But when you're 7 years old, all you know is you're sick and your tummy feels like the Packers are facing third and long, and all you want is for it all to go a-w-a-y.

So into that world I'd go, under my Mama's watchful eye, made even sharper because she was a nurse (professionally, not just as my mother). When I got the flu or galloping crud or whatever of the day, she'd pile me up in her big ol' bed, let me turn on her bedside radio (which was always tuned to WPTF, because that's where Bill Jackson was) and bring me Pepsi or Coke or whatever on a regular basis.

Then at the appropriate times there would be the necessary medicine but that was always chased with more Pepsi or Coke, and as often as I wanted, there were bowls of tomato or chicken noodle soup. And, to top it all off, she'd surround me with my stack of 10-cent comic books.

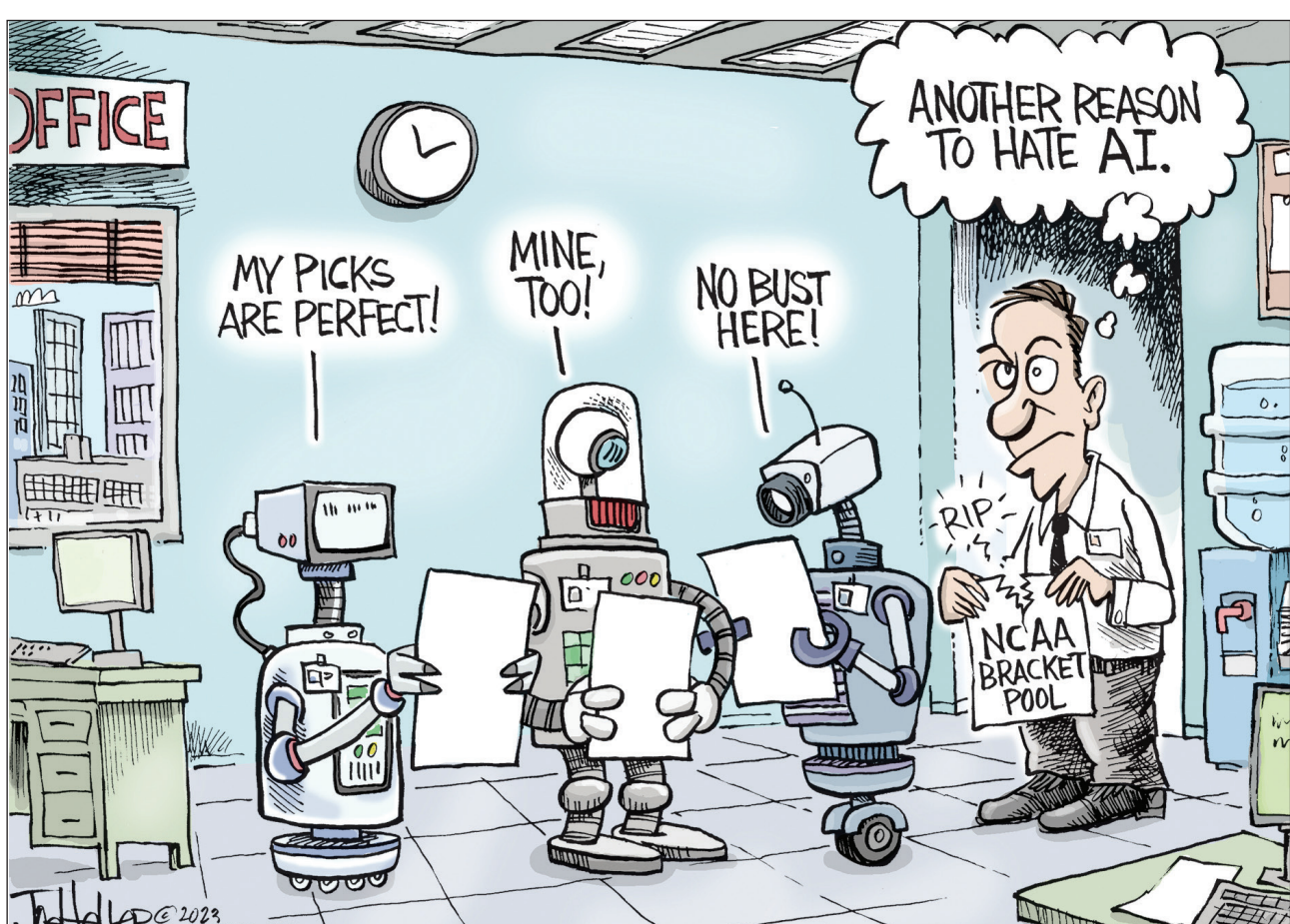
My only complaint about the comic books is that one day when I was home from college I ventured into the basement only to learn she'd done some early spring cleaning and trashed the comics. If I had them today they'd be worth considerably more than the dime I paid apiece for them.

I guess what I'm trying to say is being sick carries not only a physical dimension but the need for information and understanding. If you're ever under the weather, don't hesitate to ask questions, especially ones like "How much longer will all this last?" or "When am I going to feel better?"

And if you're the caregiver for someone who is under the weather, tie on another layer of patience and understanding. It won't last forever.

And if you've got a stack of Donald Duck or Bugs Bunny comic books lying around anywhere, give me a call. I know someone who could use them.

*Bob Wachs is a native of Chatham County and retired long-time managing editor of the Chatham News/Chatham Record, having written a weekly column for more than 30 years. During most of his time with the newspapers, he was also a bi-vocational pastor and today serves Bear Creek Baptist Church for the second time as pastor.*



## An appreciation for our taxes at work



**ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN**  
Hope Matters

A traffic light has been installed near my home. Will this new traffic light cost me time? Likely.

Yet, I couldn't be happier about it. The light is at a dangerous T in the road where traffic turns left and right onto a busy two-lane street. There have been many serious accidents, a few of which my kids and I have driven past. Surveying the wreckage, I've muttered, "We need a traffic light."

It's like someone waved a wand — "Your wish is my command!" My 5-year-old daughter says it is "magic."

Santa and the tooth fairy come to our home. How does the jolly man in the red suit make it around the world in one night? Magic! How does the tiny winged creature know to look under a pillow? Magic!

But a traffic light is not installed overnight. It happens because of hard-working people.

First, there was a study of the traffic flow in which black lines were laid across the road to count the number of cars. Further attention had to be given to the electric grid. Committees met to review the paperwork.

(I am a Presbyterian pastor, so I know committees can be hard work.)

As we travel this road nearly every day, the kids and I watched the traffic light going up. We marveled at the giant posthole diggers and cranes that lifted the huge wooden posts. We cheered the workers high in the air stretching cables across the road and electricians with handheld drills fitting small wiring.

These workers were outside in the heat and cold as the weather swung wildly over the past couple of weeks. Yet, every time we stopped, someone gave us a

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wave and a smile.

According to a "Frequently Asked Questions" document on the North Carolina Department of Transportation website, this traffic signal could cost upwards of \$100,000 and run up an electric bill of several thousand dollars a year. Our taxes will pay for all of it.

I think one of the reasons we complain about taxes is that you and I don't always see the direct benefit of our money, (even though we literally drive, eat, drink and bathe because of it every single day).

Now there is a new traffic light. It's only fair to point out that this is our tax money at work. And it's important to teach our children that, while some things are magic, others are a product of our democratic government working for us.

Yes, a traffic light will cost me in terms of my time and taxes.

But that child who believes in magic? Her safety is priceless.

*Andrew Taylor-Troutman is the pastor of Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church. His newly-published book is a collection of his columns for the Chatham News + Record titled "Hope Matters: Churchless Sermons."*

### LETTERS

#### Territorial dispute?

##### TO THE EDITOR:

I should be able to resist echoing the criticism of so many — but I can't. When Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis labeled Putin's war against Ukraine a "territorial dispute," the ridicule was rightly quick and sharp from his fellow republicans.

As Florida Sen. Marco Rubio explained to DeSantis, "It's not a territorial dispute any more than it would be a territorial dispute if the United States decided that it wanted to invade Canada or take over the Bahamas. Just because someone claims something doesn't mean it

belongs to them."

As Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina noted, "If Putin loses in Ukraine, then the world resets in all the right ways. If he wins in Ukraine and the west capitulates just like in the past, more conflict is coming. When it comes to Putin, you either pay now or pay later."

Texas Sen. John Cornyn added: "It's important for us to continue to support Ukrainians for our own security. The most effective way to keep American troops out of the line of fire is to help the Ukrainians stop Putin now, before his conquest moves even further west."

While touting his book, "The

Courage to Be Free," Mr. DeSantis ironically doesn't seem to understand or have the courage for what it takes to sustain freedom and democracy.

As our Sen. Tillis remarked in objecting to DeSantis' assessment, "There's a humanitarian crisis. There are war crimes being committed." The brutality of Putin's war should remind all of the failure of appeasement.

So, Mr. DeSantis, please don't follow the lies and mischaracterizations of Putin and Tucker Carlson. Let's leave "territorial disputes" to homeowner associations.

**Dennis W. Streets**

*Pittsboro*



# VIEWPOINTS

## Labor participation is falling again



**JOHN HOOD**  
John Locke Foundation

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics just released its latest jobs report for North Carolina and the rest of the country. As usual, the report contained a mixture of good news and bad.

First the good. Our headline unemployment rate of 3.8% isn't just low. It's much lower than our 5.3% average rate over the last decade. And it's way, way lower than the 14.2% spike we suffered during the Covid-19-induced Great Suppression.

Some of that historically low unemployment rate is attributable not to what is present — economic growth and robust job creation — but to what is absent.

In February 2020, just before the pandemic hit, 61.2% of working-aged North Caro-

linians were either employed or actively looking for a job. That rate plummeted to 56.5% in April 2020, then began to rebound. By March 2022, our labor-force participation had returned to its pre-COVID mark of 61.2%.

Alas, as of January 2023, it's back down to 60.4%. Roughly 6,000 fewer North Carolinians are working or actively looking for jobs now than was true last summer. In the workforce department, we're headed in the wrong direction.

Obviously this number is too low to constitute a crisis. About 5 million people are currently employed in North Carolina. In most sectors and communities, the challenge isn't finding a job. It's finding people willing to fill vacant jobs. That would be true even if we could woo those 6,000 missing workers back into the market.

Moreover, our recent downturn isn't unique. Labor-force participation has also dropped in our neighboring states of South Carolina, Georgia and

Tennessee, though it rose in Virginia. Nationally, the rate reached 62.5% last month, the highest since the onset of Covid.

In previous columns, I've pitched several ideas for inducing more people into the labor market. We need to induce more hard-working Americans to relocate to North Carolina in the first place.

As for our current population, we need more effective responses to pervasive substance abuse and mental illness. And we need to keep reforming our public-assistance programs to ensure the government doesn't present North Carolinians with disincentives to work.

The main point I want to make today, though, is that policymakers shouldn't take our continued success for granted. Has North Carolina had one of the fastest-growing economies in the country over the past four years? Yep. Are we experiencing another multi-billion-dollar surplus in state revenue? Yep. Has past

state legislation made North Carolina a national leader in tax reform, regulatory reform and school choice? Yep.

But many of our competitors have been innovating, too. Their economies are growing. Their government coffers are full, too. We can't afford to be complacent or self-congratulatory. We need to press ahead.

Pushing the policy envelope isn't about earning plaudits from national associations. It isn't about checking to-do items off a list. In this case, it's about bringing more North Carolinians off the sidelines of the labor market so they can find jobs that fit their skills and aspirations.

There are as many specific paths to happiness as there are individuals pursuing them. That being said, even the most meandering of paths will make some common stops. One of those stops is meaningful work. It's not just about the material benefits. To have meaningful work to do is to feel needed and have a sense of personal

agency. That's why fostering investment, job creation and entrepreneurship represents more than just an economic agenda. It's a humanitarian one.

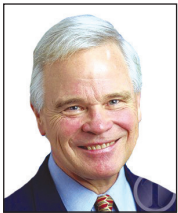
Government has a constructive role to play in creating the conditions for growth. It promotes public safety and the rule of law. It finances certain public goods that can't be provided by purely voluntary means. In performing these tasks, it should endeavor to keep its tax and regulatory burdens as low as possible.

"I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people," Calvin Coolidge said in his 1925 inaugural address. "Economy is idealism in its most practical form."

*John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member. His latest books, Mountain Folk and Forest Folk, combine epic fantasy with early American history (FolkloreCycle.com).*



## Did we learn anything?



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

Was it all in vain? Were the things we did over the last three years attempting to stem the Covid-19 epidemic worthwhile? Or was it a useless, unnecessary effort?

Novak Djokovic, probably the best tennis player in the world, was denied entry into our country to play in this month's Miami Open because he continued to refuse to be vaccinated against Covid.

His situation raised again the question of whether it was wise to require individuals to accept vaccination as a requirement for work or school.

And it raises the question of when and if people must wear masks in order to attend school or universities or to work or for other gatherings.

Did we overdo the restrictions that we imposed to restrict the spread of Covid?

The debate continues.

New York Times columnist Bret Stephens, writing in the Feb. 21 issue of The Wall Street Journal, defends critics of the mask requirements:

"But when it comes to the population level benefits of masking, the verdict is in: 'Mask mandates were a bust. 'Those skeptics who were furiously mocked as cranks and occasionally censored as 'misinformers' for opposing mandates were right. The mainstream experts and pundits who supported mandates were wrong. In a better world, it would behoove the latter group to acknowledge their error, along with its considerable physical, psychological, pedagogical and political costs.

"But whatever the reason, mask mandates were a fool's errand from the start. they may have created a false sense of safety — and thus permission to resume semi-normal life."

Are you persuaded?

Not so fast.



**TOM CAMPBELL**  
N.C. Spin

When the Affordable Care Act was passed it contained an option for states to extend Medicaid coverage to adults with an income up to 133% of the federal poverty level, beginning in January 2104. To date, 39 states have adopted the expansion, which provides for the federal government to pay 90% of the costs to enroll new recipients, with the states responsible for the other 10%.

North Carolina debated the expansion initially and determined not to participate for several reasons. The biggest was there was no guarantee that the 90% match would be permanent and North Carolina might have to eventually pick up those costs. Also, lawmakers were concerned about North Carolina's administration of Medicaid and wanted reforms, which they passed. So, nothing happened.

Roy Cooper made it a cornerstone issue in his gubernatorial campaign in 2016 and has been prodding our lawmakers ever since.

More and more states, both red and blue, decided to expand Medicaid, but our legislature wouldn't budge. Why? It appeared our lawmakers didn't care about people who couldn't afford health insurance. Other states were signing on to expansion, so why did North Carolina refuse to consider it? Then it dawned on me. It was political. Medicaid expansion had Barack Obama's fingerprints all over it, and North Carolina's Republican leaders in the legislature didn't want to do anything that might validate Obama.

Political polls have consistently shown that people support the expansion. A December 2022 poll indicated 78% favored expansion — even 64% of Republicans agreed. Hospitals across our state agreed to furnish the other 10 percent of the cost, meaning Medicaid expan-

sion wouldn't cost North Carolina taxpayers an additional cent. Hospitals acknowledged that people without health insurance show up in their emergency rooms for treatment of any and everything. ER service is the most expensive of most any treatment and hospitals realized it would save them money for more people to have health insurance and see regular docs.

