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the BRIEF this week

Local realtor receives recognition

Eric Andrews, with Realty World Carolina Properties in Pittsboro, was recognized as one of the country's top land brokers for the fifth year in a row.

Land brokers recognized as part of the RLI APEX Producers Club must meet a qualifying dollar volume in closed sales, with Andrews recording more than \$20 million in 2023 alone. Andrews is one of 53 Accredited Land Consultants in North Carolina.



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Andrews with Aubrie Kobernus, CEO of Realtors Land Institute

State won't set new workplace guidance around masking

NC's labor commissioner has declined to adopt rules sought by worker and civil rights groups that would have set safety and masking directives in workplaces for future infectious disease outbreaks like with COVID-19.

Commissioner Josh Dobson announced his decision last week, following a public hearing in January. One rule focused on controlling the spread of infectious diseases among migrant workers. The other covered workers more broadly in various fields. The North Carolina State AFL-CIO was one of the petitioners, and its president urged Dobson to reconsider.

Trial on voter ID set for May

A federal trial over North Carolina's photo voter identification law remains set for May, after a judge refused to end efforts by civil rights groups that sued over the requirement on allegations that its provisions are marred by racial bias.

U.S. District Judge Loretta Biggs denied a "summary judgment" motion filed in 2021 for members of the State Board of Elections, which is implementing the law.

Photo ID was required starting with last fall's municipal elections and the primary election earlier this month. Biggs wrote that disputes remained over the case's facts or inferences from undisputed facts. Republican legislative leaders also are



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Sacking out

Kids gave it their all in the sack race at the EGGstreme Spring Fling on Saturday. The annual event, put on by Chatham County Parks and Recreation at CCC's campus in Pittsboro, saw kids participate in an epic Easter Egg Hunt, water balloon toss and much more.



COURTESY DENNY COLVIN / SAR

Lowell Hoffman is chairman of the North Carolina Rumbaugh Oratory Contest, acting as the event's organizer, showrunner and historian.

Revolutionary rhetoric reigns

Local high schoolers invoke Spirit of '76 in oratory competition

By Dan Reeves
For Chatham News & Record

CHAPEL HILL – Two years shy of the 250th anniversary of 1776, nine high school students from around North Carolina gathered over the weekend at Chatham County's Governor's Club to honor the founding fathers with short oratories of their own creation.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oratory Contest, named

after its benefactor and put on by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, asks students to write, memorize, and deliver a five-minute speech about an event, personality, or document related to the Revolutionary War.

Judged on composition, delivery, significance, and history, the competitors spoke articulately and passionately, invoking the essence of America's national identity, indomitable spirit, and enduring legacy of liberty and independence.

Subjects varied widely, including the tale of revolutionary war

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Pittsboro skate park moves forward, water utility gets new name

Combined Pittsboro and Sanford utility will be TriRiver Water

By Robert Owens
For Chatham News & Record

Pittsboro could be getting a new skate park and the local utility company is being rebranded to TriRiver Water, and both were the main topics of discussion at the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners' March 11th meeting.

With Sanford and Pittsboro combining water systems, a new name was needed. According to a city memo, Carrboro Creative was hired to "create an inclusionary brand for the new utility." The result is TriRiver Water.

Named after the location where the Haw, Deep and Cape Rivers converge in the Cape Fear Basin, the branding aims to evoke a "Good Neighbor" archetype, characterized by relatability, commonality, and desire for connection.

The new branding will be rolled out in the near future.

Then discussion moved to the skate park. "We are talking with a nonprofit right now about budgeting, site design, and site location," Parks & Recreation Director Katy Keller told the board. The proposed new skate park would be near McClenahan Street Park.

"I think you'll find this board is behind you 100 percent," said Commissioner Jay Farrell. Other board members were equally supportive.

"I didn't grow up skating, but I hung out with skaters in high school and a little bit at college. I view skating as a different form of mobility. It's a

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Chatham Schools examine ways to boost teacher pay

Though the state controls teacher salaries, counties can have additional reward and recognition programs

By Robert Owens
For Chatham News & Record

A POTENTIAL supplemental income plan to support the county's teachers was a major focus of the March 11 meeting of Chatham County Schools Board of Education.

The recognition of teachers in the county for exceptional service to students and the awards won by both teachers and students framed the discussion, along with public comments voicing support for higher wages.

Superintendent Anthony Jackson spoke to the possibilities of supplemental compensation presented his "Recruit, Retain, Recognize and Reward" plan to the board.

"All of this ties to our strategic priorities of ensuring that we put the absolute best people in front of our kids" Jackson stated. The plan seeks to provide incentives to teachers and

"This year my student has felt seen, loved, and challenged by Mrs. Laurin. This year as a parent I have felt supported, informed, and appreciated by Mrs. Laurin. She cares about her work and her students' success and growth."

Nomination of Laurin Deaton or the Power of One Award

Commissioner John Bonitz



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way to get around,” said Commissioner John Bonitz.

He noted that the location of the park is of particular benefit. “You don’t have to get in the car to go there,” Bonitz said. “It’s for that reason I think there’s such a strong public good for it to be there.”

Mayor Kyle Shipp motioned that the Pittsboro Skate Park non-profit “come to an agreement with the town about the project scope, size and cost and the necessary parameters to complete the project.”

The motion passed unanimously, with a plan for the town to match 15 percent of funds raised up to \$300,000. The project now goes to city staff who will prepare a more detailed report.

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reduce turnover.

“We have to do so within the context of the resources we have” he continued. “We have worked very diligently to make sure that any time there was a way to enhance or increase any level of compensation for staff we have done so”.

“The state is actually responsible for teachers salaries. The only obligation that the county has to the school district is in services, our water, things like that — not people,” explained Vice Chair Del Turner, addressed potential frustra-

tions and explaining the role of the state legislature in funding. “Whenever county commissioners are offering supplements to school districts, they are doing it as a courtesy its not an obligation.”

The board will forward a proposal around improving teacher compensation to the county commissioners for further consideration.

Each month, the school board picks a district staff member for special recognition through the Power of One Award. It recognizes an individual who has had a powerful impact on shaping the direc-

tion of someone else’s life.

This month’s award went to Laurin Deaton, a pre-K teacher at Siler City Elementary. Deaton’s nomination for the award read:

“Laurin Deaton deserves the Power of One award because of the dedication and enthusiasm she gives her students and parents each day. The Pre-K year lays the foundation for how students and parents feel about school. This year my student has felt seen, loved, and challenged by Mrs. Laurin. This year as a parent I have felt supported, informed, and appreciated by Mrs. Laurin. She cares

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Here’s a quick look at what’s coming up in Chatham County:

March 22

Wren Friends of the Library Book Sale

2 – 5:30 p.m.

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Lego Club

4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for a weekly free build LEGO session in the Holmes Meeting Room at the Chatham Community Library. Work alone or in a team. Create from scratch and tell us about your creation! Duplo blocks are available for our youngest builders. For more information, contact Youth Services at (919) 545-8085 or youth.services@chathamlibraries.org.

March 23

2024 Chatham County Spring Ag Fest

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Chatham County invites residents to join us for our 4th annual Spring Ag Fest at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, located at 1192 US 64 W Business in Pittsboro. The Spring Ag Fest is a celebration of Chatham County’s agriculture, forestry, and natural resources. The event will offer something for everyone: livestock arena events, demonstrations, food, and more. For more information visit growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu

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• 448 River Point Road (Moncure), 4.10 Acres, 3 Bedroom/1 Bath, \$300,000	• 6122 Pleasant Hill Church Road (Siler City), 18.58 Acres, \$300,000	• 0 JB Morgan Road (Apex), 21.50 Acres, \$825,000
• 298 E. Salisbury Street (Pittsboro), 0.40 Acres, 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, \$675,000	• 1000 Nebsit Road (Pleasant Garden), 52.13 Acres, \$1,500,000	• 8636/8710 Johnson Mill Road (Bahama), 182.888 Acres, \$3,240,000
• 35 Hedgecock Farm Road (Pittsboro), 4.870 Acres, 2 Bedroom/2 Bath, \$340,000	• 1388 Henry Oldham Road (Bear Creek), 4.840 Acres, \$150,000	• 174 Bingo Street (Pittsboro), 11.40 Acres, \$275,000
• 412 Brampton Close (Pittsboro), 0.058 Acres, 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, \$550,000	• 0 Hal Clark Road (Siler City), 29.730 Acres, \$360,000	• 84 E. Chatham Street (Pittsboro), 0.17 Acres, \$535,000
	• 188 Cherokee Drive (Chapel Hill), 1.150 Acres, \$100,000	• 8874 NC Hwy 87 S (Graham), 1.17 Acres, \$250,000 or Lease \$1,750/mo.
	• 170 Cherokee Drive (Chapel Hill), 1.150 Acres, \$100,000	

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RESIDENTIAL	LAND	COMMERCIAL UNIMPROVED
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• 809 Stoneybrook Drive (Sanford), 4 Bedroom/3 Bath, 1.210 Acres, \$360,000	• 13120 Strickland Road (Raleigh), 16.25 Acres, \$1,500,000	• 10681 E US Hwy 64 (Apex), 3.97 Acres, \$1,000,000
	• 00 Hamlets Chapel Road (Pittsboro), 118.742 Acres, \$4,250,000	• 1700 Hillsboro Street (Pittsboro), 29.79 Acres, \$4,500,000

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heroine Sybil Ludington, who rode a Revere-esque 40 miles on horseback to alert colonial militias of the burning of Danbury, Connecticut, by the Redcoats, or Bernardo De Galvez, a Spanish ally who was instrumental in winning the war on the Gulf Coast.

The contest, held this past Saturday, featured members from two N.C. Sons of the American Revolution chapters, including Chatham County's General Francis Nash Chapter, which includes Chapel Hill, and the Raleigh Chapter.

Brooks Bae, a Northwood High sophomore, placed second overall for his fiery oration "Blame Europe." Telling a tale of a centuries-long toxic relationship with our colonial forefathers, Bae closed his dramatic speech with:

"Since the French-Indian War and the American Revolution, Cupid's arrows have pierced the hearts of America and Europe. This fateful relationship has been toxic, where America has been taken advantage of for its resources, for its money, and for its power. The American Revolution should have overwritten our national subservience to Europe, but the toxicity lingers. Even so, perhaps Cupid's attention is not misguided, maybe if America and Europe could move towards a mutually respectful relationship, we could create an international landscape of economic growth and global safety.

Now, that's worth a revolution."

Francisco Forrester of Durham's Riverside High School placed second within the Chatham Chapter for his engaging account of Bernardo De Galvez's heroic campaign, which saw him capture the British ports of Pensacola, Mobile, Biloxi, and Natchez with a pair of ships and just 500 men.

Other Chatham County participants included Seaforth High School students Joshua Miller and Aria Browndyke. Miller delivered a poignant treatise on the American legacy of never giving up, while Browndyke opined on the precious power held by the young, both during the revolution and continuing today.

Others spoke of sacrifice and the power of unity against tyranny. Timothy Histler, a senior homeschooled student from Raleigh, won first place for eloquently highlighting the achievements and contributions of John Dickenson, the "Penman of the Revolution."

Blessed with intellect, patriotism, and unwavering personal convictions, Histler told the crowd of about 70 parents, judges, and SAR members, "John Dickinson was a man who used those qualities to contribute greatly to the American cause and should challenge us to emulate his characteristics in our world today. In a country that is so often fractured, unifying influences like John Dickenson bring an antidote to the disease of division."

He went on, urging, like in Washington's farewell address, that we not "fall victim to the polarization that affects the United States today. Instead, we must look to Dickinson, who used his persuasiveness with the pen to unify the colonists. The United States that we know and love will only remain prominent if we join hand-in-hand with fellow Americans, saying, 'United We Stand, Divided We Fall.' Let us follow the example of John Dickinson and be the solution to the disease of division."



Timothy Histler, of Raleigh, was named the North Carolina statewide winner.



Brooks Bae, a Northwood High sophomore, won second place.

As the statewide winner, Histler takes home a \$750 prize, a medal, and will get to present his oration and at the State SAR Assembly Youth Awards Luncheon in Greensboro on April 6.

Chatham's Lowell Hoffman heads the North Carolina Rumbaugh event and was instrumental in bringing it to Chatham County and the General Francis Nash Chapter.

With a Trebek-like cadence, Hoffman kept attendees entertained with brief lessons between orations, addressing everything from the Boston Tea Party to William Pitt.

"I see this contest as giving the gift of confidence in public speaking," Hoffman said while acting as the event's organizer, showrunner, and historian. "By participating, writing, researching, memorizing, and delivering an oration, each student will have made progress in developing skills and confidence in expressing ideas and seeking to influence others."

The 2023 winner, UNC Chapel Hill freshman Aliza Jankowsky, returned to congratulate the orators and gave a short speech expressing appreciation for the contest, her experience, and its positive impact on the community.

Also in attendance were two influential and active teachers

in Rumbaugh Oratory, English and Speech Teacher Jill Thomas of Northwood High School and Riley Shaner of Seaforth High School. Thomas, "the teacher you wish you had had in high school" according to her students, pushed the administration and school board to launch the speech class that's been running for a half-decade. Each year, she encourages her top students to enter the competition.

Not coincidentally, Shaner, a former student of Thomas', was herself a state winner and placed 2nd at the National Assembly in Costa Mesa, CA, winning \$4,000. She had two students competing in a "Pass it On" story of mentorship, dedication, and commitment to teaching.

The 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, chartered in 1928, 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, visit nessar.org

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9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Children's Easter Celebration (3rd Floor)
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SANDY BRANCH CHURCH

Sandy Branch will host our community Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd at 3:00 p.m. Hope you'll come out for the fun and goodies!

The choir will present its Easter Cantata, "In Christ Alone" during the 11:00 morning worship service on March 24th.

We are at 715 Sandy Branch Church Road, Bear Creek, and all are always welcome!

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But Jesus Said, "Suffer Little Children, And Forbid Them Not To Come Unto Me: For Of Such Is The Kingdom Of Heaven"
Matthew 19:14

CRIME LOG

March 10

- ◆ Nolan Anthony Wells, 39, of Pittsboro, was arrested for possession of cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and other offenses.
- ◆ Brandon Thomas Hill, 30, of Goldston, was arrested for assault resulting in physical injury to law enforcement and resisting a public officer.

March 11

- ◆ Tracy Ivey Hitt, 55, of Siler City, was arrested for trafficking opium or heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was issued a written promise to appear.
- ◆ Alexis Naomi Ruiz, 30, of Pittsboro, was arrested for assault, misdemeanor domestic violence and communicating threats.
- ◆ Maranda Carol Cothran, 49, of Randleman, was arrested for failure to appear.
- ◆ Kimberly Nicole Hopkins, 28, of Bennett, was arrested for failure to appear and felony probation violation.
- ◆ Jamie Foxx, 53, of Siler City, was arrested for second degree trespassing, misdemeanor larceny, and possession of stolen goods/property.

March 12

- ◆ Christopher Shane Lancaster, 33, of Apex, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, and assault and battery.
- ◆ Jared Todd Richmond, 26, of Pittsboro, was arrested for communicating threats.
- ◆ Brittany Nicole Johnson, 33, of Siler City, was arrested for common law robbery, breaking and entering to terrorize, and assault on an individual with a disability.

March 13

- ◆ Jeffery Arthur Cooper, 60, of Pittsboro, was arrested for assault and battery.
- ◆ Brandy Jean Hill, 47, of Asheboro, was arrested for identity theft on a warrant out of Randolph County.

March 14

- ◆ Andrew Phillip Gerbing, 38, of Siler City, was arrested for third degree sex exploitation of minor, solicit child by computer, disseminate obscenity, and disseminating harmful material to minors. He was issued a \$15,000 secured bond.
- Robert Bascom Richardson, 46, of Seagrove, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was held without bond.



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COLUMN | ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

A Basketball Amen



The demagogues Steph Curry and Caitlin Clark — bless them and their divinely-kissed shooting arms — has evangelized the masses into believing that a thirty-three-foot jumper is a high-percentage shot.

MY BUDDY, a cheerful dude whom I hadn't seen in years, met me at a coffeeshop, and after filling each other in about our kids, we leapt into a conversation about the holy subject of basketball. We heaped praise upon Chatham County's own Drake Powell's deft crossover dribble and gave thanks for the inimitable Steve Nash's behind-the-back passes of old. As Tar Heel disciples, we hoped fervently for R.J. Davis to continue his miracle-working pick 'n' rolls, but good Lord, all due respect to the Wolfpack and D.J. Horne.

My friend and I had a second cup of coffee, and our talk shifted to how the game has changed. How the mimicry of the demagogues Steph Curry and Caitlin Clark — bless them and their divinely-kissed shooting arms — has evangelized the masses into believing that a thirty-three-foot jumper is a high-percentage shot.

But I don't wish for you to think that my basketball-loving friend and I are puritanical curmudgeons in love with a bygone era. We spoke of our own brief hoop careers with fondness, not bitterness. Each of us has come to that point in life when you realize that your best is not enough and that you actually cannot be

anything you want to be. The reality of human finitude and limitation will bring you to the bench, if not your knees.

But though our playing days are long over, our reverence for the game has only deepened with the passing years. We are not alone in this. Robert Hass, former U.S. Poet Laureate, said that "poetry, like playing basketball, is a way of life." Make the extra pass. Follow through. Be a good teammate. These are crucial lessons in life, serving you well after hanging up the Air Jordans.

For everything, there is a season, and, in terms of basketball season, there is a time to play and a time to watch. I am happy to sit in the bleachers or tune into the broadcast. Though big men display impressive power, I say that point guards, like Elliot Cadeau, are nearer to God with the same abounding urge to distribute grace to others. There is something mystical about the unspoken connection between players that results in an alley-oop slam dunk. And basketball, at its most glorious, is like church—holy moments when the team transcends any individual and binds people together in love. A sweet amen is the delicious swish of the net.

EDITORIAL | BOB WACHS

When time flies by, thank goodness for pictures



I wish I could turn the clock back to when my dad was young and healthy.

THE PLACE IN MY HOUSE where I spend more time than in any other place, including the area containing the dinner table, is a room we call "the study."

Some of what gives that room its name actually does go on there. From time to time in that space, I read and study while preparing sermons for Sunday morning worship services. Other times I'll ponder what to put in these columns. You may be able to tell if the pondering has been any good or not by what's produced by those efforts.

Then there are the times I "study" various videos, like clips of UNC basketball games or old episodes of "Hill Street Blues" or "NYPD Blue." I "study" tv cartoons of my youth because you can't find "Woody Woodpecker" on the tube today. Sometimes I "study" how to beat my daughter in our daily challenge of who gets the best score in Wordle. And, no lie here, I have even "studied" the inside of my eye lids as all that effort got to me.

There's a certain personality to the room. There are stacks of books in the built-in bookcases and on the floor and on the file cabinet and on my desk about baseball and U.S. History and current events, all waiting for "someday." There are items of memorabilia on those shelves such as a rag doll my grandmother, who died when I was so young I don't remember her, made for me. There are commemorative soft drink bottles on shelves, celebrating national collegiate basketball championships won by UNC and N.C. State. And there are stacks of old newspapers and boxes of I-don't-really-know-what.

And more.

But it dawned on me the other day, as I

pounded out this column, that as I sit at the keyboard there are three pictures of my father surrounding me. And that reminded me of something I read the other day that impressed me so much I wrote it down: "I wish I could turn the clock back to when my dad was young and healthy." As I thought about that and looked at those three images, the thought came how true that is.

Those pictures trace his years. One of them is of him as a boy of about four or five. It's a large image, hanging on the wall above my head. It was a black and white picture that was later "colorized." He's a cute little boy all dressed up in a white sailor suit.

Then there's a small snapshot of me and him. In that one, I'm about four or five and he's squatting beside me, arm around my waist and mine on his shoulder. He's wearing a white straw hat and sunglasses, looking pretty sharp. I sort of remember how he looked then.

But what I really remember is how he looked in the last photo; it's him and Mama taken for a church directory while, like the saying mentioned earlier, he was healthy, at least reasonably so.

I miss him. I'd like to hear his voice again, to talk with him about life in general and some things in specific, to let him see my eight grandchildren and to relive old memories and make some new ones.

Funny thing about clocks and time. We can't rewind it or turn it back; can't save it or make more of it. We can only spend it . . . or waste it.

Make good use of yours, especially if your dad — or mama — is still with you.

I'd like to think my daddy would be proud of me.

COLUMN | JAN HUTTON

Keeping my side of the street clean (mostly)

Have I made my human behavioral journey into reflecting goodness sound hopeless?

LET ME OWN TWO FAVES — “Love Actually” (the movie) and Hugh Grant in just about anything, including “Love Actually.”

“Good’s going to win” is a line spoken by the Hugh Grant character in the coda to “Love Actually” (made 15 years later.) I hear that line and immediately feel uplifted and warm. Of course, it’s hard to know whether it’s my reaction to Hugh Grant or the promise of “Good is going to win.” I really think it’s the latter. I want it to be the latter.

I do want “good to win.” But there’s a slight hitch in that my version of good, and yours, can often be different. Very different. Are there universal values all of us can agree constitute goodness? After doing a quick literature survey of universal values, and there appear to be, culturally, zillions, I’m going reductionistic. Can we just agree on being, well, nice?