Finally, in 2021 (after more than half the states had taken advantage of the federal dollars to help poor people) there was a crack in the iceberg. Legislative leaders finally recognized the inevitability of Medicaid expansion. Each house of the legislature had separate approaches. One would expand Medicaid, but in turn the state would revoke certificate of need laws, a provision hospitals wouldn't accept. Another chamber would expand Medicaid with the provision that the scope of practice for nurse practitioners and physician assistants be expanded, allowing them to have more authority to perform certain procedures. But doctors wouldn't agree to that notion. Back and forth, back and forth they argued, refusing to just pass a clean Medicaid expansion bill.

All the while, North Carolina was losing an estimated \$8 billion a year in federal funding — money that would have improved the health of many and kept them from clogging up our emergency rooms. You had to believe that if the House and Senate were really desirous of expanding Medicaid, they could have resolved the issue.

Finally, in early March the stalemate was breached. Credit Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger for making it happen. Certificate of Need laws would be modified. No scope of practice expansion was included, however, that is expected to be tackled later in the session.

There was widespread rejoicing. At last, our legislature was doing the right thing and would provide health insurance to 600,000 citi-

zens earning less than the federal poverty level. And hospitals will pay North Carolina's 10% match, meaning state taxpayers won't be on the hook for any more money.

But before you get out the balloons, streamers and celebration cake, you need to hear what the late Paul Harvey said is "the rest of the story." The measure lawmakers considered isn't a clean stand-alone bill. There are caveats. Medicaid expansion will be included in the budget bill that needs passing by June 30. If a budget isn't approved by that date, the whole expansion issue is dead.

Once again, our lawmakers are playing politics with people's health. They are setting Gov. Cooper up for a "truth or dare" scenario. You can be sure the budget bill that lands on Gov. Cooper's desk will contain lots of their conservative agenda. It might be abortion reform, perhaps more tax cuts, further reductions to executive powers ... perhaps all of the above or more.

Gov. Cooper will be faced with the real conundrum of signing a budget bill that contains many undesirable features, things that really shouldn't be included in a document that deals primarily with numbers. If he finds the budget noxious and vetoes it, he will have killed his signature campaign issue.

Further, there are enough votes in the Senate or overturn that veto and the House will only need one Democrat to join the override vote. Either way Gov. Cooper is being set up. It's partisan politics again.

I would like to think I'm wrong and that our legislative leaders have good motives to help those less fortunate, but call me a doubting Thomas.

Stay tuned.

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# REPORT

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“The SOTCH is not as in-depth nor as extensive as a Community Assessment, but it is still a key touchpoint for us as we work to improve health and well-being in Chatham County,” said Zachary Horner, communications specialist and public information officer for the CCPHD. “We hope community members, businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations and stakeholders can look to this report as a reminder of where, as a community, we’re succeeding and where we have opportunities to make improvements. For the Chathamite who wants a snapshot of where Chatham is right now, we encourage you to visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/healthreports](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/healthreports) and check this one out.”

Julie Wilkerson, the executive director of the Chatham Health Alliance, said the report “highlights the work our agencies are doing to further the wellbeing of our community based on the priorities identified by the Chatham community.”

“We hope that through this report we are staying transparent and accountable to the community and encouraging community members and agency partners to join us in addressing these health priorities,” Wilkerson added.

The News + Record spoke to Horner, who designed the report, to find out more.

## Why put together a report like this?

Not only is this a requirement for local health departments, it is a way to track progress on priority health topics, highlight initiatives of the Public Health Department and Chatham Health Alliance, and recognize emerging issues important to the health of our community. State of the County Health reports are due to the state each year health departments do not produce Community Assessments, which we did last year. However, the Community Assessment we produced was marked as 2021, so we decided to make this year’s report anyway. We also do it because 1) we like to and 2) data is critical to public health. There are 10 Essential Public Health Standards as promoted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and three of them have to do with assessment, investigation and communication of health issues. The Community Assessment does that in full, while this provides a yearly update.

## Tell us about what’s different in this year’s compared to past years.

There are certain things that have to be covered each year, like standard health outcomes data, updated data on previously determined priority areas, and updates on work done both by the Chatham County Public Health Department and our friends at the Chatham Health Alliance. The key difference this year — that it is focusing on new priorities from our recent Community Assessment. It also highlights the growing concern of substance use and overdoses.

## Is there a particular piece of data that stands out to you?

We were able to use updated data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the American Community Survey to provide information on a number of topics, including

percent of residents living in poverty and percent that don’t have health insurance. While Chatham County fares better than North Carolina in both respects, it’s important to remember that these overall numbers don’t tell the whole story. That’s where the SOTCH should always be viewed in the context of the previous Community Assessment and breakdowns of this data by race/ethnicity, age, geography, etc.

As far as a particular piece of data that stood out to me, infant mortality does. As the report states, and I’ll quote here: “Healthy moms and babies are a primary reproductive health goal and an area where the United States is not performing well. Chatham County’s infant health outcomes are relatively poor. The infant mortality rate in Chatham County from 2016-2020 was 9.4 per 1,000 live births, which was higher than North Carolina’s rate of 7 per 1,000 live births.”

## The report mentions a new program with the health department, the Safe Kids Chatham Car Seat Program. Why is this something the health department is pursuing and doing?

Research shows that proper car seat use reduces the risk for injury in a crash by 71 to 82% in children compared to just using a seat belt. Our trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians — we have five now, and they’re all amazing — provide car seat installation, education and inspection at no cost for anyone with small children, regardless of county of residence. As someone who has watched these folks work in educating my wife and me on car seat installation for our new baby, I can tell you firsthand that they are knowledgeable, compassionate and friendly. One key emphasis is installing it and using it correctly. It’s wild how many things on that car seat can be slightly misused and decrease safety. To learn more about this program, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/carseat](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/carseat).

I also want to give a shout out to our partner the Chatham Health Alliance and all the things they’ve been doing. See the full report to see everything, but I love the work they’ve been doing to get SNAP/EBT accepted at Chatham County farmers markets. It’s a key initiative to help make good, nutritious food available for more folks at affordable prices.

## The emerging issue in the report for 2022 is harm reduction and substance use. Multiple county agencies are working on lowering the number of drug overdose deaths and substance use prevention. What is the public health angle to this issue?

Generally, public health is concerned with health and well-being of people. Addiction and drug abuse affects people’s health and well-being. That’s why it’s a public health issue. A public health approach, or angle as you put it, is called harm reduction. The goal of harm reduction is in its name, literally trying to reduce the harm that people who use drugs may suffer from drug use and misuse.

We created a Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction Action Team within our department to bring folks from across the public health spectrum together to find solutions and take action to try to decrease these overdose deaths we continue to see, sadly, in Chatham County. We’ve produced a lot of new communi-

cations materials, both in print and online, and we’re upping our supply and availability of Naloxone, a medication that provides instant reversal to opioid overdoses. One of our social workers, Sam Owusu, has convened an advisory/outreach committee with community members who have lived experience with substance use. We are also in the final stages of hiring an opioid overdose prevention coordinator to oversee work we do on this issue and coordinate with other agencies, like Social Services and the Sheriff’s Office.

## Anything else we should know?

You can find this SOTCH and past SOTCHs and Community Assessments online at [www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth). And if you have any questions about anything you see in the report, you can always reach out to me at [zachary.horner@chatham-countync.gov](mailto:zachary.horner@chatham-countync.gov).

The Public Health Reports section of the CCPHD website has been updated to provide more space for Community Assessments, SOTCHs, and other reports, like the department’s new topical reports, two-page documents providing key data and available resources in a number of areas.

To learn more about the Chatham County Public Health Department, visit [www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/publichealth) or [www.facebook.com/chatham-health](http://www.facebook.com/chatham-health).

## COLLEGE HONORS

### UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

The following local students were named to the Fall 2022 Chancellor’s Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4. In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester.

- Faith Deering of Pittsboro
- Isabelle Moore of Siler City

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The following students have been named to the Dean’s List of Maryland, Global Campus, for the Fall Semester, 2022, located in Adelphi, Maryland. These students have earned at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

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# REIVES

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people have childcare issues ... It's just not as simple to go out and vote, even for people who are motivated to vote. And we're in a different world now; you have people going to the polls and experiencing voter intimidation ...

With the reduction in the number of voting sites in some areas, it just gets more and more difficult for people to vote. In my mind, I can't come up with a rationale reason why we would try to limit voting. We ought to be doing everything we can to encourage people to vote. We ought to be doing everything we can to make sure that everybody gets a chance to vote. I'd hate to think that because of someone's job situation or childcare situation, or because of the way they were treated — not by poll workers, but by people at the polls — that will stop them from voting.

**Other legislation being considered in Raleigh and elsewhere, such as House Bill 43, addresses gender-affirming medical treatment for minors and other issues, and have been criticized by some for targeting LGBTQ children. More than 200 related bills have been filed nationwide so far this year. What's your take on this**

## specific bill?

Well, if you look at the way that bill is worded, I don't see how the bill is enforceable. You've got so many parts of the bill that are in conflict.

For me, I celebrate who we are as a country. And to properly celebrate who we are and where we've come from, I don't know how you avoid talking about *any* subject. We want to make sure people are free to discuss subjects that come up, because children are naturally curious, teenagers are naturally curious.

If they want to know why six million people were killed in Germany during World War II, we've got to be able to answer those questions. And I don't understand how we effectively serve that natural curiosity and make sure that these children are ready to go into the world by trying to make artificial limitations on what they can and can't discuss ...

And so I struggle with that. And I struggle with trying to micromanage education. And plus, I trust our school boards. School boards do a really good job of deciding what should be part of the curriculum. And one size does not fit all when it comes to what is good curriculum and really isn't good curriculum. I think that local people ought to be able to make decisions on their own, which — you know, the whole time I've been in office

— my position has been that as many decisions as we can keep local, we should keep local. We should step in only when we feel there's a problem that we really need to address that can't get addressed otherwise.

## You've put together a bipartisan economic development trade caucus. What do you hope it will achieve?

I'm incredibly excited about it. And I'm glad that we've gotten so much support so quickly. And it's a true bipartisan effort ... We want to focus on companies here in the state, but at the same time we want to have an international focus. We want to be able to engage with these companies to find out better ways to recruit because we're in a global economy. And when you're recruiting companies, you're recruiting against everybody in the world. What I'd like to accomplish is to find ways to make us more attractive to outside investors, number one, and number two, also to help us bolster North Carolina companies that we can help grow.

I'm glad we're [N.C.] number one in business this year; I want us to stay number one. But it's going to take a whole lot of work to keep us on top ... And so now we've got to figure out what we do well, and keep doing that, and think about the other things we need to do.

## More from Reives:

**On the two years remaining in Gov. Cooper's term:** “Whatever your political party, Roy Cooper has been really good for us, as a governor; I would make the argument that he's been a great governor, we have had an unprecedented boom, under him.”

**On “getting political”:** “At some point, we've got to stop the direction that we're going as a state, as a country, when it comes down to politics. I mean, things have just gotten ridiculously political. Ultimately, government's supposed to be about trying to help people, helping citizens, and it shouldn't be about trying to do things to entrench yourself in power, or trying to make sure that your will override everything else. And to me, the concern I have going into 2024 is anything that lends itself toward a belief system that every person should *not* have a voice in our government. Government should be less intrusive instead of more intrusive in the lives of the citizens.”

**On the freshman class of legislators:** “Every session has been good because we've got a really incredible group of freshmen. I actually had some Republican lobbyists talking to me today, coincidentally, who made the same observation I did. And they were talking about how they're so business savvy; they're well rounded. And

they're policy people. That's not a knock against any of the previous classes. But I do think that we have a group this year, that is surprisingly — they're inexperienced in serving in *this* role, but they do bring a wealth of experience from different roles ... county commissioners, city council members ... and they really, really get it. So whatever negatives may be going on, in my mind, in the General Assembly, it's really great to see good public servants and to have a chance to serve with them. And they have been outstanding, they make you really remember what you're doing this for and what it's all about.”

**On how the people of N.C. should see the General Assembly:** “This is a time where people really, really and truly should pay attention to their government. My concern is not who's in the majority, or who's not majority, or who's ruling. My concern is keeping the fundamental structure of our government as it is. So I hope that people, the voters, really pay close attention. It can't be about your party; it's got to be about making sure that the institutions stay where they are. We take a lot for granted, because we do live in such a great country. We just have to be careful that everything that makes this country great is allowed to continue to push and prosper.”



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

# REUSE

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he says it's better than nothing. The acid also helps make the pH of the urine more basic.

“We bought special contraptions for carrying the buckets outside,” Van Camp said. “I don't want to throw my back out carrying this big bucket, but I especially don't want to spill.”

Van Camp said the couple fills up the shower bucket roughly every three days.

In an early experiment, Dykers sprayed about 130 gallons of urine onto a three-acre patch to monitor the growth. He and Van Camp said there hasn't yet been a noticeable difference yet, but that doesn't mean they'll stop.

Since the early experiment, Dykers said he's evolved his technique

through further research. For example, the New York Times article that first piqued his peecycle interest said the pee should sit for at least six months to pasteurize.

A University of Michigan study found aging urine makes it lethal to the worst bacteria. When urine is set to age in plastic jugs for six months or more, it becomes increasingly inhospitable to a wide range of microbes, the study found.

## Pee-tential so-loo-tion

If his experiments prove successful, Dykers hopes this can become a model for the rest of the county. As industrial, commercial and residential developments — think WolfSpeed, VinFast and Chatham Park — take off, more and more people will be using local water sources. Dykers said preserving that water by any means necessary will be vital for ensuring environmental sustainability moving forward.

It's no secret that wastewater treatment facilities, particularly in Chatham County, are overburdened; growth coming to the county threatens to worsen that issue. While peecycling is far from a full solution to the problem, Dykers believes it may alleviate some of impending water issues.



Staff photo by Peyton Sickles

**Several large drums lay adjacent to Dr. John Dykers' Siler City home. The 55-gallon barrels are full of urine he hopes to use as fertilizer once it pasteurizes.**



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## Dr. John Dykers

When the couple tell their friends and neighbors what they're up to, they often get brushed aside and laughed at.

“As we get more and more desperate,” Van Camp said, “I hope people start to say, ‘If my pee can be useful then let's do it.’”

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# BILL

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planners as the Piedmont Regional Trail Specialist for N.C. State Parks. Recently, Rippe and the county partnered with the Triangle J Council of Governments to conduct a feasibility study for the Haw River Trail.

According to the county website, this study will identify opportunities for the development of land-based trails along the Haw River from the Alamance County border to Jordan Lake. It will also identify opportunities for further development of the paddle trail along the Haw River in Chatham County (more information about the study is available at [www.chathamcountnc.gov/government/departments-programs-i-z/parks-recreation/coun-ty-parks-trails/haw-river-fer-sibility-study-or](http://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-i-z/parks-recreation/coun-ty-parks-trails/haw-river-fer-sibility-study-or) contact Rippe at ben.

[rippe@chathamcountnc.gov](mailto:rippe@chathamcountnc.gov)).

The extra resources a state trail designation would bring are sorely needed for the Haw River Trail, Smith said. That's especially true of the Chatham County portion of the planned trail, which Smith believes lags behind the Alamance County portion because Alamance has employed a trail planner for the Haw River Trail for several years.

“The Chatham County portion of the trail is all private land,” Smith said. “The lack of public access makes it hard for people to come to.”

The trail does have limited public accesses provided by the county parks and recreation department, but some are less than ideal. For example, one public access is along Chicken Bridge Road, which Smith said is steep and occasionally dangerous after heavy rains.

“Having state trail

designation would make it more appealing for private landowners to want to work with us,” she said.