Playing well with others? But, oh gosh, such strong cultural tides pushing me this way and that, inclusive of my words. Eeek! Have I made my human behavioral journey into reflecting goodness sound hopeless?

Might there, possibly, be an internal “on” switch I can lean into when in pursuit of reflecting my good intentions into the world? A switch that automatically tamps down my oh-so human temptation to utter

words, mindlessly or on purpose, that are hurtful to others? Hey, stop me any time the buzzer goes off and a great answer appears....

Waiting, waiting, waiting....
Oh, what the heck, until that omnibus “goodness on” switch makes its appearance, I actually do have a solution du jour: keeping my side of the street clean (as much as this fallible human can.) Yep, that’s it. Really creative, eh? And this coming from someone who absolutely hates to sweep!

Perhaps a tad more info...
When I approach being unnecessarily verbally reactive to someone, can I try to remember that I, Jan, can easily become a virus disseminator? Yep, that would be me — sharing psychological and social viruses in the world, as a result of my words. Darn it, they’re viruses, catching, just like the flu!

Sooo, keeping my side of the street clean is just good cultural hygiene. It’s my public health contribution when those viruses are flying around. Many folks think rudeness, or hurtful words, are a self-contained experience, limited to just one person or interaction. Nope, nope, nope. They’re truly a virus that spreads, making the lives of everyone exposed to them more fraught. Do any of us really need more “fraught?”

I mean, folks, haven’t we had enough of viruses? Really.

COLUMN
SUSAN ESTRICH

On ‘from the edges of a broken world’

The essay was published by Guernica, which until this week I would have described as a highly regarded literary journal.

This week, they retracted the essay, saying they regretted publishing it. Why? Because it expressed empathy for both Israelis and Palestinians. Because it was written by an Israeli woman, a peace activist, a volunteer who drives Palestinian children in need of medical care to Israeli hospitals for treatment.

How dare she express empathy for both sides?

Read the essay. It is beautiful. It is nuanced.

“It is not easy to tread the line of empathy, to feel passion for both sides,” Joanna Chen, the essay’s author, wrote, explaining why she stopped her volunteer work for two weeks after Oct. 7. “How could I continue after Hamas had massacred and kidnapped so many civilians,” she asked, noting that a fellow volunteer and longtime peace activist named Vivian Silver was among those murdered by Hamas. “And I admit, I was afraid for my own life.”

Two weeks later, warned by her son that she was risking her life, she went back to her volunteer work.

This is the woman Guernica’s co-founder — who quit because of the essay’s publication — denounced for writing “a hand-wringing apologia for Zionism and the ongoing genocide in Palestine.”

When, two weeks after Oct. 7, she resumed her volunteer driving, her husband came with her (against her son’s advice, who didn’t want to lose both his parents); she picked up a 3-year-old Palestinian boy at the checkpoint with his father, and drove them to the pediatric unit at Sheba Medical Center. “Shukran, shukran, thank you, the father said as I cradled Jad in my arms for a moment. And I wanted to say, “No, thank you for trusting me with your child. Thank you for reminding me that we can still find empathy and love in this broken world.”

This is the essay that Guernica’s former fiction editor Ishita Marwah castigated as a “rank piece of genocide apologia” and caused her to condemn Guernica as “a pillar of eugenicist white colonialism masquerading as goodness.”

And what does it say about Guernica that it caved in the face of that criticism, retracting the essay, saying that it “regrets having published this piece. A more fulsome explanation will follow.” That’s why you have to follow the link to the internet archives to read it.

From the river to the sea. In Guernica’s world, there is no place for Israel, and no voice for Israelis. Call it what you will: I call it antisemitism. No place for a woman who moved to Israel with her parents, when she was 16, after her brother died. On social media, she was damned as “a settler who has settler genocidal friends and raised settler genocidal children.”

A dozen editors at Guernica quit last weekend to protest the fact that Guernica published the piece. Grace Loh Prasad, a Taiwanese-born contributor to Guernica, complained: “I am alarmed & upset that my writing has appeared alongside an essay that attempts to convey empathy for a colonizing, genocidal power.” I wonder: Has she seen the pictures of what was done to women and girls on Oct. 7? Has she no empathy for the victims of terrorists who so hate women, who would do this to innocent children? The answer, apparently, is that there is no such thing as an innocent Israeli, that they have no right to exist.

Last Saturday, after Sabbath services at Los Angeles I-KAR congregation, Standing Together’s Alon-Lee Green and Sally Abed spoke to a standing room only audience about the work they do as leaders of a grass roots organization of Jewish and Palestinian Israelis working together in pursuit of peace, equality and social and climate justice.

The crowd was rapt, hungry for just this kind of talk. This work has landed them on the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) boycott list — the political equivalent of Guernica’s cancellation. It is enraging — and heartbreaking — that those with the courage to try to speak the truth and find empathy in a broken world should by virtue of that become the targets of the gutless wonders and extremist haters who are trying, successfully at Guernica, to dominate the discourse.

COLUMN | RICHARD HUDSON

The state of our union is in crisis



The last thing folks in the Sandhills want is another oppressive Biden Administration mandate.

UNDER PRESIDENT BIDEN’S failed leadership, the State of the Union is in crisis.

He can try to convince the American people his policies are working, but after his address last week, one thing is clear — they’re not buying it.

Over the past three years, Americans have experienced one crisis after another. From the catastrophic open border, skyrocketing prices fueled by inflation, to surging violent crime, to weakness on the world stage, President Biden has made our country less prosperous and less safe.

Since President Biden took office, folks in our region and across America are paying more for everything. His reckless spending and anti-energy policies have led to historic inflation, soaring gas prices, and higher interest rates, making it more expensive for people just to buy the basics. Mortgage rates have also doubled, skyrocketing the cost of purchasing a home and putting the American dream of homeownership out of reach for more families.

This crisis has left many families drowning in credit card debt. Many people have had to take second or third jobs to make ends meet. Hardworking Americans are suffering because of President Biden’s failures, and they’ve had enough.

President Biden’s open border policies and disregard for our immigration laws

have created the worst border crisis in U.S. history, turning every community into a border community. Under the Biden Administration, there have been roughly 8.7 million illegal crossings nationwide, including over 340 individuals on the terrorist watch list. Countless innocent lives have been tragically lost to fentanyl poisoning and criminal violence at the hands of people here illegally. Just a few weeks ago,

Laken Riley, a Georgia college nursing student, was brutally murdered by an illegal migrant who’d been paroled and released into our country after crossing the border illegally in 2022.

The crisis at our border is a catastrophe of the President’s own design, and he could fix it today with a stroke of a pen, but he refuses to act. Meanwhile, House Republicans passed a bill to stop the flow of illegal migrants and secure America’s borders. We won’t stop fighting to secure America’s borders and protect our communities.

While President Biden continues to dodge responsibility and ignore the suffering his policies have caused, House Republicans are fighting to hold him accountable and restore our country’s greatness once again.

Richard Hudson represents North Carolina’s 9th Congressional district.

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Wrenn Carroll Jordan

Oct. 11th, 1938 – March 16th,
2024

Wrenn Carroll Jordan, 85, of Siler City, passed away Friday, March 16, 2024.

Wrenn was born in Chatham County on October 11, 1938, to Harry Lane Jordan and Cara Wrenn Jordan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers: Rev. R. Harry Jordan and wife, Frances Weaver Jordan, of Wilson and James Allen Jordan, of Siler City. Wrenn is survived by his niece, Charlotte Frances Jordan, of Wilson, Carolina Beach and previously of Raleigh and nephew, Thomas Mark Jordan, of Raleigh.

Wrenn was loved by many in the community and facilities. He had an appealing personality, socially high functioning

though born with DD. After Murdoch Center Training School in Butner, NC, he moved to the first group home opened in NC, the Durham County group home. Wrenn moved to live in his last group home for most of his years, Pickens Place in Siler City, in which he enjoyed all the activities and beach trips. Wrenn worked at Chatham Trades for years. He eventually moved to the Siler City Genesis Nursing Home Center for physical rehab purposes where Wrenn would spend his day times at Club Insight. Wrenn enjoyed all mechanical things, rode his bicycle while living in Durham and his moped. He enjoyed going to the Weaver Virginia farm and admiring the tractors. Wrenn attended Siler City Methodist Church when living at home and his faith was a part of him. Wrenn loved his niece's dogs and riding in her automobiles. Wrenn's favorite pass time was smoking his collection of pipes. His pleasantness will be remembered and missed.

Much appreciation by the family to OPC LME staff.

A graveside burial will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Oakwood Cemetery, at 3:00 PM.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home is serving the Jordan family.

Online Condolences may be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com



Mary Margaret Clegg Griffin

Feb. 16th, 1927 – March 13th,
2024

Mary Margaret Clegg Griffin, age 97, of Pittsboro, died Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at home.

Mary Margaret was born in

Chatham County, on February 16, 1927, to the late Henry Clegg and Flossie Beard Clegg. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Burnice Griffin, and six brothers, Bud, Bynum, Henry, Hoyt, William, Horace, and two son in laws, Joe Jackson and Charles Hinton.

Surviving relatives include two daughters: Betty Jean Hinton of Pittsboro, Sylvia Jackson of Pittsboro, one son, Burnice Griffin, Jr. "Burnie", and wife Bonnie of Pittsboro, one brother, Lynn Clegg and wife Rose of Pittsboro, four grandchildren, April (Darrell Elliott), Blake, Clay, Renee (Rodney Wilder), seven great-grandchildren, Connor, Lexi, Everly, Charlie, Katie, Reice, Ryan, and one great-great-grandchild, Ryleigh.

The family will receive friends, Monday, March 18,

2024, from 1:00PM-1:50PM at Pittsboro Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow at 2:00PM with Pastor Peter McDonald presiding. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions to be made in Mary Margaret's memory to Pittsboro Baptist Church Quilting Ministry P.O. Box 696 Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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Larry "Ricky" M. Urdock, Jr.

Aug. 1st, 1968 – March 10th,
2024

Larry "Ricky" Richard Murdock, Jr. transcended into his heavenly home on Sunday, March 10th, 2024. He was a loving and devoted son, father, grandfather, brother, cousin, and a friend to many people. He was born on August

1, 1968, in Siler City, N.C. to the late Larry Murdock, Sr. & Linda Murdock-Siler. Ricky was the first of two children born to this union. He is preceded in death by his father, Larry Richard Murdock, Sr.

Ricky joined Gees Grove AME Zion Church and was a 1986 graduate of Eastern Randolph High School.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Linda Murdock-Siler, brother Zachery Headen, Jr. (Pumpkin) and one sister, Tiffany Murdock, one daughter Trisha Murdock, one son Donovan Woods, one grandson, Prince Murdock and one granddaughter, Stormi Reign Murdock, a host of uncles and aunts, family, and friends.

Ricky later moved to Florida and met Shanna Gilmore, his special friend of seventeen years.

Ricky worked at Mowery

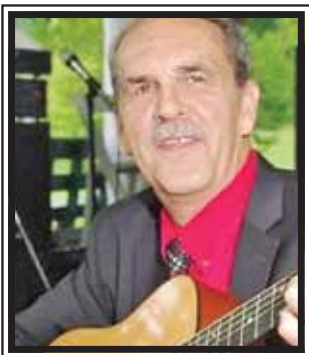
Elevator Company in Cottontale Florida. Upon returning home to North Carolina, he worked at Mountaire Farms in Siler City until his health declined.

Ricky loved to cook on the grill and became known for his famous 'Ricky Chicken.' He loved grilling with family and friends and never missed a cookout. Ricky loved music of all kinds.

Funeral service will be held at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 2 pm. Visitation will be one hour prior at Smith & Buckner Chapel. Burial will follow at Gees Grove AME Zion Church. Officiating will be Reverend Jessie Harrison.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home will be assisting the Murdock family.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com



Gary Douglas Deaton

June 9th, 1947 – March 16th,
2024

Gary Douglas Deaton, 76, went to his heavenly home Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at his home.

Doug was born on June 9th, 1947, in Siler City, NC to the late Bernard Worth and Mary Frances Deaton. He was the third of four children, one of which precedes him in death: his sister, Judy Deaton Thomas.

Doug was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, where he served from 1966 to 1968. He began his career in photography aboard the USS Vulcan "AR-5". He later returned to Siler City where he continued with Doug Deaton Photography as a business owner for over forty years.

Doug had many hobbies. He was a car enthusiast, lover of motor sports and western movies, and he taught photography and music in the community. He participated in the Siler

City Chamber of Commerce, Chatham County Wildlife Club, the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, the Collard Club, and numerous other civic organizations. He loved music and was the founding member of the band, "Brothers and Others". The last 13 years he was a property manager of Braxton Manor.

He is survived by his children, Mary-Douglas Andrews of Siler City, Brittany McKeown (Andy) of Asheboro, NC, and Zach Deaton (Laurin) of Siler City, NC. He is survived by seven grandchildren, Kennedy Andrews, Michael Andrews, III, Mary-Maxton Andrews, Shields McKeown (Alexandra), Annabelle McKeown, and Luke and Jacob Deaton. He is also survived by his sister, Janice Deaton White, brother, Don (Carol) Deaton, and brother-in-law, Loy Thomas, and several nieces and nephews.

He was a loving and devoted father, grandfather, brother, cousin, and friend to many people. Doug loved his residents at Braxton Manor.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in honor of "Rocky", his beloved cat that he adopted from the Chatham County Animal Shelter, 725 Renaissance Dr., Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Smith & Buckner Funeral Home will be assisting the Deaton family.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithbucknerfh.com

IN MEMORY

JOYCE BAILEY THOMAS
OCT. 23RD, 1941 – MARCH 16TH, 2024

Joyce Bailey Thomas, age 82 of Broadway, passed away on Saturday (3/16/2024) at her home. She was born on October 23, 1941, daughter of the late James Columbus Bailey and Rosie Patterson Bailey. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Larry Oscar Thomas. Joyce was a lifelong member of Holly Springs Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. She served as the WMU Director, traveled to Armenia for church mission trips, and served on numerous committees throughout the years. Her hobbies included traveling to Hawaii, Alaska, Europe and the Bahamas. She was a pilot and logged many hours flying with her husband Larry. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday (4/6/2024) at 12:00pm Holly Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Parsons and Rev. Scott Yow officiating. Inurnment will follow at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00am-12:00pm in the church fellowship hall. She is survived by her brothers, Jimmy Bailey and wife Judy Rae of Broadway, NC and Jerry Bailey and wife Faye of Broadway, NC. Nieces and nephews, Amy Thomas Taylor (Craig), Lauren Stone, Paul Thomas (Allison), Chelsea Dickens, Dylan Thomas, Eric Thomas (Ahn), Jeffrey Bailey (Carla), CJ Bailey, Thomas Bailey, Denise Whitfield (Chris), Justin Whitfield, Cindy Harrington, Ben Harrington, Jeremy Harrington, and Tammy Baker. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfuneralhomebroadway.com Arrangements are by the Smith Funeral Home, Broadway Inc.



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More states make bets on sports gambling

North Carolinians made their first legal bets in the state last week

By David A. Lieb
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — People in North Carolina may have a little more riding on this year's NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments, as they will be able to legally bet on the games through their smartphone apps and computers for the first time.

For the sixth straight year, the number of states allowing legal sports betting has expanded since the last rendition of March Madness. A total of 38 states and the District of Columbia now allow some form sports betting, including 30 states and the nation's capital that allow online wagering.

That's up from one state, Nevada, where people could legally wager on games during the 2018 college basketball tournaments, before the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for expansion.

Rules for sports betting vary by state. Some states prohibit bets on home-state college teams or the performance of specific players. Others allow bets not only on the outcome of any college games but also on a variety of other things, such as the number of points, rebounds and assists that a particular player will tally.

Fans have long filled out NCAA tournament brackets



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Former Carolina Panther Greg Olsen retrieves a receipt after placing the first ceremonial bet in North Carolina during a DraftKings event celebrating the launch of mobile and online sports wagering at the NASCAR Hall of Fame on March 11.

while wagering in office pools or against friends and family. But those casual bets have increasingly been supplemented with more formal gambling.

The total amount bet on all sports through legal wagering sites exceeded \$121 billion in 2023, up 30% from the previous year, according to the American Gaming Association. After paying out winnings, sports betting operators reaped \$11 billion in revenue, up from about \$7.5 billion the previous year.

The American Gaming Association estimates \$2.7 billion will be bet this year on the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments through le-

gal sports books.

Despite living where sports betting is legal, some fans still could be blocked from betting on their favorite teams and players.

Roughly a dozen states bar bets on college games involving home-state teams. Four additional states — Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont — generally prohibit bets involving their own college teams but make exceptions for tournaments.

Some states only allow bets on the outcome of college games, not how particular players will perform. Maryland and Ohio, for example, banned so-called

proposition bets on college players, effective this month.

Since last year's Final Four, six states have launched or expanded sports betting.

Nebraska began taking sports bets at casinos last June, though it doesn't allow mobile wagers. Kentucky launched sports betting in September to coincide with the start of the NFL season, and Maine began doing so in November.

After a court victory, the Seminole Tribe of Florida in December began taking online sports bets in addition to wagers at its casinos.

Vermont launched online sports betting in January.

North Carolina, which previously had sports betting only at three tribal casinos, began permitting online sports wagering on March 11, a day before the start of the ACC men's basketball tournament which was ultimately won by North Carolina State, a nine-point underdog.

In Missouri, where legislative attempts have repeatedly failed, the St. Louis Cardinals are leading a coalition of professional sports teams supporting an initiative petition that could place sports betting on the November ballot.

Lawmakers in Alabama and Georgia also are considering constitutional amendments authorizing sports betting. Georgia senators passed a measure last month, but it still needs a two-thirds vote from the House to appear on this year's ballot.

Alabama's House included sports betting in a wide-ranging gambling measure, but the state Senate stripped it out earlier this month. The House now must decide whether to accept that change or negotiate a final version to go to voters.

Legislation to legalize sports betting also is pending in Oklahoma and Minnesota. A Minnesota state Senate committee endorsed a revised version on Thursday that would raise the proposed tax rate.

Mississippi, which legalized casino sports betting in 2018, is considering an expansion to online betting. A bill passed the House last month and is now in the state Senate.

Sports betting remains illegal in twelve states, but bets can be made by crossing state lines. In Missouri's two largest cities, St. Louis and Kansas City, some people drive to nearby commuter lots or exit ramps across the border in Illinois or Kansas, respectively, to place legal bets through mobile apps.

Other would-be bettors get thwarted by technology.

During the weekend of the Super Bowl, where the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers, technology company GeoComply Solutions said it processed more than 431,000 location checks from about 40,500 mobile devices in Missouri attempting to access sports betting sites in other states. The location checks allowed companies to block those bets.

Chatham County Aging Services Weekly Activities Calendar

Monday, March 25

Pittsboro Center For Active Living

- 8:15 a.m. - **Morning Exercise**
- 10 a.m. - **Strong & Fit**
- 11 a.m. - **Golf at Siler City Country Club; Live Bluegrass Music with Original Haw River Crowdaddies**
- 2 p.m. - **Table Tennis**
- 6 p.m. - **Caregiver Virtual Support Group**

Siler City Center For Active Living

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10:15 a.m. - **Mindful Stretch**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Bingo with Joe & March Birthday Party**
- 11 a.m. - **Cornhole**
- 2 p.m. - **Geri-Fit**

Tuesday, March 26

Pittsboro Center For Active Living

- 8:15 a.m. - **Morning Exercise**
- 9 a.m. - **3G's Men's Group**
- 10 a.m. - **Woodcarvers; Cardio Drumming**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Gym Orientation**
- 11 a.m. - **Bingo with Joe**
- 1 p.m. - **Open Art Studio, Rummikub**
- 2 p.m. - **Zumba Gold**

Siler City Center For Active Living

- 9 a.m. - **Cardio Drumming**
- 10:15 a.m. - **Chair Exercises**
- 1 p.m. - **Rook, Phase 10 & Rummikub; Bring Your Own Project; Gardening Club**
- 2 p.m. - **Fitness Room Orientation**

Wednesday, March 27

Pittsboro Center For Active Living

- 9 a.m. - **Basic Machine Quilting Class - FULL**
- 10 a.m. - **Chair Yoga w/Liz**
- 11 a.m. - **Coffee & Games with Law Enforcement**
- 1 p.m. - **Hand and Foot Card Game**

Siler City Center For Active Living

- 9 a.m. - **Strong & Fit w/Olivia**
- 10 a.m. - **Bible Study**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Health Topics with Ashley Brewer**
- 1 p.m. - **Crafting with Kathryn**

Thursday, March 28

Pittsboro Center For Active Living

- 8:15 a.m. - **Morning Exercise**
- 9:30 a.m. - **Bocce and Horseshoes**
- 10 a.m. - **Hooks & Needles**
- 10:30 a.m. - **Easter Celebration**
- 1 p.m. - **Rummikub; Pinochle**
- 1:30 p.m. - **Line Dancing**
- 3 p.m. - **Gentle Yoga w/Liz**

Siler City Center For Active Living

- 9 a.m. - **Men's Coffee & Conversations**
- 10 a.m. - **Music Jam Session**
- 10:15 a.m. - **Chair Exercises**
- 2 p.m. - **Geri-Fit**
- 3 p.m. - **Thursday Social: Movie**

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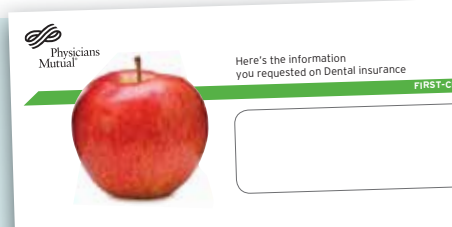
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TAKE NOTICE**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of David Drake, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Marcus Hudson, Attorney at Law, 641 Rock Creek Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, on or before the 14th day of June, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of March, 2024. JONATHAN EARLE DRAKE, EXECUTOR, ESTATE OF DAVID DRAKE

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all persons claiming interest in : 2007- 16'-ALUMACRAFT-1648-ACBF4890G607 Adrian Wicevic will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/ outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3699. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/ outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDN shall issue clear title. Case No: 20230712950535

NOTICE

The Undersigned, having qualified on the 20th day of February, 2024, as the Executrix of the ESTATE of Anne Werneke Elwell, deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, File No. 24-E-25, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of May, 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery of such claims. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 21st day of February, 2024. Eileen Gunipero, Executrix ESTATE OF Anne Werneke Elwell, Deceased c/o Ethan C. Timmins, Attorney NC Bar No. 53086 Patrick Law, PLLC 3805 University Drive, Suite A Durham, North Carolina 27707

NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BENJAMIN MARCUS KEARNS NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEASED.