Securing private properties through state funds is how the trail will continue to develop because land acquisitions and easements will be needed to build the trail corridor. Improving public access and bringing more funding to Haw River Trail would also allow for sustainable design by minimizing harm to existing ecosystems, Smith added.

“This designation would build some political will and some social will,” Rippe said. “This is a desired resource for the community and getting that designation really puts a stamp on the map for Haw River in Chatham, Alamance and Guilford County.”

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# OBITUARIES

LINDA DAGENHART MOORE



Linda Dagenhart Moore, 74, of Liberty, died Thursday, March 9, 2023, at her residence.

Memorial services were held at 3 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023, at Whites Chapel Community Church, with Rev. Michael Mills officiating.

Linda was a native of Alexander County and longtime resident of Liberty. She was retired from AT&T and had a long career starting with Southern Bell and Bell South. Linda would meet on every Monday at Red Cross Wood Carving where she would do woodburning. She loved shopping, gardening, her flowers, and decorating. Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Dagenhart, a brother, Barry Barnes, and sister Sandy Milsap.

Surviving is her husband, Marshall Allen Moore of the home; sons, Stephen Allen Moore and wife Vicki of Asheboro, Richard Wayne Moore and wife Kristy of Liberty, Adam Thomas Moore of Asheboro; a sister, Nancy Randolph and husband Clarence of Burnsville; and brothers, Wayne Barnes and wife Claudette, Andy Barnes and wife Cinda, all of Taylorsville; and grandchildren, Marshall Douglas Moore, Makaela Mabe, Justin Noah, Kaitlynn Moore, and Ethan Moore.

Condolences may be made online at [www.lofinfuneralservice.com](http://www.lofinfuneralservice.com).

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Randolph, 416 Vision Dr., Asheboro, N.C. 27203.

ARTHUR ‘ARTIE’ ROSS BARBER JR.



February 8, 1965 ~ March 17, 2023

Arthur “Artie” Ross Barber Jr. passed away on March 17, 2023.

Artie was known for his love of life, most often expressed through laughter, loyalty and even mischief. Artie’s heart was influenced by his mother, Charity, and his father, Arthur. Their kindness and compassion were reflected through him in the way he took care of his brother, Terry, the special bonds he maintained with his friends, and in his adoration for his son, Noah, Artie’s pride and joy.

Artie was a friend to all, possessing the unique gift of making others laugh and be happy. His relentless pranks and joking around were trademarks to help us realize we could poke fun at ourselves and love one another in countless ways. He was passionate about serving others, most often without their knowledge. He would pay for others’ meals or deliver groceries to their doors, and no one would know it was him. A lifelong resident of Carthage and a graduate of Union Pines High School and Appalachian State University, Artie fulfilled his goal to follow in his dad’s footsteps of working in fire prevention, eventually serving as a fire marshal inspector for Chatham County until his retirement. He was also elected and served on the Carthage City Council, as well as several other volunteer positions. His impacts on family, friends, and his community will be missed, but always remembered with a smile.

Proverbs 3:27-28 is illustrative of Artie: “Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.” We’ll miss you, Bud. Thank you for the memories!

Artie was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Ross Barber and Charity Troxler Barber. He is survived by his son, Noah Ross Barber; brother, Terry Michael Barber as well as several cousins, aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1838 Bethlehem Church Road, Carthage, followed by the funeral service. Interment followed at Cross Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, N.C. 28374, or Carthage Fire and Rescue, 4396 U.S. Highway 15/501, Carthage, N.C. 28327.

Services entrusted to Fry & Prickett Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [PinesFunerals.com](http://PinesFunerals.com).

LEON SMITH



December 11, 1944 ~ March 16, 2023

Leon Smith, 78, of Siler City, passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Mr. Smith was a Chatham County native, born on December 11, 1944, the son of Harvey and Jennie Clark Smith. He was a proud U.S. Army Veteran. Leon attended Rocky River Baptist Church. He liked to get outside and go fishing and play with his dogs. Leon enjoyed sitting down to a good western movie or listening to Elvis Presley sing, however the thing he loved the most was spending time with his granddaughters. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Gene Smith.

Leon is survived by his wife of 55 years, Chon “Sue” Smith; daughters, Tina Burwell and husband Jeff of Staley, Connie Kidd and husband James of Siler City; brother, Wayne Smith and wife Edie of Siler City; sister, Sue Clark and husband Tommy of Staley; three grandchildren, Jenna Burwell, Lucy and Leah Kidd; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Rocky River Baptist Church with Dr. Greg Burriss and Rev. Jim Wall officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. The family received friends following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be made to the Rocky River Baptist Church Scholarship Fund.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home assisted the Smith family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.smithbucknerfh.com](http://www.smithbucknerfh.com),

RUTH KOCH SOLOMON



Ruth Koch Solomon, age 103 of Pittsboro died February 28, 2023, at her home.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolee Eubanks and husband Billy of Pittsboro; son, Dr. Ronald Carter and wife Kathleen; grandchildren, Cameo Carter, Michael Carter, Jessica Smith, Tammy Grant, Muriel (Missy) Beckwith, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Pittsboro Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Memorials may be made to Pittsboro SDA Church, P.O. Box 339, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Services are entrusted to Fry & Prickett Funeral Home, Carthage, NC.

Online condolences may be made at [PinesFunerals.com](http://PinesFunerals.com).

JOHANN SCOTT COLEY

May 12, 1929 ~ March 12, 2023

Johann Scott Coley, 93, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at her daughter’s home in Hubert.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Lee Memory Gardens with Rev. Bob and Becky Albritton presiding.

She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Ora Moser Scott. She worked at Carter-Weber Corporation until her retirement. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Reece Coley and several sisters and a brother.

Johann is survived by Jacqueline Jones of Hubert; Bethany Stone, Madison Stone, Jordyn Stone, Rheanon Thomas, Jared Thomas, and Jaicey Thomas.

NORMA JEAN RICHARDSON

October 9, 1947 ~ March 13, 2023

Norma Jean Richardson, 75, of Chapel Hill, passed away Monday, March 13, 2023, at her home.

The funeral was held Friday, March 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Knotts Funeral Home in Pittsboro, with burial following that service, at Guilford Memorial Park.

TIMOTHY NEILL JOHNSON

Timothy Neill Johnson, 28, passed away March 10, 2023.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Broadway Presbyterian Church with Rev. Scott Yow officiating. Burial followed in the Broadway Town Cemetery.

Neill was preceded by his pawpaw Edgar, mawmaw Gail, his grandmother Mildred, and his grandfather Zeb O.

Neill is survived by his parents, Timmy and Robin Johnson; two daughters, Mac, Whitney and a bonus son, Abel; sisters, Brittany Kirk and Amber Johnson.

JERRY GEORGE DUNN

August 17, 1950 ~ March 14, 2023

Jerry George Dunn, 72, of Bear Creek, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at his home.

A private service will be held at a later date.

He was the son of George and Lucienne Perroux Dunn. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Christian Church and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He taught in public education

for five years and was a retired truck driver. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jason; step-daughter, Davina and his half-brother, Eric.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Jennifer Dunn of the home; daughter, Kyleann Bowers of Lexington; step-son, David Blankenship of Bear Creek; sisters, Tania Hanson-DeYoung of Alamo, Ca. and Annette Paolicelli, of Ca.; and two grandchildren.

ROBY GARLAND KIDD JR

December 30, 1940 ~ March 12, 2023

Roby Garland Kidd Jr., 82, passed away on March 12, 2023.

A funeral service was conducted at 3 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2023, at Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Neal Jackson and Rev. Roby Scott Kidd officiating. The family received friends prior to the service. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Thurman; sons, Tony Kidd and Scott Kidd, both of Asheboro, and Rodney Kidd of Carolina Beach; three grandchildren; his sister, Nancy Brady and brother, Bill Kidd.

Roby owned and operated Kidd Electric. He was a member of Beulah Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Beulah Baptist Church’s New Gymnasium Building Fund, 8454 Howard Mill Rd., Bennett, NC 27208.

CLIFFORD ‘ALBERT’ BROWN

June 24, 1938 ~ March 17, 2023

Clifford “Albert” Brown, 84, of Robbins, passed away on Friday, March 17, 2023, at FirstHealth Hospice.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Jason Whitehurst and Ken McDowell presiding.

Albert was the son of Arthur and Fronnie Morgan Brown. He was a member of Flint Hill Baptist Church and a barber in Robbins for 53 years. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Albert is survived by his wife of 60 years, Catherine Caviness Brown of the home; sons, Eddie Brown and Jamie Brown, both of Robbins; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 8454 Howard Mill Rd., Bennett, N.C. 27208.

JOHN ANTHONY GILMORE

John Anthony Gilmore, 54, of Sanford, passed away on Friday, March 17, 2023, at UNC Hospital.

The family received friends on Wednesday, March 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m. at Goldston Baptist Church.

He was the son of the late Harold Frankie Gilmore and Brenda Carol Gunter Gilmore. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a baby and two baby grandchildren. John worked many years in the sawmill industry prior to losing his eyesight.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Carla; children, Percilla Carol Martinez, Savannah Marie Gautier, Haley Renee Mauldin, Summer Grace Frankie Gilmore, Aaron Anthony Gilmore, Johnny Lee Gilmore, Jonathan Gilmore and Angel Proctor; siblings, Harold Joseph Gilmore, Frankie Renee Gilmore; and 11 grandchildren.

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## JUDY LYNN GERVAIS WICKER

Judy Lynn Gervais Wicker, 61, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh. There will be a service for family and friends at a later date. Judy was born in Vermont to Avis Garrett Gervais and Normand “Gus” Gervais. She was preceded in death by her father, her husband, Mark and brothers, Steven and Michael Gervais. Judy was a telecommunicator supervisor with the City of Sanford for 24 years. Surviving is her mom, Avis and a brother, David Gervais, both of Vermont.

## OLIVER EUGENE RICHARDSON

June 30, 1952 ~ March 19, 2023 Oliver Eugene Richardson, 70, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at his home. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at Smith Funeral Home in Broadway. The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Yow and Rev. Willie Bryant officiating. Burial followed in the Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. He was the son of the late Oliver and Evelyn Baker Richardson. A veteran of the United States Army, he retired from Triangle Brick with over 30 years of service. Surviving is his wife, Alice Fay Richardson of the home; daughters, Denna Tickle of Cameron, Tammy Graveen of Wilmington, Donna Davis and Wendy Thomas, both of Sanford; sons, Eugene Richardson Jr. of Cameron, Greg Thomas of Florida; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## MICHAEL SCOT RUSSELL

July 23, 1969 ~ March 19, 2023 Michael Scot Russell, 53, of Cameron, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2023 at his home. A Celebration of Life service will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 12 noon in the chapel of Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home with Rev. Scott Yow and Pastor Gary Ashley officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 11 to 12 p.m. at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home. He was the son of the late Helene Harriet Sims-Aldrich and Ronald Russell. Scot worked as a maintenance supervisor for Hawthorne Management Company and served his country in the U.S. Navy. Surviving relatives include his wife, Sandra Lynn Godfrey Russell of the home; his father, Ronald Russell and step-mother, Deborah Russell of Charlotte; step-sons, Robert Ferguson of Cameron and Samuel Medlin of Asheville; step-daughters, Emma Medlin and Katie Ann Medlin of Cameron; brothers, Jackson Aldrich of Whispering Pines and Jason Russell of Sophia; sisters, Allison Aldrich of Whispering Pines, Amy White of Gastonia; and two grandchildren.

## MARK KELLAM

Mark Kellam, 60, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Central Carolina Hospital. He was the son of the late Junior and Orene Goins Kellam. Mark is survived by his daughters, Tiffany Ann Sloan, Maigon Fisher, both of Broadway, Cesily Evans of Cameron; his life partner, Pamela Kellam; sisters, Dottie Gaines of Bear Creek, Shelia Burke of Olivia; and six grandchildren. A celebration of Mark’s life will be held at a later date.

## ALBERTA MCCLELLAND GOSCH

February 5, 1920 ~ March 12, 2023 Alberta Lucille McClelland Gosch, 103, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation. She was the daughter of the late Albert McClelland and Celestia Goode McClelland. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Donald R. Gosch, four brothers and six sisters. Memorial services will be held at a later date in New York. Surviving is her daughter, Donna Fenton of Sanford; sons, Douglas D. Gosch of Sanford, and Ronald W. Gosch of Fulton, N.Y.; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

## KATHRYN ELIZABETH GARRETT

May 12, 1951 ~ March 11, 2023 Kathryn Elizabeth Garrett, 71 of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2023. She was the daughter of the late Rev. James B. Garrett Sr. and Lucy Elizabeth Bennett Garrett. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, James B. Garrett Jr. Kathy was a retired registered nurse and a member of Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her daughters, Torri Smallwood of Oak Hill, West Virginia, and Katelyn James of Sanford; brothers, David Garrett of Winston-Salem, and Bob Garrett of Broadway; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service was held on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church with Rev. Doug Houston officiating. Inurnment will follow in the church cemetery. Memorial gifts can be made to the American Cancer Soci-

ety, the Humane Society, local food banks or to Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church.

## KENNETH ‘KENNY’ WAYNE ANDERS

May 3, 1957 ~ March 9, 2023 Kenneth (Kenny) Wayne Anders, died unexpectedly on March 9, 2023, at the age of 65. He is survived by his father, R.V. Anders of Goldston; daughter, Lenena Blake of West End; two grandsons; brother, Steve Anders of Oak Ridge; sister, Darlene Bristow of Greensboro. He is preceded in death by his mother, Faye Mashburn Anders and a sister. Kenny enlisted in the United States Army after high school. His tours included Germany and Switzerland. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. at Carbonton United Methodist Church on Friday, March 24, 2023, where Mike Seawell will officiate. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Carbonton U.M.C. at 5442 Goldston-Carbonton Road, Goldston, N.C. 27252.

## TISHA LASHONDA BROWN

March 23, 1981 ~ March 5, 2023 Staff Sergeant Tisha Lashonda Brown, 41 of Sanford, passed away on March 5, 2023, at UNC Chapel Hill Hospital. The funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 2023 at Blandonia Presbyterian Church with a Military burial following at 12 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2023, at Sandhills Veterans Cemetery at Fort Bragg.

## MARCELL DA-SHAWN EUGENE WOODARD

October 10, 2002 ~ March 9, 2023 Marcell Da-Shawn Eugene Woodard, 20 of Sanford, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at his residence.

The funeral service was held Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Fair Promise AME Zion Church, with burial following in Johnsonville Community Cemetery.

## CAROLYN ANN BALDWIN

December 3, 1942 ~ March 12, 2023 Carolyn Ann Baldwin, 80, of Sanford, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Central Carolina Hospital. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Knotts Funeral Home. Burial followed at Tempting Congregational Church Cemetery.

## LAWRENCE EDWARD SMITH

November 22, 1943 ~ March 11, 2023 Lawrence Edward Smith, 79, of Sanford, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Cary Health and Rehabilitation Center. The funeral service was held Friday, March 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Liberty Chapel Church, Burial followed in the church cemetery.

## DAVID ALLEN SHINE JR.

May 22, 1959 ~ March 14, 2023 David Allen Shine Jr., 63, of Sanford, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at Central Carolina Hospital. Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home.

## LEIGH ANN (THROOP) WOODS

April 23, 1967 ~ March 19, 2023 Leigh Ann Woods, 55, of Cameron, passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at Firsthealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. Services entrusted to Knotts Funeral Home in Sanford.