The undersigned, having heretofore qualified as Executor of the Estate of Benjamin Marcus Kearns, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 19th, 2024 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 21st day of March, 2024

Ezekiel M. Kearns, Executor
Estate of Benjamin Marcus Kearns, Deceased
c/o J. Aaron Bennett, Esq.
Carruthers & Roth, P.A.
Attorneys & Counselors at Law
235 North Edgeworth Street (27401)
Post Office Box 540
Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

Publication dates: March 21st, 28th and April 4th and 11th, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS, firms, and corporations having claims against Ronald Lee Plemmons, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 5, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the deceased are asked to make payment. This the 7th of March, 2024. Teena Rene Bryan, Executrix of the Estate of Ronald Lee Plemmons, 771 Lydia Perry Rd. Sanford, NC 27330.

CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified on the 23rd day of February 2024, as Administrator of the Estate of Monica Lynn Lehman, 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 7th day of June 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This is the 27th day of February 2024.

Amber Lehman, Administrator of the Estate of Monica Lynn Lehman
5551 Audra Park Road
Belington, WV 26250

Attorneys:
Law Offices of Doster & Brown, P.A.
206 Hawkins Avenue
Sanford, NC 27330

Publish On: March 7,14, 21 and 28, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Barbara Ann Thompson, Deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC, 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on or before the 14th day of June, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This 14th day of March, 2024.

GARRETT ALAN THOMPSON, EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN THOMPSON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Executor of the Estate of Peggy Ann Moody, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of June, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 6th day of March, 2024. Cathy L. Moody, Executor of the Estate of Peggy Ann Moody 2090 Silk Hope Liberty Road Siler City, North Carolina 27344

MOODY, WILLIAMS, ATWATER & LEE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOX 629
SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA 27344
(919) 663-2850
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Jimmie L Bynum, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 3722 Albritton Dr., Durham, North Carolina, 27705, on or before the 28th day of June, 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Jeremy T Browner, Administrator
3722 Albritton Dr.
Durham NC 27705

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of James Howard Dowd aka James H. Dowd, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law, 111 Worth Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203, on or before June 08, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate should make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of March, 2024.

Phillips David Dowd
Executor of the Estate of
James Howard Dowd and James H. Dowd

Benjamin Scott Warren, Attorney
IVEY & EGGLESTON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
111 Worth Street
Asheboro, NC 27203
(336) 625-3043

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03/07/2024
03/14/2024
03/21/2024
03/28/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Barbara Nancy Hill
CHATHAM 24E0067

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Barbara Nancy Hill, deceased, of Chatham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 3, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 29th day of February 2024. Hildette Taylor a.k.a. Hildette Taylor Cadigan, Executrix, in c/o Kellie M. Corbett, Attorney, at Carolina Family Estate Planning, 201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100, Cary, NC 27511.

Publication Dates:
February 29, 2024
March 7, 2024
March 14, 2024
March 21, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, CHELSY MITCHELL, ADMINISTRATOR, having qualified on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2024, as Executrix of the Estate of PAMELA WOODS POWELL, 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 29TH Day of MAY, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 29TH Day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

CHELSY MITCHELL, ADMINISTRATOR
424 RIVER PARK RD.
BELMONT, NC 28012

Run dates: F29,M7,14,21p

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Betty J. Goodwin, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at her address, P. O. Box 56, New Hill, North Carolina. 27562, on or before the 21st day of June, 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 18th day of March, 2024. Patsy Goodwin Irving PO Box 56 New Hill, North Carolina 27562 GUNN & MESSICK, PLLC P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

March 21, 28, April 4, 11

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The United Way of Chatham County will hold its annual meeting Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m. in the Holmes Family Meeting Room at Chatham Community Library, 197 NC-87, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312. The public is invited to attend.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, JOYCE C. CASH, having qualified on the 16TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of TONYA CASH CHAPMAN, 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 5TH Day of JUNE, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 7TH Day of MARCH, 2024.

JOYCE C. CASH, ADMINISTRATOR
47 CASH HILL DR.
APEX, NC 27523

Run dates: M7,14,21,28p

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CHATHAM COUNTY

HAVING QUALIFIED as Administrator of the Estate of Doris Jeanette Blackmon, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of June, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 13th day of March, 2024. Kenneth Blackmon, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Doris Jeanette Blackmon 352 Beech Ridge Road Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Goldston Town Board on Monday, April 1, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at Goldston Town Hall located at 40 Coral Avenue, Goldston, NC 27252.

Speakers are requested to sign up at the meeting prior to the hearing by emailing Ben Townsend at ben.townofgoldston@gmail.com. You may also request to speak by contacting the town clerk Annie Kay King Gaines at aktvngold@gmail.com or Hunter Glenn at hunter.glenn@chathamcountync.gov.

The public hearing may be continued to another date at the discretion of the Town Board.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input, both written and oral, on the issues listed below:

A legislative public hearing for a request by the Goldston Town Board to consider text amendments to the Goldston Unified Development Ordinance; specifically, chapters 1.2; 2.3; 2.4; 2.8; 2.13; and a Zoning Map Amendment creating a new zoning district in the downtown core to be known as CB-1 Central Business.

A legislative public hearing for a request by the Goldston Town Board to consider amendments to the Goldston Unified Development Ordinance; specifically, chapter 8 Watershed Protection Regulations. Michael Blakley, on behalf of Tumbleweed Holdings, LLC, has requested an amendment to the Town of Goldston Zoning Map to zone as R-15 Residential 801.84 acres located at 970 Murchison Rd (Parcels 63303, 62623, 67003, 62605, 8322, 9919, 66852, and 9896).

Michael Blakley, on behalf of Tumbleweed Holdings LLC, has requested an amendment to the Town of Goldston Watershed Map adding 5.8 acres of Local Watershed, 697.76 acres of WS-IV PA and 98.28- acres Critical Area watershed located at 970 Murchison Road (parcels 63303; 62623; 67003; 62605; 8322; 9919; 66852; 9896).

Michael Blakley, on behalf of Tumbleweed Holdings, LLC, has requested a voluntary satellite annexation of 801.84 acres located at 970 Murchison Rd (Parcels 63303, 62623, 67003, 62605, 8322, 9919, 66852, and 9896) in Chatham County NC.

Substantial changes may be made following the public hearing due to verbal or written comments received or based on the Board's discussions.

Notice to people with special needs: If you have an audio or visual impairment, unique accessibility requirements or need language assistance, please call the number listed below prior to the hearing and assistance may be provided.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these issues, please call the Chatham County Planning Department at 919-542-8204 or write to P.O. Box 54, Pittsboro N.C. 27312.

Please run in your paper: March 21st and 28th, 2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned LEIGH ANN GALLUCCI, having qualified on the 6TH day of MARCH, 2024, as EXECUTOR of the Estate of CHARLES RICHARD MERWARTH, 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, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 14TH Day of MARCH, 2024.

LEIGH ANN GALLUCCI, EXECUTOR
PO BOX 1431
BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned RONALD EARL HOGAN, having qualified on the 1ST day of MARCH, 2024, as EXECUTOR of the Estate of CLYDE ARNOLD HOGAN, 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 5TH Day of JUNE, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 7TH Day of MARCH, 2024.

RONALD EARL JOHNSON, EXECUTOR
7313 CHATTERBIRD CT.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28226

Run dates: M7,14,21,28p

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 A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment)
McKinney-Vento (Homeless Education)
Migrant Education Program (MEP)
Career and Technical Education (CTE)
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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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, 2024. The initial Equitable Services for Private Schools meeting will be held on March 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM in person at the address listed below. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the office of Carol Little, Executive Director Federal Programs and School Improvement, at Chatham County Board of Education, P.O. Box 128, 468 Renaissance Dr, Pittsboro, N.C.

Spanish Version below: NOTICIA PUBLICA

Los proyectos federales de las Escuelas del Condado Chatham bajo la Ley Cada Estudiante Triunfa (ESSA) de 2015 están en proceso de planificación. Los proyectos incluidos son:

Título I (Ayuda a los niños desfavorecidos a alcanzar altos estándares)
Título II (Maestros y directores de alta calidad)
Título III (Adquisición del Lenguaje)
Título IV A (Apoyo al Estudiante y Enriquecimiento Académico)
McKinney-Vento (Educación para personas sin hogar)
Programa de Educación para Familias Migrantes (MEP, por sus siglas en Inglés)
Carreras y Educación Técnica (CTE, por sus siglas en Inglés)
Los estudiantes de preparatoria pueden inscribirse, sin costo, en clases de créditos universitarios a través del programa Career and College Promise. Esto incluye vías de estudio de Educación Técnica y Profesional.
IDEA (Estudiantes con Discapacidades)
Actualmente se encuentra en proceso de modificación el Proyecto de Ley de Educación para Personas con Discapacidad (IDEA-Parte B, Ley Pública 108.446). El Proyecto describe los programas de educación especial que las Escuelas del Condado Chatham proponen para financiamiento federal para el año escolar 2024-2025. 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 considerados 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 financiamiento federal para el año escolar 2024-2025. Se anima a las escuelas privadas sin fines de lucro y a las personas interesadas a revisar estas pautas federales para los proyectos enumerados anteriormente e indicar su interés en participar en los proyectos si califican. Estos proyectos se están desarrollando durante abril y mayo y deben entregarse al Departamento de Instrucción Pública de Carolina del Norte el 30 de junio de 2024. La reunión inicial de Servicios Equitativos para Escuelas Privadas se llevará a cabo el 26 de marzo de 2024 a las 2:00 PM, en persona en la dirección listada abajo. Se anima a las partes interesadas a comunicarse con la oficina de Carol Little, Directora Ejecutiva de Programas Federales y Mejoramiento Escolar, en la Junta de Educación del Condado de Chatham, P. O. Box 128, 468 Renaissance Dr, Pittsboro, N.C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned ALEXIS COOKSLEY, having qualified on the 11TH day of MARCH, 2024, as EXECUTOR of the Estate of TRACY SCOTT COOKSLEY, 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, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 14TH Day of MARCH, 2024.