# Time for Financial ‘Spring Cleaning’

Now that we’ve put winter behind us — at least on the calendar — it’s time for us to think about sprucing up our homes, inside and out. But it also may be time to do some *financial* spring cleaning. Some of the same ideas involved in tidying up your home can also be used to help put your financial house in order. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Dust off your investment strategy.* As you look around your home, you might find that many items — tables, desks, bookshelves, and computer and television screens — could benefit from a good dusting. And, once you’ve accomplished this, you’ll get a clearer view of all these objects. Similarly, your investment strategy needs to be “dusted off” every so often, so you can see if it’s still working to help you move toward your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Over time, your personal circumstances and risk tolerance can change, and these changes may lead you to reexamine your future financial and investment decisions.
- *De-clutter your portfolio.* if you took a survey of your home, would you find duplicates or even triplicates of some things — brooms, vacuum cleaners, toasters, and so on? If so, it may be time to do some de-cluttering. And the same could be true of your portfolio — you might have several identical, or substantially identical, investments taking up space. If so, you might want to replace these redundancies with investments that can improve your diversification. While diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market, it may help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings.
- *Get organized.* If your closets are overstuffed, with clothes and miscellaneous items crammed on shelves and the floor, you may well have trouble finding

what you’re looking for — but with a little straightening up, your searches will become much easier. And when you’re trying to locate financial documents, such as investment statements or insurance policies, you’ll also benefit from having everything organized in one central location. Even if you get most of these documents online, you can save what you need and keep them in a file on your desktop, laptop or tablet. (And it’s also a good idea to tell your spouse, adult child or another close relative how these documents can be accessed, just in case something happens to you.)

- *Protect yourself from dangers.* If you look around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects — such as gardening tools, paint thinners, engine fluids and leaning ladders — that could be dangerous if they aren’t stored properly. As part of your spring cleaning, you’ll want to remove these hazards to safeguard yourself and your family. But have you addressed the various financial risks that could threaten your loved ones? For example, if something were to happen to you, could your family members maintain their lifestyle? Could your children still go to college? To guard against this risk, you may want to discuss protection strategies with a financial professional.

Spring cleaning can pay off — in a cleaner, safer home environment and in helping ensure your financial strategy continues to work hard for you.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

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# Viva Hydration’s grand opening

Owners Lucy Nunnery and Juliana Baca Roman cut the ribbon at the grand opening event for Viva Hydration March 11 in downtown Siler City. Shown, from left, are Jay Underwood, Nunnery, Roman, and the Chatham Chamber of Commerce’s Cindy Pointdexter.



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## LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 2023 E 000121** All persons having claims against **WENDELL WITHER-SPOON BHALLOU, JR.** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of March, 2023. Steven Ross Hamm, Administrator 603 6th Avenue, NE Conover, NC 28613 M2,M9,M16,M23,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 2023 E 000110** All persons having claims against **THOMAS HOWARD JONES** deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of March, 2023. Randy J. Shepherd, Executor 1081 Fearington Post Pittsboro, NC 27312 M2,M9,M16,M23,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 22 E 505** All persons having claims against **WILLIAM BERNARD WILBORN**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 2nd day of March, 2023. Joyce H. Elmore, Executrix 908 Bonlee Caribton Rd Bear Creek, NC 27207 M2,M9,M16,M23,4tp

**PUBLIC NOTICE Chatham County Schools' federal projects under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 are presently being developed.** Projects included: Title I (Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards); Title II (High Quality Teachers and Principals) Title III (Language Acquisition) Title IV ( Student Support and Academic Enrichment) McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education) Migrant Education Program Career and Technical Education High school students can enroll, without cost, in college credit classes through the Career and College Promise program. This includes Career and Technical Education pathways of study. IDEA (Students with Disabilities) The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2023-2024 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina.

These projects describe the programs that Chatham County Schools proposes for federal funding for the 2023-2024 school year. Non-profit private schools and interested persons are encouraged to review these federal guidelines for the above listed projects and indicate their interest in participation in the projects if qualified. These projects are being developed during April and May and are due to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on June 30, 2023. The initial Equitable Services for Private Schools meeting will be held virtually on April 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the office of Carol Little, Executive Director Federal Programs, at [cmittle@chatham.k12.nc.us](mailto:cmittle@chatham.k12.nc.us) or at 501 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Siler City, NC, 27344 by April 3, 2023.

Spanish version below: **Noticia pública** Estamos en proceso de desarrollo de los proyectos federales de las Escuelas del Condado Chatham bajo la Ley Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) de 2015. Los proyectos incluyen: Título I (Ayuda a los niños desfavorecidos económicamente a alcanzar altos estándares académicos) Título II (Maestros y directores de alta calidad) Título III (Adquisición del Lenguaje) Título IV (Apoyo Estudiantil y Enriquecimiento Académico) McKinney-Vento (Educación para personas sin hogar) Programa de Educación Para Familias Migrantes (MEP por sus siglas en Inglés) Educación técnica y profesional Los estudiantes de preparatoria pueden inscribirse, sin costo, en clases de créditos universitarios a través del programa promesa Career and College. Esto incluye vías de estudio de Educación Técnica y Profesional. IDEA (Estudiantes con Discapacidades) El Proyecto de la Ley de Educación para Individuos con Discapacidades (IDEA-Parte B, Ley Pública 108.446) está siendo enmendado.. El Proyecto describe los programas de educación especial que las Escuelas del Condado Chatham proponen para el financiamiento federal del año escolar 2023-2024. Se anima a las personas interesadas a revisar las enmiendas al Proyecto y hacer comentarios sobre la implementación de la educación especial bajo este programa federal. Todos los comentarios serán analizados antes de la presentación del Proyecto modificado al Departamento de Instrucción Pública de Carolina del Norte en Raleigh, Carolina del Norte. Estos proyectos describen los programas que las Escuelas del Condado Chatham proponen para el financiamiento federal del año escolar 2023-2024. Nosotros promovemos que las escuelas privadas sin fines de lucro y a las personas interesadas revisen estas directrices federales para los proyectos enumerados anteriormente e indiquen su interés en participar en los proyectos si califican. Estos proyectos se estarán desarrollando durante abril y mayo y deben presentarse al Departamento de Instrucción Pública de Carolina del Norte el 30 de junio de 2023. La reunión inicial de Servicios Equitativos para

Escuelas Privadas se llevará a cabo virtualmente el 6 de abril de 2023 a las 2:00 pm. Las partes interesadas se pueden comunicar con la oficina de Carol Little, Directora Ejecutiva de los Programas Federales, al correo electrónico [cmittle@chatham.k12.nc.us](mailto:cmittle@chatham.k12.nc.us) o en 501 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Siler City, NC, 27344 antes del 3 de abril del 2023. M9,M16,M23,M30,4tc

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 19 JT 61 IN RE: "D.A.D.M."** **DOB: 8/30/17** NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION TO: Luis Alberto Diaz/Biological father/Father/unknown father of the above male child, born in El Salvador to Rosibel Mejia Ventura PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from 3/9/23, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Orange County Clerk of Court. STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P. BY: /s/ ANGENETTE STEPHENSON Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 109 Conner Dr. Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 Telephone: (919) 869-7795 M9,M16,M23,3tc

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 20 JT 75 IN RE: "A.C.B."** **DOB: 8/11/13** NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION TO: Fred Sloan/any unknown father of the above male child, born at Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford, NC to Samantha Bierman. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed to terminate your parental rights to the above-referenced minor child. You have forty days from 3/9/23, the first date of publication of this Notice to respond to said Petition by filing a written answer to the petition with the Chatham Clerk of Court. Your parental rights to the juvenile may and will be terminated upon failure to answer the petitions within the time prescribed. Any attorney appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency proceeding and still representing you

shall continue to represent you. If you are indigent and not already represented by an attorney, you are entitled to a court-appointed attorney by contacting the Chatham County Clerk of Court. STEPHENSON & FLEMING, L.L.P. BY: /s/ ANGENETTE STEPHENSON Attorney for Petitioner, CHATHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 109 Conner Dr. Suite 208 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 Telephone: (919) 869-7795 M9,M16,M23,3tc

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE TO CREDITORS COUNTY OF CHATHAM** THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 14th day of February, 2023, as Executrix of the ESTATE OF **ROBERT M. SEIFERT aka ROBERT MICHAEL SEIFERT**, 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 12th day of June, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 27th day of February, 2023. JENNIFER DALMAN, EXECUTRIX ESTATE OF ROBERT M. SEIFERT aka ROBERT MICHAEL SEIFERT Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 M9,M16,M23,M30,4tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM** THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 21st day of February, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF **HELEN MARIE NELSON**, 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 12th day of June, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 9th of March, 2023. PHILIP NELSON, EXECUTOR ESTATE OF HELEN MARIE NELSON c/o Richard G. Long III

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 22 E 409** All persons having claims against **MAYNARD LEE**

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This the 9th day of March, 2023.

Mary Alston, Administrator  
304 Bingham St.  
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M9,M16,M23,M30,4tp

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against **JOSEPH EDWARD KRESS** deceased, of Chatham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 16, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

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All persons having claims against **NINA PAULINE DODD**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 9th day of March, 2023.

Randall C. Dodd, Co-Executor  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF PITTSBORO**

The **Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners** will hold the following Public Hearing on **Monday, March 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM in person at Chatham County Agriculture Center and via Zoom** to consider the following item:

1. A legislative Public Hearing on changing the Town of Pittsboro Water and Wastewater System Development Fees. The Town of Pittsboro has updated its System Development Fees Analysis for public infrastructure and will consider changing its System Development Fees for water and wastewater based upon said analysis up to the maximum fees set forth therein.

The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom, a teleconference software. Instructions on how to join the Zoom Meeting can be found on the Town's website at [www.pittsboronc.gov](http://www.pittsboronc.gov). Please sign up with the Town Clerk, Carrie Bailey by 4:00 p.m. on March 27, 2023 if you wish to participate. If you wish to make written comments, please send them to the Town Clerk, Carrie Bailey, PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or via email at [cbailey@pittsboronc.gov](mailto:cbailey@pittsboronc.gov) by 4 p.m. on March 27, 2023.

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## RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA

**CHATHAM COUNTY**

Special Proceedings No. 19 SP 222

Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass

Date of Sale: April 4, 2023

Time of Sale: 2:00 p.m.

Place of Sale: Chatham County Courthouse

Description of Property: See Attached Description

Record Owners: Samuel Robinson and Faye Robinson

Address of Property: **1324 Silk Hope Liberty Road**

**Siler City, NC 27344**

Deed of Trust: **Book: 1339 Page: 767**

Dated: May 4, 2007

Grantors: Samuel Robinson and Faye Robinson, Husband and Wife

Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Encore Credit

CONDITIONS OF SALE: This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property, and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax. A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days

for upset bids as required by law.

Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

/s/ Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee

Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.

**EXHIBIT A**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

The land referred to in this Commitment is described as follows: Situated in Siler City, Chatham County, State of North Carolina and being described as follows:

ADJOINING THE LANDS OF PAUL D. FIELDS, J.P. FIELDS AND OTHERS, AND BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTER OF STATE ROAD NO. 1346, PAUL D. FIELDS' LINE OR CORNER, THERE BEING AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ROAD; AND RUNNING THENCE WITH THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD SOUTH 79 DEGREES EAST 133 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD NO. 1346, THERE BEING AN IRON STAKE IN THE NORTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE NORTH 4 DEGREES EAST FROM SAID POINT; AN RUNNING THENCE WITH THE LINE OF J.P. FIELDS, NORTH 4 DEGREES WEST 263 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, FIELDS' CORNER, THENCE NORTH 24 DEGREES 30' WEST 272 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, J.P. FIELDS' CORNER; THENCE WITH FIELDS' LINE, SOUTH 67 DEGREES WEST 230 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE, PAUL D. FIELDS' LINE; THENCE WITH PAUL D. FIELDS' LINE, SOUTH 29 DEGREES EAST 449 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT HANCOCK, SURVEYOR, MAY 1967, BEING THE IDENTICAL REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM J. PAUL FIELDS, ET UX, TO KENNETH R. FIELDS, ET US, DATED MAY 22, 1967.

1) FOR CHAIN OF TITLE, SEE DEED BOOK 609, PAGE 1150, CHATHAM COUNTY REGISTRY.

2) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY RECORDED OR UNRECORDED RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTING.

3) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS WHICH MIGHT NOW EXIST IN FAVOR OF ANY PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANY.

4) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY MATTERS WHICH A RECENT AND ACCURATE SURVEY MIGHT DISCLOSE.

5) THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND PAY ALL CHATHAM COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES ON SAID PROPERTY THROUGH THE YEAR 1995; TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1996 SHALL BE PRO-RATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO.

6) THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIVE AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS OF RECORD.

The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

**Parcel #0000983**

BEING the same property conveyed to Samuel Jerry Robinson, by deed from Deborah Stuart Ingle, dated 6-11-96, recorded 6-12-96, in Book 694 page 577, in the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, NC. This Derivation Clause represents a 24 month Chain of Title.

The above information is to be used for reference purposes only and not to be relied on as evidence of title and/or encumbrances. Accordingly, said information is furnished at a reduced rate, and the Company's liability shall in no event exceed the amount paid for said information.

1324 Silk Hope Liberty Road, Siler City, NC 27344

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**TOWN OF SILER CITY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES 03/14/2023**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Significant Noncompliance Brookwood Farms Inc.

RE: Exceeding Total Nitrogen During the second half of 2022 (July-December), Brookwood Farms Inc. of Siler City was in Significance Noncompliance for exceeding their Total nitrogen limits. This violation did not impact our Wastewater Treatment Plant or cause any other environmental problems. If any questions, please contact Public Utilities Director Chris McCorquodale at 919-725-8614 or [cmccorquodale@silercity.org](mailto:cmccorquodale@silercity.org).

Aviso Público

Incumplimiento Significativo Brookwood Farms Inc.

RE: Excediendo el de Nitrógeno Total

Durante la segunda mitad de 2022 (Julio-Diciembre), Brookwood Farms Inc. De Siler City no cumplió significativamente con el incumplimiento por exceder sus límites de nitrógeno total. Esta violación no afectó a nuestra planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales ni causó otros problemas ambientales.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con el director de servicios públicos Chris McCorquodale al 919-725-8614 o [cmccorquodale@silercity.org](mailto:cmccorquodale@silercity.org).

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY FILE NO: 23 E 150**

All persons having claims against **RUTH W. MORROW**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of March, 2023.

Edward Lee Morrow, Sr., Co-Executor  
3091 Moon Lindley Rd.  
Snow Camp, NC 27349  
Ellen Long Morrow, Co-Executor  
3091 Moon Lindley Rd  
Snow Camp, NC 27349  
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**CREDITOR'S NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY**

Having qualified on the 14th of March 2023, as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **EVA PEARL WILLIAMS**, 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 21st day of June 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of March 2023

W. Woods Doster, Administrator CTA  
of the Estate of Eva Pearl Williams  
206 Hawkins Avenue  
Sanford, NC 27330  
Attorneys:  
Law Offices of W. Woods Doster, P.A.  
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**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 19 Cvd 783**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Plaintiff,

**NOTICE OF SERVICE PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

vs

The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEWISEES of MARY EFFIE BRADFFORD SMITH a/k/a EFFIE B. SMITH, et al Defendants.