ALEXIS COOKSLEY, ADMINISTRATOR
324 HOLLY BRANCH DR.
HOLLY SPRINGS, NC 27540

Run dates: M14,21,28,A4p

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 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at 127 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr, Pittsboro NC. The Board will be open to receive appeals of value and will adjourn on April 23, 2024, 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 2024.

Those individuals with written requests for hearings received prior to 5:00 PM on April 23, 2024, 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.

All requests for hearings should be made in writing to:

Tax Administrator
PO Box 908
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Telephone (919) 545-8404

Chatham announces '6 over 60' awardees

Chatham County Aging Services named its 2nd group of "6 over 60" Chatham adults who have provided lasting and ongoing contributions to the county. The six individuals chosen were nominated by the public and voted upon by a selection committee. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

The Rev. Dr. Carl Thompson Sr., Mary Nettles, George Greger-Holt, Marylou Mackintosh, Genevieve Megginson, and Diana Hales comprised the inaugural 6 over 60 class from February 2023.

Congratulations to the 2024 awardees, listed below with their biographies, as provided by Chatham County Aging Services.



PHOTO COURTESY CHATHAM COUNTY AGING SERVICES

From left to right, the second "6 over 60" class consisted of Christine DeGraffenreidt, Dennis Streets, Don Lein, Paul Bauer, Elaine Chiosso and Johnny Shaw.

Dennis Streets



Streets served as the director of the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) from 2006-2014 before returning to his

Chatham County home to assume leadership as the Executive Director of the Chatham County Council on Aging (now Chatham County Aging Services). Referred to as a "game changer" for the Council in nomination materials, Streets deftly guided the agency through the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic and led a staff that successfully reimaged its core services during this challenging period. He retired in February 2023 having helped lay the groundwork for the nonprofit organization to transition into the Chatham County department it is today. Streets remains active on behalf of older adults in retirement, having served as co-chair of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine's Healthy Aging Task Force. The group released a report in October 2023 entitled "A Place to Thrive: Creating Opportunities to Age Well in North Carolina."

Don Lein



Lein was instrumental in organizing the first edition of the Chatham County Senior Games. He remains a member of the

planning committee and serves as an official at the annual track and field event. Working alongside the group Active Chatham, Lein developed the Reindeer Run 5K that is held each December. Currently hosted by the Chatham County Partnership for Children, the event has expanded to roughly 600 participants and, at Lein's urging, the course was measured and sanctioned by USA Track & Field, the national governing body for the sport. He was an original developer for the Boys and Girls Club

in Siler City, serving as president of the organizing committee and following the requirements and fundraising needs of the national organization prior to opening the facility. In partnership with Chatham County Parks and Recreation, Lein instituted the Chatham Parks Foundation to raise money and develop parks within the county, expanding the number of parks within its borders. He has also served as a Meals on Wheels driver and a member of the Council on Aging's Board of Directors.

Johnny Shaw



Shaw, who spent a 30-year career as a teacher, coach, and administrator within Chatham County Schools, held a variety of roles during

that time. He began as a seventh-grade teacher, but saw his role evolve to that of dropout prevention coordinator at Pittsboro Elementary School, Horton Middle School, and Northwood High School. Among those roles was an assistant principal role at Horton. He also served as a driver education instructor, the director of adult night school at Central Carolina Community College and as the Director of Remediation for Chatham County Schools. His coaching responsibilities included football and girls basketball. Following retirement from the school system in 2003, Shaw started volunteering at the Council on Aging. This relationship that has spanned over two decades coincided with a marked evolution in the Council's services, with Shaw helping to chart a course as a member of the Board of Directors. He was the Council's final Board of Directors President, overseeing the agency's transition to a Chatham County department.

Elaine Chiosso



Chiosso made her home in Chatham County in 1973 and has lived close to the Haw River ever since. Advocacy for the Haw River has served as her

professional calling, becoming the first Executive Director of the Haw River Assembly in 1997. She was also the first Haw Riverkeeper from 2008-2017. At the Haw River Assembly, Chiosso was a major stakeholder in the lengthy efforts to get state rules passed to reduce nutrient pollution in Jordan Lake. In 2013, the Assembly was the first whistleblower on PFAS contamination in rivers. While researching PFAS concentrations in municipal sludge, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University recruited the Haw River Assembly to lead a public campaign on the matter. Chiosso helped negotiate the legal agreement with the city of Burlington to begin extensive repairs on their sewer collection system after a massive sewer spill in 2014. She was the co-author of "Sludge In Our Waters," a 2015 report that looks at PFAS and other contaminants that enter streams through routine biosolid sludge applications on Chatham agricultural land.

Paul Bauer



Bauer serves as an integral part of two Chatham County entities providing youth and older adult services. For over 10 years, he

has worked to keep the county's older adults safe in their homes through the Aging Services Minor Home Repair program. Serving as team lead, Bauer initiated team breakfasts to review work efforts and communicate best practices. For 6 years, Bauer has served on the board of Communities In Schools of Chatham County and is active in promoting CISCC with its

role in helping educate school-age children. For over a decade, Bauer has volunteered and participated in all levels of juvenile justice court diversion programs. These include Teen Court, Restorative Justice, Community Service and Restitution. He previously served as Chatham County's Senior Teen Court Judge and was instrumental in developing and training youth as Teen Court Attorneys. Bauer worked extensively to coordinate trial court dates, conduct trials, set sentencing of youth offenders and to help determine the best alternatives for community service and betterment seminars. Currently, Bauer is a key participant in moving juvenile justice efforts more toward using restorative justice in Teen Court trials and using these techniques in Chatham County Schools.

Christine DeGraffenreidt



DeGraffenreidt, a participant at the Pittsboro Center for Active Living (formerly Eastern Chatham Senior Center) since

its opening, has remained tirelessly involved in the life of the center. A Meals on Wheels driver for many years, DeGraffenreidt has also been a participant in Chatham County Senior Games since its launch. A devoted painter, arts and crafts enthusiast and fitness participant, DeGraffenreidt's outreach to her community involves making plastic bag mattresses for the homeless – a project that continues to this day.

TAKE NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, KIMBERLY YOUNG, having qualified on the 20TH day of FEBRUARY, 2024, as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of JENNIFER H. SIMONS, 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 29TH Day of MAY, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 29TH Day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

KIMBERLY YOUNG, ADMINISTRATOR
82 COLEY CT.
PITTSBORO, NC 27312

Run dates: F29,M7,14,21p

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned JUSTIN S. KING-GAINES, having qualified on the 11TH day of MARCH, 2024, as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JOHN T. GAINES, SR., deceased, of Chatham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19TH Day of JUNE, 2024., or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This is the 21ST Day of MARCH, 2024.

JUSTIN S. KING-GAINES, EXECUTOR
PO BOX 203
GOLDSTON, NC 27252

Run dates: M21,28,A4,11p

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

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CHATHAM SPORTS



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Seaforth's Katie Leonard shoots the ball against North Pitt during the 2A East Regional Finals.



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Kermit Carter (4) went from having his basketball number retired in February to coaching his alma mater in football in March.

Jordan-Matthews hires Reggie 'Kermit' Carter as head football coach

Basketball and football great played at J-M from 1992-96

By Ashebo Rojas
Chatham News & Record

JORDAN-MATTHEWS hired Reggie "Kermit" Carter as its new head football coach early last week.

Carter, a 1996 graduate of J-M, will return to the football field after being an assistant coach for the Jets from 2002-13. He is currently an assistant coach for the Jets' boys basketball team, a role he will continue while coaching on the gridiron.

"I'm completely honored to have an opportunity to coach where I played at, have some success while doing it and try to do the best and get a small piece of trying to get something turned around," Carter said.

Carter was hired just weeks following the sudden firing of former head coach Ryan Johnson in February. The Jets won three games in three seasons under Johnson, including an improved

two-win season in 2023.

However, the Jets' struggles on the football field didn't start in that time frame. Jordan-Matthews hasn't had a winning season since 2011, leaving Carter a program that's starving for better days.

"I saw the teams in the 80s and the early 90s, and they had double-digit winning seasons consecutively," Carter said. "Football is a big part of the community, and I'm just trying to do my part to get that back in place."

Carter was a part of J-M's brighter times as a student-athlete. He was a dual-sport star for the Jets' basketball and football teams, and he still holds the program's touchdown record from his days as a tight end.

Being new to the head coaching position, he still needs to evaluate his personnel to determine exactly what the team's schematic identity will be, but Carter knows he wants his team to play hard and to be able to establish a solid run game.

Another important aspect he will hope to instill in his group is discipline.

In an interview with the Chatham News and Record, Carter recalled a memory that stuck with him from the 1995 season. Then assistant coach John Phillips caused the Jets to arrive late to the pregame before a state semifinal while trying to get to the bottom of a conduct issue with some of the players.

Prioritizing the issue and the discipline of the players ahead of winning the playoff game may have resulted in the loss according to Carter, but it was an action he plans to reference as the current football coach.

"That's what I want to instill," Carter said. "Being respectful, being a good teammate and classmate around the school, the community. That's all I want to do."

Said Carter, "I'm not trying to reinvent the wheel. I'm just trying to take the little bit I know and apply it to the kids because at the end of the day, it's going to be up to the kids to get it done, and my job is to instill in them toughness, being respectful and fundamentals. I think if you do those things, a lot of stuff will take care of itself."

Seaforth girls lose to North Pitt in regional final

Shooting struggles, turnovers end Hawks' season in regional final

By Ashebo Rojas
Chatham News & Record

WINSTON-SALEM — In a rematch of the 2023 girls 2A East regional final on March 13, Seaforth fell short of repeating history.

In the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, the No. 3 Hawks fell to No. 1 North Pitt, 70-45, in the regional final one year after beating the Panthers in the same round.

Although junior Gabby White came out in attack-mode, starting the game with an and-one on the first possession, Seaforth couldn't find much offense outside of its focal guard. North Pitt played an aggressive, up-close style of man-to-man defense which

didn't allow Seaforth room to move the ball or shoot.

In the first half, sophomores Katie Leonard and Jocelyn Gesner and junior Peyton Collins took the only shots outside of White, combining for seven attempts and two makes. It was an unusual offensive showing from the Hawks, who usually have two or three players playing a significant role in the scoring column.

Head coach Charles Byrd didn't believe the offensive struggles was the fault of playing in a larger arena.