TO: The HEIRS, ASSIGNS and DEWISEES of MARY EFFIE BRADFFORD SMITH a/k/a EFFIE B. SMITH and spouse, if any, or any other person or entity claiming thereunder

A pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on March 23, 2023.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure on tax parcel(s) more completely described in the Complaint, to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes (assessments). Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim or interest that you may have in said property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being forty (40) days after March 23, 2023, or by May 2, 2023, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service of process by publication will apply to the Court for relief sought.

This the15th day of March, 2023.

ZACCHAEUS LEGAL SERVICES By: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARK D. BARDILL/MARK B. BARDILL**

Attorney for Plaintiff  
NC Bar #12852/56782  
310 W. Jones St.  
P. O. Box 25



Trenton, North Carolina 28585  
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Melanie C. Galloway, NCCP  
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Trenton, NC 28585  
Ph # (252) 448-4541 x110  
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1858 Lakewood Falls Rd.  
Goldston, NC 27252  
Attorneys:  
Law Offices of W. Woods  
Doster, P.A.  
206 Hawkins Avenue  
Sanford, NC 27330  
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**CREDITOR'S NOTICE  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY**  
Having qualified on the 3rd day of March 2023, as Administrator of the Estate of **DONALD FRANKLIN EADS**, 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 21st day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of March, 2023  
Austin R. Eads, Administrator of the Estate of Donald F. Eads

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY**  
All persons having claims against the estate of **Jed Skipper** of Chatham County, NC, who died on the 14th of November 2022, are notified to present them on or before June 29th, 2023 to **Lisa Skumpi-ja**, Administrator for the Estate, c/o Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, P.L.L.C., P. O. Box 3200, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Alexander, Miller, Schupp & Hamilton, P.L.L.C.  
P. O. Box 3200  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3200  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
A public hearing will be held by the Goldston Town Board on Monday, April 3rd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Goldston Town Hall located at 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston, NC 27252. Additional information is available at the Chatham County Planning Department office. Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing. You may also request to speak by contacting the town clerk Annie Kay King Gaines at akkgaines@americansouthgc.com or Hunter Glenn at hunter.glenn@chathamcountync.gov. The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Board. The Public Hearing will be conducted in person only for the following items:  
The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:  
1. Legislative Hearing on a Proposed Annexation.  
Michael Blakley, on behalf of Kelly Properties of Goldston LLC has requested a voluntary satellite annexation of 72.17

acres of a 122.23 acre parcel located at 13415 US 421 S. (a portion of Chatham County NC Tax Parcel 62615).  
2. Legislative Hearing on a Proposed Zoning Map Amendment.  
Michael Blakley, on behalf of Kelly Properties of Goldston LLC, has requested an amendment to the Town of Goldston Zoning Map to zone as IH-Heavy Industrial 72.17 acres of a 122.23 acre parcel located at 13415 US 421 S. (a portion of Chatham County NC Parcel 62615).  
3. Legislative Hearing on a Proposed Watershed Map Amendment.  
Michael Blakley, on behalf of Kelly Properties of Goldston, LLC, has requested an amendment to the Town's watershed protection map incorporating a 72.17-acre portion of a 122.23-acre tract located at 13415 US 421 S. (a portion of Chatham County NC Parcel 62615) as Local Watershed.  
4. Legislative Hearing on a Proposed Annexation.  
Michael Blakley, on behalf of Bobby A. Branch, has requested a voluntary satellite annexation of a 25.07 acre

tract located at 8182 Pittsboro Goldston Road, (Chatham County NC Tax Parcel 95591).  
5. Legislative Hearing on a Proposed Zoning Map Amendment.  
Michael Blakley, on behalf of Bobby A. Branch, has requested an amendment to the Town's zoning map to zone as R-15 a 25.07-acre tract located at 8182 Pittsboro Goldston Rd (Chatham County NC Parcel 95591).  
6. Legislative Hearing on a Proposed Watershed map Amendment.  
Michael Blakley, on behalf of Bobby A. Branch, has requested an amendment to the Town's watershed protection map incorporating a 25.07-acre tract located at 8182 Pittsboro Goldston Rd (Parcel 95591) as Local Watershed. Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.  
Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed

below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided. If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call Hunter Glenn with the Chatham County Planning Department at 542-8284 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.  
M23,M30,2tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
FILE NO: 23 E 160**  
All persons having claims against **THOMAS ALEXANDER BUCKNER**, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 21st day of March, 2023.  
Evelyn Foard Shaw, Administrator  
504 Highland Trail  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
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# J-M's 'Shrek The Musical' takes the stage

Performances  
March 30 - April 2;  
tickets on sale now

From JMArts

SILER CITY — Everyone's favorite ogre will take theater audiences on a fairytale journey into the swamp and beyond this month when Jordan-Matthews High School presents "Shrek The Musical."

Performances of the Broadway musical are Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m.; Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. There is no Saturday performance. General admission tickets are \$8 each and now available online at JMArtsTickets.com. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door before each performance. No passes — including Chatham County Schools and senior citizens' passes — can be accepted. Everyone entering the theater, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, "Shrek The Musical" is a



Courtesy of JMArts

**The Captain of the Guard (Louis Graham) sends frightening chills through Humpty Dumpty (Emmanuel Hernandez) and Sugar Plum Fairy (Mylie Cardman) in 'Shrek The Musical,' running March 30 through April 2 at Jordan-Matthews High School.**

Tony Award-winning fairytale adventure, featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori — composer for "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Caroline, or Change" — and a sidesplitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. "Shrek" brings all the beloved characters you

know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears. "Shrek The Musical" opened on Broadway in 2008, receiving nominations for 12 Drama Desk Awards and eight Tony Awards, including Best Musi-

cal, Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score. Its success launched a North America tour in 2010 and, since then, the musical has entertained audiences on London's West End and all around the world.

Jordan-Matthews brings a huge production to the stage, featuring a 39-member cast and 15-member stage crew with students in art and carpentry classes building and painting scenery.

"This show is a huge growth for the musical theater program this year," said theater teacher Sawyer Shafer, who directs the musical. "Not only do we have about twice as many kids involved as last year during 'Oklahoma!,' but we have really been able to see these kids shine in a whole new light thanks to the contributions of choreographer and dance teacher Tara Rooks. A lot of these students are now getting the full 'spectacle musical' experience for the first time, and I'm excited for audiences to come experience this show."

"It's on track to be the best show of my short tenure as director here."

Producer Rose Pate agrees,

pointing out the huge number of costumes and even bigger dance numbers. Some students could be intimidated by such a leap in complexity, but Pate said everyone in this production rose to the challenge.

"I've seen a lot of student leadership throughout the entire preparation process," she said. "I couldn't be prouder of how our kids have stepped up to make this great show work. And our adult leaders are a real dream team as well."

More than 200 individuals and groups work together each year to bring the musical to life. Adults on this year's 'dream team' include Elliott Peterson as assistant director and musical director, Cynthia Bredenberg as wardrobe supervisor and Heath Smith as hair and makeup supervisor. Several students also were part of the creative team, including Dylan Mendoza Huezos on set construction and Victoria Barlow on set design.

More information about "Shrek The Musical" and other arts events scheduled for this season is available online at [jmarts.org/events](http://jmarts.org/events).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Goldston Public Library announces programs, April events

GOLDSTON — The Goldston Public Library is excited to announce new events during April for the Chatham County community to enjoy. These events are free and open to the public.

#### Goldston Book Club

Beginning Monday, April 10, and every 2nd Monday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m., individuals who are interested in joining a book club can stop by the Goldston Public Library. For the month of April, the Goldston Book Club is reading "Dreamland" by Nicholas Sparks. For more information about the Goldston and other Chatham County Book Clubs, visit the following link: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-i-z/library/adult-services/book-clubs-book-club-kits>

### Raising Good Eaters

The Goldston Public Library will host a one-hour presentation and demonstration on raising good eaters at 11 a.m. on April 20. Registered Dietitian, Tara Gregory, from N.C. Cooperative Extension - Chatham County Center, will lead the presentation. This event is made possible by the Chatham County Libraries Food Literacy Center Grant.

The food literacy center grant is funded by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-252476-OLS-22).

### Earth Day Celebration

Goldston Public Library will host a series of activities in celebration of

Earth Day from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 21. Families with children are welcome to participate in story time, followed by crafts and a gardening session. The gardening session will be held in the patio area of the library. Flowers and plants are provided by Mr. Hart's Agricultural Classes at Chatham Central High.

### Medicare 101

Library will host "Medicare 101: Helping Medicare-Eligible Customers Understand Their Options," 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 24. The program will be presented by LaTonya Nicholson, Medicare consultant with BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina.

This program will be held in the E.M. Harris Jr. Conference Room at the Goldston Public Library.

The educational session will help answer questions about Medicare plans such as:

- What is Medicare and who pays for it?
- What are my options and how do I know which plan is best for me?
- What do I need to do to enroll in Medicare?

The Goldston Public Library is located at 9235 Pittsboro-Goldston Road, Goldston, NC 27252. For more information, please contact the library at 919-898-4522 or [goldston.library@chathamlibraries.org](mailto:goldston.library@chathamlibraries.org).

Information about all Chatham County Library branches can be found at [www.chathamlibraries.org](http://www.chathamlibraries.org).

### CCCC's Career Expo Job Fair set for March 29

SANFORD — The Central Carolina Community College Career Expo Job Fair will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center, 1801 Nash St., Sanford.

The Career Expo Job Fair is open to the general public, including CCCC students and alumni.

Felicia Gilmore, CCCC Career Center coordinator in Lee County, says there will be a variety of employers represented at the event.

"Our job seekers can expect to speak with employers with current job openings and receive more information about possible career opportunities," Gilmore said.

There is no charge for those attending the CCCC Career Expo Job Fair. However, participants are reminded to bring résumés and dress professionally (business casual) for the event to make that favorable impression at first glance. Reserve your spot at <https://CCCCCareerExpo2023.eventbrite.com>.

Earlier in the day, the Career Expo Information Session — in partnership with Lee County Schools — will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center. Students will have the opportunity to explore different career options and future opportunities at this event.

Those with questions about the CCCC Career Expo Job Fair can contact CCCC Career Center Coordinator Felicia Gilmore at [careercenter@cccc.edu](mailto:careercenter@cccc.edu) or call 919-718-7283.

The CCCC Career Center offers the following services: career and internship advising, online career assessment, career exploration, résumé writing, interviewing etiquette, on-campus interviews and a career resource library.

The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. To schedule an appointment or for more information, people can contact the Career Center at 919-718-7283 or visit <https://www.collegecentral.com/cccc/>.

For more information on Central Carolina Community College — which is dedicated to providing pathways to achievable dreams, visit [www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu).

### Spring Ag Fest set for Saturday

PITTSBORO — Chatham County invites the community to enjoy its 4th annual Spring Ag Fest at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center on Saturday, March 25.

The event is free and open to the public; it'll be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ag Center at 1192 U.S. 64 Business West, Pittsboro.

The Spring Ag Fest is a celebration of Chatham County's agriculture, forestry and natural resources. More than 75 indoor and outdoor exhibitors and vendors will highlight local farms, farmers' markets, sustainable agriculture, agricultural support and advocacy, agribusiness, beekeeping, livestock, forestry, green industry, wildlife, conservation and more.

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SOFTBALL

Bears hitting their groove at the plate



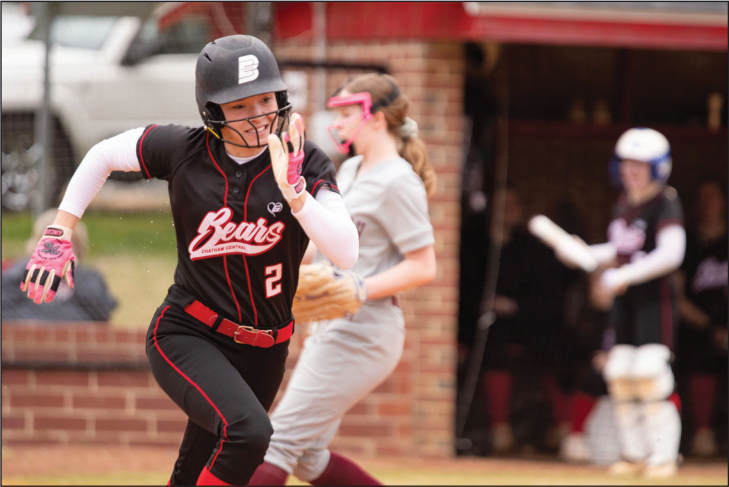
Chatham Central senior Jaylee Williams is batting .500 this season in 22 at-bats.

Staff photo by James Kiefer

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

Chatham Central softball head coach Drew Hackney is very clear about what his point of emphasis has been with his team this season. “We just have to keep hitting,” he said. “We just have to keep hitting the ball. That’s been the goal the past two or three years, and that’s what happened last year. We were one hit away last year, but it is what it is.”

The Bears’ 2022 season came to a close in the third round of the state playoffs on the road at Bear Grass Charter. Central lost to the Bears, 5-4, after coming into the game averaging 9.6 runs per game on the season. Over the offseason, Hackney’s team graduated seven seniors, including four (Lindsey Johnson, Gracie Gaines, Taylor Poe and Ashley Roberts) who hit at least .345 at the plate last spring. But the losses haven’t affect-



Staff photo by James Kiefer

Chatham Central senior Jaylee Williams (2) run toward first base during the Bears 12-2 win over Seaforth last Friday.

ed the Central Bears like one might think. Entering its Tuesday game against Bartlett Yancey, Chatham Central was Chatham County’s only undefeated softball team at 7-0 overall. The Bears have listened to Hackney’s pleas for more offense, and they came into the week averaging 13.0 runs per game and batting .417 as a team. “I think we’ve done pretty well this year,” senior short-stop Jaylee Williams said. “I started out a little slow, but I’m starting to pick it back up. We’re definitely hitting better

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BASEBALL

Central, Chatham Charter both averaging over 10 runs per game

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

Runs are considered a pitcher’s best friend. And if that’s the case, the pitchers on the Chatham Central baseball team must be the most popular guys in town. Entering Tuesday night’s game against North Moore, the Bears were 6-2 and averaging 13.9 runs per game, the best mark in the county early on this season. Playing a double-header to open Mid-Carolina Conference play on March 14, Chatham Central outscored Cummings, 50-0, across two games.

The Bears scored nine runs or more in six of their first eight games. In the two where they scored eight or less, they were 0-2 thanks to a pair of one-run losses to Asheboro and East Surry, who entered the week with a combined 10-3 record.

Over its first eight games, Chatham Central had a team batting average of .401. Six Bears are batting at least .375 — junior Wesley Clewis (.522), senior Hasten Paige (.520), sophomore Zane Overman (.480), junior Logan Maness (.444), senior Travis Crissman (.440) and sophomore Matthew Murchison — and Murchison led all county players in triples (four) and RBI (18) entering the week.

On the mound, junior Anthony Lopassay threw the most innings for Central entering Tuesday night at 14.1. Before this week’s games, he had a 2-1 record with a 3.42 ERA and 20 strikeouts against five walks. And Overman, Clewis, Crissman and Maness had all thrown at least four innings.

The Bears hope this season will bring the first regular season conference title since 2019. Last spring, Central finished tied for second with Jordan-Matthews at 5-3 in

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GIRLS SOCCER

Seaforth, Woods entered Wednesday matchup on fire

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

While it occurred after press time, Wednesday saw the top two girls soccer teams in Chatham County face off in Woods Charter and Seaforth.

The Wolves entered the match with an 8-0 record, most recently dispatching Jordan-Matthews, 5-1, last Tuesday night. Woods has averaged 6.3 goals per game this season, one year after falling in the finals of the 1A state championship. During the 2022 regular season, the Wolves defeated Seaforth twice, 3-2 and 8-1.

Head coach Graeme Stewart’s team has gotten production from all over the lineup. Entering this week, three Woods Charter players — freshman Amelia Cherry (12), junior Sienna Gray (11) and junior Leyla Noronha (10) — each had at least 10 goals. Last season, Noronha led all players with 50 goals, while Cherry and Gray were not on the team.

The 2022 Wolves made it all the way to the state championship game before falling to Christ the King, 3-0. This year’s

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Seaforth freshman Sofia Viana (10) scored a hat trick in the Hawks 4-0 win over Jordan-Matthews last Thursday.

BOYS TENNIS

Adjustments have helped Seaforth boys to red-hot start

BY JEREMY VERNON  
News + Record Sports Editor

One of the benefits of coaching two teams in the same sport is that you can often experiment across seasons to see what strategies work better for one team or the other.

This past fall, the Seaforth girls tennis team finished the regular season with an 11-2 record and were awarded the No. 1 seed in the east region of the 2A playoffs. That said, the Hawks lost their first playoff match to Triangle Math & Science, 7-2.

Head coach Peter Petrides admitted the Seaforth girls team was a little “green” heading into the state playoffs, and now he’s using what he learned in the fall to help out Seaforth’s boys team this spring. Entering Wednesday’s

match against Jordan-Matthews, the Hawks were 6-0 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

“I took a lot from the girls season,” Petrides said. “That schedule, we tried to make it a little easier toward the end before playoffs to try and get some momentum going. That didn’t work out for us, unfortunately. This season with the boys, we’ve done things differently ... This time around, we hope having some difficult matches at the end of the season will help us figure out how we might fare going forward.”

Of Seaforth’s nine matches remaining in the regular season, six come against non-conference teams. Some of the opponents the Hawks will run into over the final few weeks of the season are Franklin Academy, Northwood and Orange, all of which offer a unique test

ahead of the postseason.

The Hawks actually opened the 2023 spring season with a 6-3 win over the Chargers back on Feb. 27 despite their top singles player, junior Walker Magrinat, falling in straight sets to Northwood senior Jio Sumogod. But since then, Magrinat — who played at Northwood as a freshman in 2021 — has rattled off five straight victories and entered this week with a 5-1 singles record and a 3-0 mark in doubles play.

“(Walker) kind of wanted a little revenge, but it didn’t go his way,” Petrides said. “But since then, he’s had five very decisive wins and is getting some good momentum going heading into the heart of the schedule. We lean on Walker a lot, and he always somehow manages to step up to the task at hand. He’s a great leader out there.”

A young group with no seniors, the Hawks have also benefited from the arrival of two new players this spring, junior Owen Strom and sophomore Wakeland Branz, who previously lived in New York and Florida, respectively.

Branz and Strom came into this week with a combined singles record of 7-0 and 8-3 in doubles play this season.

Petrides highlighted both players as contributors Seaforth can’t live without.

“Owen displays a lot of emotion on the court,” Petrides said. “Last year, that was definitely something that was a learning curve for us as far as how matches go and getting our feet wet. But Owen has come in and kind of sparked kind of an emotional side

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CLIPBOARD Q&A | GUS RITCHEY

# Northwood sophomore Ritchey has 19 D-1 offers

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

The top high school football recruit in Chatham County is Northwood sophomore Gus Ritchey.

A defensive end and tight end for the Chargers, Ritchey caught 32 passes for 490 and five touchdowns on offense and totaled 61 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and two forced fumbles this past fall. The 6-foot-3, 230-pound athlete has racked up 19 Division-I scholarship offers so far, including ones from some of the top programs in the country in Georgia, Michigan, Notre Dame, Washington and Penn State.

Ritchey — who was recently named a four-star recruit by Rivals — visited Notre Dame’s campus on Wednesday this week and has unofficial visits lined up with N.C. State, ECU, Duke and Virginia Tech over the next several weeks. But before he hit the recruiting trail, he spoke with the News + Record about his college prospects, his experience playing with Northwood’s boys basketball team and much more.

**Here’s what he had to say.**  
  
**What have these past few months been like for you, recruiting-wise? How ready are you for the start of the season?**  
 GUS RITCHEY: The re-

cruiting process has been great. I’m finally contacting coaches. The in-state schools have done an amazing job, and so have the schools out of state. Schools I’ve visited so far have been phenomenal. But I’m so ready for the season to start. We have a new coach — Coach [Mitch] Johnson. I know we’re moving down to 2A, but I don’t think that really matters at all. I think we’re going to be so successful this year. The team looks great. Carson Fortunes is coming back, our quarterback. I’m really excited to see how the season goes. I think it’s going to be a really good one.

**What do you look for when you’re on a college campus for a visit?**  
 Basically, what I look out for, is — I want to feel like a part of them, like family. I just feel like when I go on these trips and visit all these schools, there are a bunch of schools, so everybody is going to be different and the culture is all going to be different. Everything is completely different depending where you are, so what I’m trying to look for is building a relationship with the coaching staff and the players and seeing the little things like the weight room or the stadium. “Does this fit me? Can I see myself playing at this school?” That’s basically what I look out for. But the main

thing is making relationships with the coaching staff and the players.

**You play on both sides of the ball, both tight end and defensive end. Are most of these schools recruiting you at both positions? Or is it one or the other?**  
 A lot of them are going both. Notre Dame, I’ll be there (Wednesday), they’re doing both. I’m talking to more of the defensive side, but they’ve told me they either see me as a tight end or defensive end. They don’t know yet. That’s what a lot of schools say. They say, “When you get in our program, we’ll see how you fit, and if we think you fit better at one position, that’s fine.” I completely agree with them. I play both sides of the ball really well and I think it just depends where I go and what they see me as. I’m really looking forward to my Notre Dame visit. I actually grew up in Indiana, so we were Notre Dame fans for a long time. This is a really, really exciting visit coming up.

**You competed as a member of the boys basketball team this past season. While the year didn’t end the way you wanted it to, what was it like going on that run to the state championship with your teammates? How does playing basketball help you on the football field?**  
 I think it was a really amazing experience this

whole year, going up against some of the top teams in the country and the state. Of course, we came up short, but that happens. But I think we’ll keep our heads up, and I think we’re going to win it all next year. It was a really successful season and it was a really fun year.

I think when I play basketball, I’ve always realized my athleticism jumps up dramatically. I went from dunking one hand and playing two months of basketball, to now I can do a 360 windmill. It’s crazy how it works. Your footwork gets better. You’re going against guys like Drake [Powell] every day and guys with mindsets like that — it helps a lot. I know I’m not the best basketball player, but building relationships with other people, having fun and improving your athleticism, basketball has been really important to my life.

**What are some things you’re working on over the offseason to improve your individual game?**  
 Personally, I’m definitely trying to get my weight and strength up. I’m trying to get a lot bigger, because even though I’ll be fine weight-wise at tight end, for defensive end I need to put on a couple more pounds. I think overall, I just need to keep working on basic things like footwork, hand-eye coordination,



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**Northwood sophomore Gus Ritchey was recently named a four-star recruit by Rivals and ranked as the No. 4 player in the Class of 2025.**

getting off the ball on defense, little things like that. Those are the things I’m hoping to improve, and I’m going to be playing in a lot of 7-on-7 tournaments coming up, so I can’t wait for it.

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## BEARS

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than we did at the start of last season, and our pitching is solid, too.”

Williams, an Appalachian State commit, was batting .500 (11-for-22) with six RBI ahead of Tuesday’s game against Bartlett Yancey. Last season, she led the Bears in batting average (.590) and hits (36) while compiling two doubles, two triples and two home runs. All told, Chatham Central has nine players batting at least .350 and seven players with at least six RBI.

The batting title through the team’s first seven games belongs to sophomore Emma Burke, who is hitting 11-for-18 (.611) with 10 RBI in her first varsity season. Both Williams and Hackney highlighted her as a player who has had an impact on the team’s early-season success.

“She’s stepped up a lot,” Hackney said. “She drives in runs. And another girl who has been hitting the ball well is (junior) Cassie (McKeithan). If I can get Mary back to hitting for us, it will be big. She’s a bat we’ve been missing. But Emma and Cassie have hit the ball good. It’s Emma’s first year with us. She can really hit, and she’s a good kid, too. She works hard.”

While they are averaging double-digit runs per game this spring, Chatham Central has also been strong on the mound and on defense. Senior Mary Gaines is 7-0 with a 0.69 ERA and 49 strikeouts over 26 innings pitched this season, and the Bears’ defense has only committed eight errors over their first seven games after totaling 30 in 22 games last year.

One team standing in Central’s way of a second straight Mid-Carolina Conference title this season is Jordan-Matthews, whom Hackney and Williams both pointed out as their stiffest potential competition in the league this year. Through its first six games, the Jets



Staff photo by James Kiefer

**Seaforth sophomore Addison Clark (left) pitches to a Chatham Central batter in the Hawks’ 12-2 loss to the Bears on Friday.**

were 4-2 overall and 1-0 in conference play and averaging 7.0 runs per game. The Bears will travel to J-M on March 28 for the first of two regular season meetings this season.

“J-M is really good,” Hackney said. “That game will be a tough game for us. They have a good team. They’re young, too.”

**Around the county**  
 Also competing in the Mid-Carolina Conference, Seaforth is off to an 0-4 start to the season and has been outscored by an

average of 18.3 runs per game this season. Half of the Hawks’ runs this season have been driven in by freshman Emma Strong.

In the Central Tar Heel 1A Conference, Chatham Charter is off to a 2-0 start to the season entering Thursday’s game against Cornerstone Charter. The Knights have averaged 16.0 runs per game over their first two games and have four players with at least four hits already this season.

Raking at the plate for the Chatham Charter this spring have been

seniors Chelsie Hardister and Hallie Edmondson, who have combined to hit 7-for-12 (.583) with 13 RBI. Junior Delana Loflin (3), freshman Taylor Hussey (3), senior Emerson Clark (2), sophomore Ella Ingle (2) and freshman Kynzie Jordan (2) have also driven in runs this season.

Finally, in the Central 3A Conference, Northwood was 4-4 overall and 1-2 in league play entering Tuesday’s game vs. Person. The Chargers have averaged 8.8 runs per game this season but have also allowed their opponents 7.0 runs per game.

Northwood has six players — junior Sarah Warfford (.632), senior Zoe Hatzidakis (.583), junior Callan Perchinsky (.412), senior Abi McLaurin (.360), senior Callee Harris (.321) and freshman Allison Bryant (.300) — batting at least .300, and Hatzidakis leads the county with five doubles.

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# Here are Chatham County’s winter all-conference performers

**BY JEREMY VERNON**  
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The 2022-23 winter sports season was one of

unprecedented success for Chatham County. Not only did three athletes win individual state championships, but numerous others made deep runs in their individual

state tournaments — all while the Northwood boys, Seaforth girls and Chatham Charter girls were making their way to the basketball state finals.

On Feb. 4 at the NCHSAA girls wrestling championships, Northwood senior Dream Walker took first place in the heavyweight division. And one week later on Feb. 11, Northwood sophomore Abby Emrich (200 freestyle) and Seaforth sophomore Will Cuicchi (1,000-meter) won state titles on the same day at the 3A swimming and 2A indoor track championships, respectively.

The season closed earlier this month on March 11, as the Knights, Hawks and Chargers all fell in the finals of their respective state basketball tournaments. Despite the sour end to the year, the three schools between them had 32 players named all-conference, while Northwood junior Drake Powell and Seaforth junior Jarin Stevenson were also named first-team all-state by the North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association.

Here’s a list of Chatham County athletes who earned all-conference honors for their performances during the winter. The list includes first- and second-team players, honorable mentions as well as Player of the Year and Coach of the Year award winners.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Central Tar Heel 1A

Tamaya Walden, senior, Chatham Charter  
Emerson Clark, senior, Chatham Charter  
Meah Brooks, junior, Chatham Charter  
Lilly Jones, senior, Chatham Charter (Honorable mention)  
Caroline Mitchell, junior, Woods Charter  
Maddie Sparrow, senior, Woods Charter (Honorable mention)  
**Player of the Year:** Tamaya Walden, Chatham Charter  
**Coach of the Year:** Jeff Patterson, Chatham Charter

### Mid-Carolina 1A/2A

Gabby White, sophomore, Seaforth (1st)  
Peyton Collins, sophomore, Seaforth (1st)



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**Seaforth sophomore Jarin Stevenson was recently named the Gatorade North Carolina Boys Basketball Player of the Year for the 2022-23 season.**



Staff photo by James Kiefer

**Seaforth sophomore Will Cuicchi won a state championship in the 1,000-meter race at the 2A indoor track and field championships back in February.**

Katie Leonard, freshman, Seaforth (1st)	(2nd)
Jocelyn Gesner, freshman, Seaforth (2nd)	Reagan Smith, junior, Jordan-Matthews (1st)
Hannah Ajayi, junior, Seaforth (2nd)	Alyssa Bick, senior, Jordan-Matthews (2nd)
Jaylee Williams, senior, Chatham Central (1st)	Brooklyn Quee, junior, Jordan-Matthews (2nd)
Karaleigh Dodson, sophomore, Chatham Central (1st)	Patience Cox, freshman, Jordan-Matthews (2nd)
Livvy Brooks, senior, Chatham Central (2nd)	<b>Player of the Year:</b> Gabby White, Seaforth
Kailey Green, senior, Chatham Central (2nd)	<b>Coach of the Year:</b> Charles Byrd, Seaforth
Katherine Gaines, junior, Chatham Central	See <b>WINTER</b> , page B5

## Council on Aging Weekly Activities Calendar

Monday, March 27

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 9 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Liz (at Chatham Grove Community Center and on Zoom)
- 10 a.m. - Arthritis Exercise w/Jackie
- 11 a.m. - Bingocize; Golf at Siler City Country Club
- 2 p.m. - Table Tennis
- 6 p.m. - Caregiver Virtual Support Group (via Zoom)

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - Strong & Fit w/Olivia
- 10 a.m. - Cornhole; Bingo
- 2 p.m. - Strength & Tone w/Olivia

Tuesday, March 28

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 9 a.m. - 3G's Men's Group
- 10 a.m. - Woodcarvers; Bingo w/Joe
- 10:30 a.m. - Gym Orientation
- 11 a.m. - Music w/Grateful Hearts
- 1 p.m. - Rummikub

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9:45 a.m. - Chair Exercises w/Olivia (in-person and Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. - Ping Pong
- 1 p.m. - Rook/Phase 10/Rummikub; "Bring Your Own Project" Gathering
- 2 p.m. - Fitness Room Orientation

Wednesday, March 29

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 10 a.m. - Chair Yoga w/Liz (in-person and Zoom)
- 11 a.m. - Bingocize
- 12:30 p.m. - Day Trip to Priority Day Farm LLC (RSVP Jackie)
- 1 p.m. - Open Art Studio (Bring Your Own Project)

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - Strong & Fit w/Olivia
- 10 a.m. - Bible Study
- 2 p.m. - Crafting w/Kathryn
- 3:30 p.m. - Beginning Quilting

Thursday, March 30

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 9:30 a.m. - Blood Pressure Screening
- 10 a.m. - Crafts & Chat
- 10 a.m. - Bingo Auction
- 11 a.m. - Activity w/Alan
- 1 p.m. - Games/Cards
- 1:30 p.m. - Line Dancing
- 3 p.m. - Gentle Yoga w/Liz