"We got the shots we (wanted)," head coach Charles Byrd said. "Sometimes the ball just doesn't fall in your favor."

Turnovers also became an issue early on and throughout the game as the Panthers created easy transition baskets with on-ball steals and inter-

See SEAFORTH, page B5

Jordan-Matthews beats Northwood for first time since 2014

The Jets have a big night at the plate, make history

By Ashebo Rojas
Chatham News & Record

JORDAN-MATTHEWS made history while picking up an important conference win at Northwood Friday.

The Jets beat the Chargers, 10-7, collecting their first win over Northwood since 2014, the last season in which the Jets swept its cross-county foe.

"It feels really good," J-M

head coach Will Felder said "We got a great start on the mound. Defense was a little shaky, but we came through, made the plays that we really needed to and our guys really stepped up at the plate tonight."

J-M only connected for five hits in its first meeting with Northwood earlier in the week, which resulted in an 11-4 loss. In the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference rematch Friday, the Jets more than doubled that, recording 11 hits on the night.

See BASEBALL, page B5

J-M athletes sign to play college sports

By **Ashebo Rojas**
Chatham News & Record

TWO Jordan-Matthews athletes signed to play their respective sports at the college level last week.

Senior shortstop Ian McMillan signed on March 12 to Brunswick Community College in Bolivia, North Carolina to play baseball. McMillan is currently in his fourth year with the Jets.

During his career, McMillan has been considered as one of the best players in the Mid-Carolina 1A/2A conference as he was named the 2023 conference player of the year and earned multiple all-conference selections. In his POY season, McMillan recorded a .485 batting average, 33 hits, and 14 RBIs while also recording 31 put outs and 35 assists.

"It feels good knowing that

I'll get to play after high school and continue playing the sport I love," McMillan said. "It releases a lot of stress. I really stressed over it my first years of high school."

Following McMillan's signing, J-M senior Aaron Seitz signed on March 13 to Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina to play football.

Seitz played three seasons with the Jets, playing as a lineman on both sides of the ball. He'll play on the offensive line with the Quakers.

"(It) feels great, for real," Seitz said. "I've been dreaming for this day since I was 6. I wanted to play at the next level, and I made it happen thanks to God."

Seitz said he chose Guilford because the coaches made him "feel like home" on his individual tour. He plans to study cybersecurity and criminal science.



ASHEBO ROJAS / CHATHAM NEWS & RECORD

Jordan-Matthews senior Ian McMillan will play shortstop for Brunswick Community College next year.

Time For Financial Spring Cleaning?

Spring is almost here, which means it's time for some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to tidying your home and surroundings, you might want to consider sprucing up your financial environment, as well.

Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

- **Improve your vision.** Once the days are warmer and longer, you may want to get outside and clean all the winter grime and smudges from your windows, allowing you to see the world more clearly. And you may want to bring more focus to your financial vision by asking some key questions: *Is my investment strategy still appropriate for my needs, goals and family situation? If not, what changes should I make? And am I prepared for changes in my life, such as health challenges or a need to retire earlier than planned?* The answers to these and other questions can help you clarify where you are, in terms of your financial picture, and where you want to go.

- **De-clutter.** As you look around your home, you may find things such as expired health care products, old prescriptions, ancient cleaning solutions, and so on, in addition to duplicate household items (how many blenders do you really need?) and non-working equipment — printers, laptops, etc. Most people find that eliminating this clutter gives them a good feeling — and more livable space. As an investor, you can also find clutter in the form of redundant investments — for example, you might own several nearly identical mutual funds. You might be better off selling some of these funds and using the proceeds to find new investments that can help you further diversify your portfolio. As you may know, diversification is a key to investment success, but keep in mind that it can't prevent all losses.

- **Plant seeds of opportunity.** Whether they're planting camellias and crocuses or carrots and cilantro, gardeners are busy in the spring, hoping their efforts result in lovely flowers and tasty foods. And when you invest, you, too, need to plant seeds

of opportunity in the form of investments that you hope will grow enough to enable you to make progress toward your goals. So, you may want to review your portfolio to ensure it's providing this growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance.

- **Reduce dangers.** You may not think about it that much, but your home and surroundings can contain potential hazards. You might have ill-fitting caps on cleaning products with toxic chemicals, or sharp cutting instruments protruding from shelves in your garage, or heavy, cracked tree branches hovering close to your roof. Spending some time on a spring-cleaning sweep can get rid of these dangers — and devoting time to consider the possible threats to your financial security, and those of your family, can pay off, too. For starters, review your life insurance to determine if you've got enough. Your employer may offer some coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need private coverage. And the same is true for disability insurance, because if something were to happen to you, and you couldn't work for a while, you'd still want to protect your family's lifestyle.

Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.

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Chatham Charter softball and baseball continue hot starts

By Ashebo Rojas
Chatham News & Record

Baseball

Seaforth went undefeated during the week, beating Eastern Randolph, 3-0, on March 13 and Chapel Hill, 5-4, in eight innings Thursday.

Northwood started the week with an 11-4 win over Jordan-Matthews on March 12, but the Chargers fell to Orange the next day, 5-0.

Jordan-Matthews evened the series with Northwood Friday, beating the Chargers, 10-7. Before that, the Jets lost to Cedar Ridge on March 13, 15-5.

Chatham Central split the week, losing to Bartlett Yancey, 14-4, on March 12 and winning over Southeast Alamance the next day, 12-1.

Chatham Charter picked up three wins in a row, beating River Mill, 17-1, The Burlington School, 6-4, and Clover Garden School, 9-3. In the three wins, senior Aidan Allred combined for eight hits, eight RBIs and two home runs.

Softball

Northwood had a good week, starting with an 8-4 win over Seaforth on March 12. The Chargers lost to Caper Fear, 11-0, Thursday, but they bounced back with a 15-0 win over Graham Friday. Senior Giselle Falas led the team with two hits, six RBIs and a home run against the Red Devils. Northwood beat Terry Sanford, 10-0, Monday.

Chatham Central continued to roll with a 16-0 win over Graham on March 12 and a 6-0 win over Lee County the next day. Sophomore Sallie Oldham led the team with three hits, five RBIs and a home run to open the week against the Red Devils. The Bears picked up their first loss of the season Monday, falling to Western Harnett, 11-1.

Jordan-Matthews grew its winning streak to four games with a 16-5 win over Southeast Alamance and a 2-0 win over Eastern Randolph, but the streak ended Friday with a 13-3 loss to Southern Alamance.

Seaforth lost three games during the week, adding to the Northwood loss with a 12-2 defeat to Cedar Ridge on March 13 and a 12-5 loss to North Moore Friday. The Hawks also lost to Apex Friendship, 15-6, Monday.

Chatham Charter opened its season with three wins, dominating River Mill, 21-0, on March 12. Pitchers Allie Mcleod and Cassie McKeithan only gave up two hits combined to the Jaguars. The Knights needed nine innings to beat Providence Grove on March 13, 7-6, and they beat Clover Garden School, 5-2, Friday. Chatham Charter beat Providence Grove again

Monday, 8-7.

Girls' Soccer

Woods Charter won its fourth game in a row, beating Chatham Charter, 15-1, on March 13. The Wolves beat Research Triangle Monday, 9-0.

Seaforth beat Graham, 9-0, on March 13. Sophomore Sofia Viana scored four goals and recorded three assists in the win.

Northwood split the week, beating Southeast Alamance, 7-1, on March 13 and losing to Lee County, 7-0, the next day.

Jordan-Matthews lost to Asheboro on March 12, 2-1.

Chatham Charter beat Triangle Math and Science Monday, 6-3.

Boys' Lacrosse

Seaforth beat Western Alamance on March 12, 13-8, but lost to Chapel Hill the next day, 7-3. The Hawks won over Southern Alamance Friday, 11-4. Junior Cameron Exley combined for 11 goals in the two wins.

Northwood won big over Eastern Alamance, 16-3, and it beat Western Alamance, 10-7. The Chargers lost to Croatan, 14-2, Saturday.

Girls' Lacrosse

Northwood lost twice during the week, losing to Chapel Hill, 22-1, on March 13 and Leesville Road, 14-11 the next day.

Boys' Tennis

Seaforth beat North Moore on March 13, 9-0. The Hawks beat Jordan-Matthews, 9-0, Monday.

Chatham Charter lost to Burlington Christian Academy Thursday, 8-1. The Knights lost to Triangle Math and Science, 9-0, Monday.

Boys' Volleyball

Jordan-Matthews beat Ascend Leadership on March 13 in straight sets.

Track and Field

Chatham County's first place finishers from track meets throughout the week:

Asheboro Home Meet (Thursday)

Boys 100 meter dash (Lucas Smith, Chatham Charter, 11.24 seconds); Boys 200 meter dash (Lucas Smith, Chatham Charter, 22.54); Boys 400 meter dash (Lucas Smith, Chatham Charter, 50.14); Boys 800 meter run (Torrin Price, Chatham Charter, 2 minutes, 19 seconds); Girls 200 meter dash (Hannah Headen, Chatham Charter, 27.74); Girls 800 meter run (Samantha Scott,

Chatham Charter, 2:39)

Southeast Alamance Meet (March 13)

Boys 800 meter run (Nathan Smith, Seaforth, 2:08); Boys 1600 meter run (Will Cuicchi, Seaforth, 4:41.90); Boys 110 meter hurdles (Asher Aldridge, Seaforth, 15.74); Boys 4x800 meter relay (Seaforth, 9:01.90); Boys pole vault (Ryan Yoder, Seaforth, 12 feet); Girls 800 meter run (Julia Hall, Northwood, 2:35.50); Girls 1600 meter run (Sydney Gray, Northwood, 5:54.00); Girls 3200 meter run (Caidence Bazemore, Seaforth, 13:00.00); Girls 4x400 meter relay (Seaforth, 4:56.50); Girls high jump (Brenne Sovereign, 4-00.00); Girls pole vault (Laney Bobo, Northwood, 9-00.00)

North Moore Home Meet (March 13)

Boys 100 meter dash (Omar Brower, Chatham Central, 11.34); Boys 200 meter dash (Elijah Hughes, Jordan-Matthews, 23.84); Boys 400 meter dash (Javonte Johnson, Chatham Central, 59.84); Boys 800 meter run (Marvin Herrea, Jordan-Matthews, 2:32.00); Boys 1600 meter run (Christian Garcia Torres, Jordan-Matthews, 4:52.50); Boys 3200 meter run (Christian Garcia Torres, Jordan-Matthews, 10:46.00); Boys 4x100 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 45.94); Boys 4x200 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 1:37.40); Boys 4x400 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 3:53.00); Boys 4x800 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 9:54.30); Boys high jump (Brennen Oldham, Jordan-Matthews, 5-10.00); Boys long jump (Devonte Johnson, Chatham Central, 19-06.00); Boys triple jump (Brennen Oldham, Jordan-Matthews, 40-01.00); Girls 100 meter dash (Saniya White, Jordan-Matthews, 13.74); Girls 200 meter dash (Rachael Woods, Jordan-Matthews, 27.24); Girls 400 meter dash (Addison Overman, Chatham Central, 1:11.74); Girls 800 meter run (Athena Dispenette, Jordan-Matthews, 2:54.00); Girls 100 meter hurdles (Ariana Harris, Jordan-Matthews, 19.44); Girls 300 meter hurdles (Cassidy Deshazo, Jordan-Matthews, 53.24); Girls 4x100 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 53.44); Girls 4x200 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 2:03.10); Girls 4x400 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 5:07.00); Girls 4x800 meter relay (Jordan-Matthews, 13:36.10); Girls high jump (Hannah Dixon, Jordan-Matthews, 4-04.00); Girls long jump (Rachael Woods, Jordan-Matthews, 16-02.00); Girls triple jump (Rachael Woods, Jordan-Matthews, 33-07.00); Girls discus (Hallie Webster, Chatham Central, 66-07.00); Girls shot put (Mattie Caviness, Chatham Central, 28-01.00)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Amelia Cherry



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Woods Charter, girls' soccer

Woods Charter's Amelia Cherry earns athlete of the week honors for the week of March 11.