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Coffee & Conversations
- 10 a.m. - Music Jam Session
- 10 a.m. - Bocce & Horseshoes
- 2 p.m. - Tai Chi
- 3 p.m. - Thursday Social (Senior Games Practice, Shuffleboard/ Ping Pong/Cornhole

Friday, March 31

Eastern Chatham Senior Center

- 8:15 a.m. - Body Conditioning w/Jackie
- 10 a.m. - Arthritis Exercise w/Jackie
- 11:15 a.m. - Cornhole & Shuffleboard
- 1 p.m. - Card Games/Euchre
- 1:30 p.m. - Zumba Gold Intro (RSVP Jackie)
- 3 p.m. - Jukebox Live! (Dancing Music)

Western Chatham Senior Center

- 9 a.m. - Strong & Fit w/Olivia
- 10 a.m. - Beginning Quilting; Shuffleboard
- 7 p.m. - Friday Night Dance (fee required to attend)



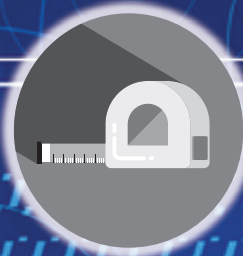
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MONDAY, MARCH 13	Chatham Charter 14, Triangle Math & Science 1 (Game 2)	
Boys tennis	Williams 11, Northwood 2	Baseball
Jordan-Matthews 7, Graham 2	Seaforth 14, N.C. Science & Math 1	Seaforth at Southeast Raleigh (3:30 p.m.)
Seaforth 9, North Moore 0	North Moore 6, Jordan-Matthews 5	Chatham Charter vs. Bethany (6 p.m.)
		Northwood at Providence Grove (6 p.m.)
Girls soccer	Boys lacrosse	Girls lacrosse
Seaforth 4, Northwood 0	Orange 18, Seaforth 5	Seaforth vs. Carrboro (6 p.m.)
Woods Charter 9, River Mill 0	Girls soccer	THURSDAY, MARCH 23
	Woods Charter 6, Gray Stone Day 0	Track and field
Girls lacrosse	SATURDAY, MARCH 18	Seaforth vs. Williams, Bartlett Yancey and Cummings at Williams (4 p.m.)
East Chapel Hill 21, Northwood 10	Baseball	
TUESDAY, MARCH 14	East Surry 9, Chatham Central 8	Boys tennis
Boys tennis	MONDAY, MARCH 20	Northwood at Chapel Hill (4 p.m.)
River Mill 9, Chatham Charter 0	Boys lacrosse	Seaforth vs. Orange (4:30 p.m.)
Softball	Orange 11, Northwood 8	Softball
Chatham Central 17, Cummings 0 (Game 1)	Girls soccer	Northwood at Southern Lee (6 p.m.)
Chatham Central 18, Cummings 0 (Game 2)	Woods Charter 5, Jordan-Matthews 1	Girls soccer
Chatham Charter 15, Cornerstone Charter 5	Northwood 3, Cedar Ridge 1	Northwood at Southern Lee (6 p.m.)
Northwood 15, Williams 0	Seaforth 8, North Moore 0	Jordan-Matthews vs. Cummings (6 p.m.)
Baseball	Girls lacrosse	Boys lacrosse
Chatham Charter 15, Southern Wake Academy 0	Chapel Hill 25, Northwood 2	Seaforth vs. Cedar Ridge (6:30 p.m.)
Northwood 6, Williams 2	Jordan 9, Seaforth 8 (2OT)	FRIDAY, MARCH 24
Chatham Central 26, Cummings 0 (Game 1)	Baseball	Track and field
Chatham Central 24, Cummings 0 (Game 2)	Chatham Charter 6, Cornerstone Academy 4	Seaforth in Raleigh Relays at N.C. State (TBA)
North Moore 6, Jordan-Matthews 5	SCHEDULES	
Boys lacrosse	TUESDAY, MARCH 21	Baseball
Northwood 15, Seaforth 4	Boys golf	Chatham Charter vs. River Mill (Game 1, 5 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15	Chatham Central vs. Northwood at Siler City Country Club (3:30 p.m.)	Chatham Charter vs. River Mill (Game 2, 7 p.m.)
Boys tennis	Seaforth vs. North Moore at Beacon Ridge Country Club (3:30 p.m.)	Northwood vs. Cedar Ridge (6 p.m.)
River Mill Academy 6, Chatham Charter 3	Boys tennis	Chatham Central vs. North Moore (7 p.m.)
Wakefield 9, Northwood 0	Jordan-Matthews at Asheboro (4 p.m.)	Jordan-Matthews at Graham (7 p.m.)
Seaforth 9, Chatham Central 0	Softball	Seaforth vs. Bartlett Yancey (7 p.m.)
Jordan-Matthews 7, North Moore 2	Northwood vs. Person (6 p.m.)	Softball
Softball	Chatham Central at Bartlett Yancey (6 p.m.)	Seaforth at Graham (5 p.m.)
Orange 13, Northwood 0	Seaforth vs. Jordan-Matthews (6 p.m.)	Chatham Central at North Moore (6:30 p.m.)
Jordan-Matthews 16, Voyager 1	Boys lacrosse	SATURDAY, MARCH 25
Cedar Ridge 23, Seaforth 1	Seaforth vs. Eastern Alamance (6 p.m.)	Softball
Baseball	Baseball	Northwood hosts Charger Tournament (all day)
Chatham Central 9, Eastern Randolph 7	Northwood at Cedar Ridge (7 p.m.)	Track and field
Providence Grove 11, Seaforth 5	Chatham Central at North Moore (7 p.m.)	Jordan-Matthews at Montgomery Central (12 p.m.)
Girls soccer	Seaforth at Bartlett Yancey (7 p.m.)	MONDAY, MARCH 27
Woods Charter 9 vs. Triangle Math & Science 0	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22	Boys golf
Girls lacrosse	Boys tennis	Seaforth, Chatham Central and Jordan-Matthews in conference match at The Preserve at Jordan Lake (2 p.m.)
Chapel Hill 19, Seaforth 4	Chatham Charter at Clover Garden (4 p.m.)	Boys tennis
THURSDAY, MARCH 16	Northwood at Orange (4:30 p.m.)	Northwood vs. Western Alamance (4:30 p.m.)
Boys tennis	Chatham Central vs. Graham (4:30 p.m.)	Chatham Central at North Moore (4:30 p.m.)
Jordan-Matthews 8, North Moore 1	Jordan-Matthews vs. Seaforth (4:30 p.m.)	Girls lacrosse
Girls soccer	Track and field	Seaforth at East Chapel Hill (5 p.m.)
Northwood 3, Orange 2	Chatham Central, Jordan-Matthews and Chatham Charter vs. North Moore (4:30 p.m.)	Girls soccer
Seaforth 4, Jordan-Matthews 0	Girls soccer	Jordan-Matthews at Bartlett Yancey (6 p.m.)
Girls lacrosse	Chatham Charter at Cornerstone Charter (4:30 p.m.)	Seaforth at Graham (6 p.m.)
Northwood 16, Riverside 1	Northwood vs. Person (6 p.m.)	Softball
FRIDAY, MARCH 17	Jordan-Matthews at Asheboro (6 p.m.)	Jordan-Matthews vs. North Moore (6 p.m.)
Softball	Woods Charter vs. Seaforth (6 p.m.)	Seaforth at Chapel Hill (6 p.m.)
Chatham Charter 17, Bethany Community 7	Softball	Chatham Central vs. East Chapel Hill (7 p.m.)
Cedar Ridge 6, Northwood 4		
Chatham Central 12, Seaforth 2		
Baseball		

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league play before reaching the fourth round of the 1A state playoffs.

The other two teams in the Mid-Carolina Conference — Seaforth and Jordan-Matthews — were a combined 3-7 overall and 0-2 in league play entering this week.

The Hawks (2-4, 0-1 Conf.) are in their second season as a program under head coach Landon Jones. Four Seaforth players with at least 10 late appearances

are hitting at least .300 (sophomore Daniel White, junior Anders Johansson, junior Tanner Morgan, junior Dane O'Neill).

The Jets (1-3, 0-1 Conf.), meanwhile, have lost suffered all three of their losses by two runs or less. J-M is searching for its first full season above .500 under head coach John Headen since going 12-11 back in 2019.

The only undefeated baseball team in Chatham County is Chatham Charter, which improved to 5-0 on Monday thanks to a 6-4 win over Cornerstone Charter.

The Knights — who also played Wednesday (late score) — had won their first five games by an average of 11.4 runs per game.

Through its first five games, Chatham Charter's top bat was sophomore Zach Cartrette, who was hitting .588 with 10 hits, two triples and nine RBI already this season. Fellow sophomore Luke Johnson was batting .500 with seven hits and six RBI, while junior Jonah Ridgill had a .438 average with seven hits and six RBI.

Cartrette is also the team's top pitcher, boasting a 3-0 record with a 1.17 era

and 17 strikeouts across his first 12 innings this season. Also contributing on the mound is junior Aidan Allred, who has a 1-0 record with a 1.17 ERA and 12 strikeouts against three walks.

Things haven't gone as well this season for Northwood, which was 2-5 overall and 2-2 in Central 3A Conference play entering this week's games.

The top Charger in terms of batting average through the team's first seven games was senior Seth Davis, who was hitting .368 with seven hits and three RBI. Soph-

omore Kaleb Howell leads the team with RBI (4).

Northwood is pitching well as a team, boasting a 2.93 ERA across the first seven games. The Chargers have been hampered defensively by 27 errors, an average of over 3.5 per game.

Northwood is in its first season under head coach Kyle Robinson. The Chargers had a 44-39 the previous four seasons under David Miller.

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CHATHAM COMMISSIONERS

# Opioid settlement funds approved, bringing \$4 million to county

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PITTSBORO — Chatham County Board of Commissioners have approved funding from the state provided through opioid settlements from major pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors.

The funds will bring more than \$4 million to the county budget over the next 17 years to help curb the opioid epidemic.

In 2021 alone, 28 Chatham residents died from opioid overdoses, according to the Chatham County Public Health Department. This means the county rate of opioid-related overdose deaths, 38.7 deaths per 100,000 residents, surpassed the state average death rate of 34.1 deaths per 100,000 residents.

The board approved two separate opioid settlement funds during its meeting Monday night at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro. The first funds would give the county roughly \$2.9 million over 17 years, or about \$170,000 per year. Those funds will be used to fund a full-time overdose prevention coordinator for the county who will work under the public health

department. These funds will also be used to purchase marketing materials, data tracking tools and professional training for county employees.

In July 2021, North Carolina announced a \$26 billion agreement with pharmaceutical distributors of opioids to bring resources to communities harmed by the opioid epidemic. Plans for these funds were delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The board was presented plans for this funding in last September through a presentation from the Sheriff’s Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances, which is made up of stakeholders in Chatham Drug Free, the Chatham County Sheriff’s Office, Chatham County Public Health Department, Chatham County Dept. of Social Services and more. Those plans were officially approved Monday.

The second approved fund will bring an additional \$2.3 million in funds to the county over 13 years, or about \$178,000 per year. Both approved funds are front-loaded, meaning the county receives more funding from these settlements in the first two years and less in the latter stages. The increased initial funding will be used to

onboard the county coordinator and purchase the necessary research and marketing tools.

The second approved funds became available to the county when the state settled a lawsuit against Walmart Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance LLC, Allergan Limited, CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy Inc. and Walgreens Co.

The board said the funds will “demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received both in the state and this county to help abate the harm,” according to the resolution approving the settlement.

Other business

• Several rezoning requests were approved by the board in the Moncure area. This includes the Sky Mart, owned by Hardip Dhillon located on Old U.S. 1 Hwy. Sky Mart will move to a nearby location to make way for interchange improvements to the area from the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. Those improvements are part of NCDOT’s plans to improve roads leading to the incoming VinFast facility in the area. The approved rezoning occurred in the consent

agenda, meaning it was not subject to public discussion.

Other approved rezonings in the consent agenda concerned Fitch Creations, which is developing a 43-lot subdivision over 51 acres near Fearington Village called Granville. The first plat review was approved, meaning the board approved proposed plans from the developer for the site.

• The board heard an update from the Chatham County Conventions and Visitors Bureau. Neha Shah, director of the bureau, said tourism is recovering well from the pandemic and she believes the construction of the Hampton Inn & Suites in Pittsboro will help generate more funds through sales tax and tourism dollars for the area.

The next Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Monday, April 17, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. For more information visit [www.chatham-countync.gov/government/board-of-commissioners](http://www.chatham-countync.gov/government/board-of-commissioners).

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**Gio Cacciato, Northwood senior, shares his winning speech about the lasting legacy of Roger Sherman to the crowd last Saturday at Governors Club as part of the Sons of American Revolution Rumbaugh Oration Contest.**

## CONTEST

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people better understand the past, and the ways it still influences us today. Segars echoed that sentiment.

“Our society can reach back to the young people and we can start to learn from them what they believe history is all about,” Segars said. “I told the contestants, ‘I learned something from every one of you today and you made my day.’”

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations. The General Francis Nash Chapter honors the commander of North Carolina’s regiments who served under General George Washington in 1777 at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, where a British cannonball mortally wounded Nash. For more information, visit [www.ncssar.org/chapters/general-francis-nash](http://www.ncssar.org/chapters/general-francis-nash).

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Courtesy of the Haw River Assembly

## Haw River cleanup

On Saturday, Haw River Assembly hosted its 33rd annual Clean-Up-A-Thon. Over 40 teams participated in the watershed-wide effort to remove trash from the river and creeks from Greensboro down to Jordan Lake. The yearly event raises awareness about the problem of trash and litter and cleans it up before it’s a hazard to wildlife and water quality. Since 1991 about 7,000 volunteers have cleaned up 11,000 bags of trash and 2,000 tires from our waterways. Twelve teams from Chatham joined in on Saturday, from Chicken Bridge down to Jordan Lake, filling over 80 bags, and picking up tires, car parts and even house appliances. Haw River Assembly wishes to thank all the volunteers who took part and our local business sponsors! See more photos from the event at: <https://hawriver.org/river-cleanup/>. In these photo, volunteers with ‘Friends of the Lower Haw’ (left) and the Pittsboro Rotary Club are shown.

## BOARD

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crowd felt the same way. “I believe that governance is an issue for the people to decide,” Pamela Hall of Siler City urged the board during public comment. “The people have a decision to make, too. So I just hope you take the comments that are coming and realize that people would like to

see this on November’s ballot.”

Some, however, felt the board was justified in taking a vote Monday evening.

“I believe that having a four year mayor’s term is very important for continuity, especially with the new industry coming to Siler City,” resident Denis de St. Aubin said. “The board is capable of making that decision today.”

The board decided to start the process of getting the proposition on the ballot. The ordinance will be developed by town staff to put the mayor’s term limit on the ballot in November 2023.

Tensions rise over Birch Avenue mural

Rev. Donald Matthews of Siler City requested an after-the-fact permit for the “Founders of

Birch Avenue” mural during Monday’s meeting. The painting was commissioned by the group Citizens in Action in early January and was unveiled to the public Feb. 27.

The group had a different mural commissioned before in 2021, but weren’t happy with the results. When Citizens in Action had a new team assembled to paint a new mural over the previous one, they did not apply for another permit.

Matthews, however, said he spoke to Commissioner Lewis Fadely and was left with the impression no further applications were needed.

Mayor Chip Price said he thought the new mural looked better than the previous one, but he argued he didn’t like aspects of the new design. Specifically, he didn’t like the street signs on the lower right corner of the mural.

“One of the things that is precedent is murals have to be historical and accurate,” Price said. “And I don’t think there are streets with these names in Siler City.”

The street signs in question have the words “Community Pride” on one and “Citizens in Action” on the other. Matthews said the signs were meant to be a signature of sorts for the organization, as well as a reminder of the pride Siler City’s Black community feels for Birch Avenue.

“Sometimes artists take liberties, and it was fine with us,” Matthews said. “We didn’t think it would be a problem.”

This isn’t the first time Price and Matthews have been on opposing sides. Matthews opposed Price in the race for mayor in 2022 and lost. Matthews frequently asks the town questions about various issues — ranging from equity, water quality, crime rates and more — and isn’t afraid to voice criticisms.

Price asked Matthews if it was possible to change the signs to be “historically accurate” and feature real streets in Siler City, including Birch Avenue. The current mural has several mentions of Birch Avenue, including on the shop signs and depicted buildings. Matthews said because of this, changing the street signs is unnecessary.

“We came to the board, we asked for help and you said no,” Matthews said. “We got out there and scuffled, scraped and raised every dime ... and you want to control what it is? There was an opportunity ... there’s so many things the board could be concentrating on, and you want to concentrate on the accuracy of a mural.”

The exchange between Matthews and Price continued to escalate, with the mayor insisting the signs needed to reflect real locations in town

and the pastor arguing other murals throughout town don’t meet those requirements. Matthews cited the Coca Cola mural and a rabbit mural as examples of murals not being “historically accurate.”

“Can you tell me the historical significance of the psychedelic looking mural?” Matthews argued.

Other board members felt the signs as they are were in compliance with the town’s policy on murals.

Commissioner Norma Boone, who was present at the mural’s unveiling, said there was a “sense of pride” on Birch Avenue, so it was only fitting to have that captured on the mural.

“I don’t see where that would cause any problems because it’s recognizing the group that actually sponsored the mural and then it’s also showing that there was pride in that in that street and what happened on that street,” she said. “Even though they used it a street sign, it really adds some significance to what it was.”

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Matthews’s request, with no changes necessary. Price, as mayor, only votes in the case of a tie. The board’s next meeting will be on April 3.

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## The Governor's visit

N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper visited Chatham County last Thursday, attending a Democratic Party event in Pittsboro at the invitation of Rep. Robert Reives II. Cooper, shown speaking with some attendees at the event, helped honor county volunteers and donors. 'Our officer team is deeply indebted to Robert Reives' campaign for making our event so incredibly successful,' said Liz Guinan, who's stepping down from the local party's chairperson position. 'Robert's generous spirit is on display to all of us in Chatham County, as witnessed by his devotion to bringing manufacturing jobs to Chatham, his work in addressing Pittsboro's water issues, his cooperation in negotiating a state budget, and a host of issues he fights for every day. Robert consistently works to improve lives in Chatham County, regardless of party affiliation. We cannot thank him enough.' Cooper, Reives. Sen. Natalie Murdock and others spoke at the event, held at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center.




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## Fidelity Bank breaks ground on new Pittsboro location

**Fidelity Bank breaks ground on new Pittsboro location**  
Fidelity Bank broke ground on its new Pittsboro location on Monday in a ceremony featuring Pittsboro branch associates, members of the bank's leadership team and local government officials. The new full-service branch will be located at 24 Commerce Court and will feature 10 offices, a conference room, three drive-thru lanes and a drive-up ATM. Fidelity Bank has operated in Pittsboro from a temporary branch located at 32 Industrial Park Drive, Suite 140., since June 2021. The Pittsboro branch team, most of which are shown here, consists of Market Executive Katie Walker, Business Development Officer Tony Cash, Branch Manager Teresa Farrell, Relationship Bankers Cindy Cochie and Sondra Cooper, and Business Loan Assistant Courtney Lowe. 'Our team is thrilled to expand our presence in Pittsboro with this investment in the community,' Walker said. 'We're passionate about serving the local businesses and residents of Pittsboro and the surrounding communities and are committed to providing Right By You customer service, offering products and services that meet the needs of the community, and volunteering in local organizations to give back to the people of the Town of Pittsboro.'



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## CHURCH NEWS

### SANDY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sandy Branch Baptist Church will meet in our Sunday School classes at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 26. We will join with several other local churches for a special prayer and worship service at 11 a.m. at the Tyson's Creek Baptist Church Family Life Center.

We will not have our usual 11 a.m. morning worship service at Sandy Branch this Sunday, but invite anyone to join us at Tyson's Creek as several congregations join together as one asking God for revival and renewal in our churches and community.

### LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Easter schedule for Loves Creek Baptist Church will include an Easter Cantata, "We Are Witnesses," on Sun-

day, April 2 at 10 a.m. presented by the adult choir.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m., we will have a Son Rise Service, followed by a fellowship breakfast at 9:15. The Easter Worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to join these events.

### COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Family and Friends Day will be held at Community Baptist Church on Sunday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Everyone is in invited and we would be honored to have our family, friends, and neighbors join us for this special day.

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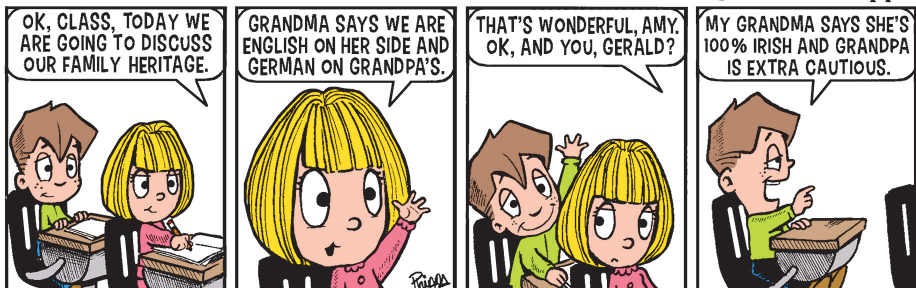


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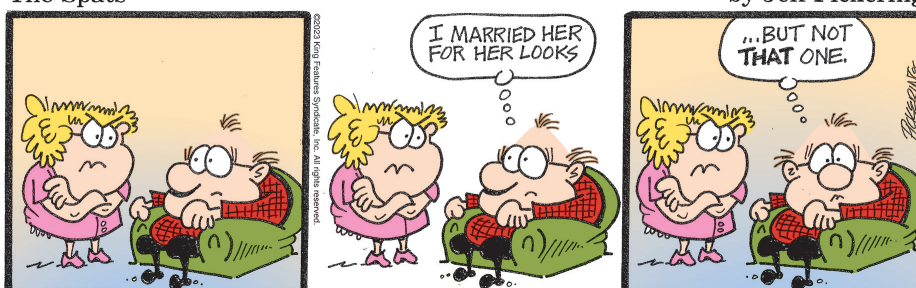
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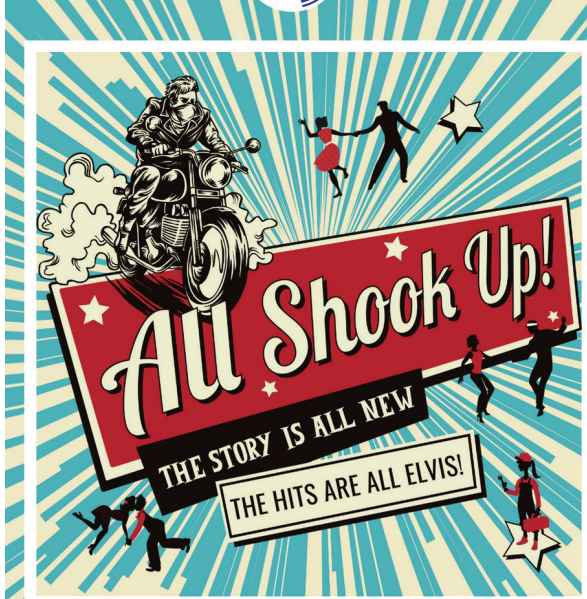
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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>60</b> Classic toothpaste brand	<b>103</b> Comedian who did plumbing work?	<b>13</b> Moral lapse	<b>56</b> ID for the IRS	<b>94</b> Hamper
<b>1</b> Horse house	<b>63</b> Org. supporting sober motorists	<b>108</b> Soda giant	<b>14</b> Actress Best	<b>61</b> Rejections	<b>95</b> Withdrawal of the U.K. from the E.U.
<b>7</b> Talked about	<b>65</b> Env. alterer for one	<b>110</b> Obama health law, for short	<b>15</b> French article	<b>62</b> Keenness	<b>96</b> Await
<b>16</b> iPhone buys	<b>66</b> Novelist who had a law degree?	<b>111</b> Camp shelter	<b>16</b> Slightly	<b>64</b> "Lah-di- —!"	<b>98</b> Printed circuit board, as for a laptop
<b>20</b> Medieval weapon	<b>73</b> Pear center	<b>112</b> Actor who was always providing precedents?	<b>17</b> Nancy in the House	<b>66</b> Joke around the Manhattan Project	<b>99</b> Brings joy to Kett
<b>21</b> Stimulus	<b>74</b> Litigant	<b>122</b> Casino cubes	<b>18</b> Gave a lousy review of	<b>67</b> Harold of the	<b>100</b> Comics' Reddi- — (dessert topping brand)
<b>22</b> Garbanzo, for one	<b>75</b> Extensive, informally	<b>123</b> Has as a goal	<b>19</b> "Gesundheit" elicitor	<b>70</b> Dull and heavy	<b>104</b> — to go (fired up)
<b>23</b> Kids' writer who was a frequent flier?	<b>76</b> Vehicle often traded in	<b>124</b> Really must	<b>24</b> Kitchen pests	<b>71</b> Ex-Yankee Hideki —	<b>105</b> Plants with fronds
<b>26</b> North Carolina university	<b>80</b> Actress Rae	<b>125</b> Suffix with novel	<b>25</b> — tai	<b>72</b> Shortstop	<b>106</b> Map extra
<b>27</b> Ca++ or Cl-	<b>82</b> Chess plays	<b>126</b> Sticks firmly to a decision	<b>29</b> "God willing!"	<b>73</b> Half-pint	<b>107</b> Old-time anesthetic
<b>28</b> Make up (for)	<b>87</b> Showman who rehabilitated injured people?	<b>127</b> Prized violins, for short	<b>30</b> Curtain fabric	<b>77</b> The Bengals, on score-boards	<b>109</b> Captain Hook henchman
<b>29</b> Architect who loved internet chatting?	<b>91</b> Song that Kim sings to Hugo in "Bye Bye Birdie"		<b>31</b> Fuse, as ore	<b>78</b> Fast Amtrak train	<b>113</b> "Deck the Halls" syllables
<b>38</b> "Oh yeah?" — who?!"	<b>92</b> Long span Oldsmobiles		<b>32</b> Dole (out)	<b>79</b> Morocco's capital	<b>114</b> Suffix with novel
<b>39</b> That man	<b>93</b> Third-century pope	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>33</b> Sheriff Wyatt	<b>81</b> "Am not!" rejoinder	<b>115</b> Transcript fig.
<b>40</b> In a chair	<b>94</b> Alpine goat	<b>1</b> Health club	<b>34</b> Ending for bed or home	<b>83</b> "I'll return very shortly," in texts	<b>116</b> AOL or MSN
<b>41</b> Rural tract	<b>97</b> Test facility	<b>2</b> Actor Cruise	<b>35</b> Vogue rival	<b>84</b> As a whole	<b>117</b> — low ebb
<b>42</b> Helper	<b>98</b> Grinding tool	<b>3</b> Part of IPA	<b>36</b> Hammerhead ends	<b>85</b> Fixed the pitch of	<b>118</b> Pitthy remark
<b>43</b> Not round-trip	<b>101</b> "— 'er rip!"	<b>4</b> Visorless cap	<b>37</b> Sun orbiter	<b>86</b> Actor Jimmy	<b>119</b> Toothpaste box inits.
<b>47</b> Three, in Italy	<b>102</b> Anonymous guy	<b>5</b> Boxer Ali	<b>42</b> Jokingly	<b>88</b> Brain section	<b>120</b> "Inc." relative
<b>48</b> 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles		<b>6</b> Former inmate	<b>44</b> Nintendo game system	<b>89</b> — and crafts	<b>121</b> — Alamos
<b>50</b> Mystery writer who was a constable?		<b>7</b> Awful racket	<b>45</b> Second part of a play	<b>90</b> Part of IPA	
<b>57</b> Give the right		<b>8</b> — jiffy (PDQ)	<b>46</b> Barks of pain		
<b>58</b> Actor Arnaz		<b>9</b> — fi	<b>48</b> In the thick of		
<b>59</b> Old Japanese governors		<b>10</b> Bright red	<b>49</b> Eye, in Spain		
		<b>11</b> Remove the cargo from	<b>51</b> Extinct		
		<b>12</b> Bee attack	<b>52</b> Deep regret		
			<b>53</b> Old autocrat		
			<b>54</b> Tone down		
			<b>55</b> — act		

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Solution for the puzzle in last week's edition.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: MR. POTATO —

- Beetle  
Blight  
Bread  
Chips
- Famine  
Farmer  
Masher  
Pancakes
- Peeler  
Peels  
Plant  
Salad
- Skins  
Soup  
Tuberworm

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by Linda Thistle

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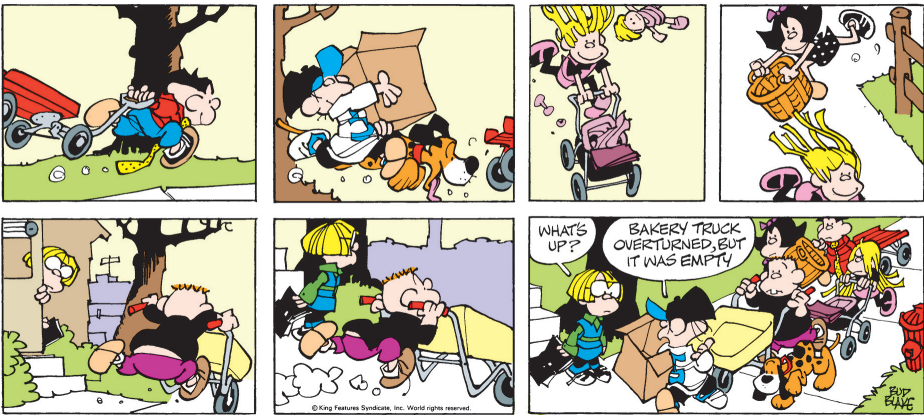
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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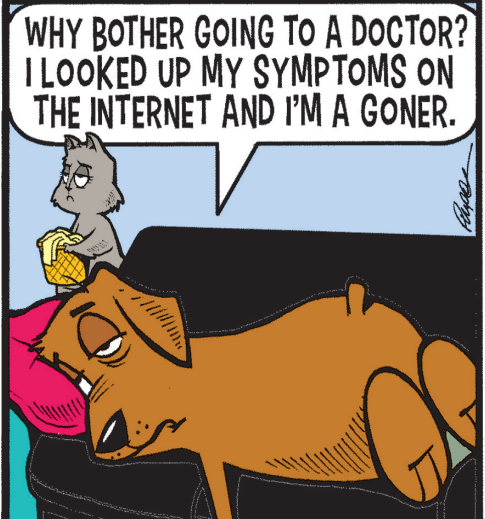
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