Cherry, a sophomore on the Wolves' girls soccer team, scored five goals to lead Woods Charter to a 15-1 victory over Chatham Charter on March 13.

In the Wolves' first six games of the 2024 season, Cherry scored a team-high 12 goals.

Central Electric sponsoring two youth to attend basketball camp

Central Electric awards two Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships annually to local students in Chatham, Harnett, Lee, Moore, or Randolph counties. A young man will be selected to attend the Carolina Basketball School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a young woman will be selected to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

To be eligible to apply, the student must be in the sixth or seventh grade during the upcoming school year, have permission from a parent or guardian to attend the overnight camp and must provide their own transportation if selected to attend.

Scan the QR code or visit CEMCPower.com for more information or to apply.

The deadline for applications to both camps is March 31.



Former Vanderbilt head coach Jerry Stackhouse reacts on the sideline during an SEC Tournament game against Arkansas. Stackhouse was fired after Vanderbilt lost.



Vanderbilt fires coach Jerry Stackhouse

Former Tar Heel had 70-92 record in 5 seasons

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt fired coach Jerry Stackhouse on Thursday after a big drop-off in his fifth season with the Commodores, going 9-23 with fans showing their apathy by staying away from historic Memorial Gym.

Athletic director Candice Lee said in a statement that Vanderbilt and Stackhouse, who signed a contract extension in October 2022, agreed to part ways. He leaves with a 70-92 record at Vanderbilt, including 28-60 in the Southeastern Conference.

“Commodore Nation will always remember the ‘Memorial Magic’ moments we experienced under Coach Stackhouse’s leadership,” Lee said. “Given his pedigree, experience, and love of the game, I look forward to seeing what’s next for him.”

Stackhouse and Vanderbilt appeared poised to keep building after going from 19-17 to a 22-15 record. The Commodores reached the Southeastern Conference Tournament semifinals last year, then reached the NIT quarterfinals before losing on their home court to UAB.

Stackhouse thanked Vanderbilt for the opportunity in the university’s release Thursday. But the decision had only been a matter of time.

“All that matters is the re-

sults, and the results weren’t what they were supposed to be,” Stackhouse said after Wednesday night’s opening loss in the SEC Tournament. “The NCAA Tournament is the ultimate goal, and we haven’t done that. I haven’t done that. No matter what, those results are those results.”

The Commodores started this season with a home loss to Presbyterian before going 5-8 in nonconference play. They finished with a 4-14 record in SEC play to finish 13th out of 14 teams before the league expands by adding Texas and Oklahoma this summer.

Worse, attendance topped 10,000 at Memorial Gym only twice all season with Tennessee and Kentucky fans helping fill the building. Vanderbilt

averaged 6,785 spectators per game this season. Vanderbilt currently is building new basketball offices and a practice gym for the men’s program.

Stackhouse replaced Bryce Drew for the 2019-20 season when he was hired away in April 2019 by then-Vanderbilt athletic director Malcolm Turner from the NBA, where he was an assistant with the Memphis Grizzlies.

The new coach took over a program that went 0-18 in SEC play, leading to Drew’s firing. Under Stackhouse, Vanderbilt was the only SEC team to improve its NET ranking in three seasons spanning the pandemic starting in his first year on the job.

Stackhouse dealt with injuries throughout this season,

starting 15 different lineups. That made Vanderbilt one of seven teams in the country to start that many lineups. Stackhouse had four sophomores and five freshmen on a team led by fifth-year guard Ezra Manjon and senior guard Tyrin Lawrence.

Vanderbilt lost its first seven SEC games before beating Missouri, which went winless in league play. The Commodores beat Texas A&M, LSU and got their lone road win at Arkansas before wrapping up the regular season by edging Florida.

But the Commodores blew a 14-point halftime lead to open this year’s SEC Tournament and lost the rematch with Arkansas 90-85 Wednesday night.



“There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers, those who are caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers.”

- Rosalynn Carter

No matter where you are on life’s journey, it is unavoidable. All of us, at some point in our lives, will either require caregiving or will be charged with providing caregiving to a loved one in their time of need. This responsibility crosses all racial and ethnic boundaries and can be rewarding. However, it is often overwhelming.

According to a report by AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving, caregiver stress affects 36% of the 53 million unpaid family caregivers in the U.S.

As Chatham County continues to grow, it is also aging. In 2023, nearly 3 in 10 Chatham residents were over 65 years of age.

The Caregiver Support Group schedule is as follows:

- 1st Monday – Pittsboro Center for Active Living (365 Highway 87 North), 3 p.m.
- 2nd Monday – Siler City Center for Active Living (112 Village Lake Road), 3 p.m.
- 3rd Monday – Pittsboro Center for Active Living, 3 p.m.
- 4th Monday – Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 6 p.m.

We also recognize that it is important for caregivers to practice needed self-care during this time. Caregivers should not feel inadequate or worried about leaving their loved one alone as they yearn for a break to focus on themselves and recharge. That’s why Chatham County Aging Services also offers caregiver respite support so that an errand can be performed without worry.

For more information on our Caregiver Support Group or on our caregiver respite options, contact Family Caregiver Specialist William Riggsbee at 919-742-3975 or email william.riggsbee@chathamcountync.gov



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cepted passes. A few break-away layups in the first quarter helped North Pitt build a 17-12 lead by the end of the period. And, outside of what Seaforth was doing to hurt itself, North Pitt had senior guard and N.C. State commit Zamareya Jones to help open the flood gates in its favor. Jones caught fire from inside and outside, scoring 17 first half points with three made three-pointers. North Pitt freshman Jordan Speller also stepped up in a huge way, making all six of her shot attempts for 12 points to push the Panthers to a 34-22 lead at halftime. To start the second half,

White picked up three quick fouls, forcing her to miss some time in the third quarter. Jones picked up where she left off, scoring nine third quarter points. She hit a couple of more threes and her first free throws of the evening to put the game away with White on the bench. Heading into the final quarter, North Pitt held a 53-34 lead and cruised to victory, clinching their spot in the 2A state final. The Panthers finished the game with 20 points off turnovers, and Jones ended her night with 29 points. As for Seaforth, their quest to avenge last year's state championship loss ended early despite a 30-point, 11-rebound performance from White. "I'm super proud of my girls,"

Byrd said. "The girls worked really hard to get to this point of the season." After finishing with a 28-4 overall record, Seaforth is losing only one starter in senior Hannah Ajayi and one another senior, Jenna Thompson, to graduation. Returning key pieces such as Leonard, Collins and White, who named herself one of the best guards in the country in the postgame press conference, the Hawks are confident that there's more to come from the young program. "We'll be back," White said. "I'm fully confident we'll be back, win the regionals, win state. We just have to keep working hard, (stick) to the game plan, do what coach tells us to do, and we'll be back surely."



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Seaforth's Katie Leonard shoots the ball against North Pitt during the 2A East Regional Finals.

BASEBALL from page B1

Facing Northwood freshman Finn Sullivan on the mound, J-M's hitters got going in the opening inning. Immediately after senior Ian McMillan opened the game with a flyout, junior Eduardo Gutierrez singled to right field. Sophomore Landon Moser followed that with a double to send Gutierrez to third base. Gutierrez safely made it home after Northwood's catcher mishandled a pitch during senior Kelton Fuquay's at-bat. Fuquay did even more damage by also singling to send Moser home for a 2-0 lead.

The Jets held on to that advantage until the bottom of the second inning, in which Northwood's bats started to come alive.

Freshman Josh Johnson singled a pitch from junior Quinn Woolford to left field, and two at-bats later, sophomore Dylan Perry brought him home with a triple.

With two outs, Sullivan stepped up to the plate, and a pitch mishandled by J-M's catcher this time brought Perry home for the tying run. Shortly after, Sullivan sent a pitch deep to center field as the ball hit the fence before bouncing back into play.

While Sullivan rounded third base, an errant throw from the short stop to the third baseman sent the ball into the Northwood dugout, allowing Sullivan to easily score a run and give the Chargers a 3-2 lead.

But, that was short lived as the Jets got it right back, and then some, in the top of the third inning. Following two allowed doubles and two strikeouts by Sullivan, the Chargers were still in good shape with the game tied at three runs a-piece. Yet, two straight walks loaded the bases for the Jets with the top of their batting lineup quickly approaching.

Senior Neil Wiley singled to bring in two runners and regain a 5-3 lead for J-M. But, McMillan, the lead-off hitter, took it further in the very next at-bat by taking the first pitch for a double to left field, sending Wiley and senior Payton White home.

Northwood had to change its pitcher to senior Jake

Leighton after Sullivan hit Gutierrez by a pitch in the next at-bat, but the Jets kept going, ending the inning with a 9-3 lead.

"That saying that hitting is contagious, I mean you could see it right there," McMillan said about the third inning. "It was just hit after hit and the momentum just kept going. Everybody was just having great at-bats and putting the ball in play, and great things happen when you do that."

Northwood slowly chipped away at the lead in the following innings, getting it down to a three-run game in the bottom of the fourth after another Sullivan hit brought in a runner. In the next three at-bats, Woolford was faced with three straight 3-2 counts, coming away with two strikeouts to help hold the Chargers at bay.

With freshman pitcher Gavin Davis taking over for Woolford in the bottom of the sixth inning, Northwood got one more run to cut the deficit to just two.

J-M stretched its run total to 10 with zero outs in the top of the seventh after a bunt from Fuquay sent Gutierrez home. But, following an intentional walk for Woolford in the next at-bat, things went left fast.

With bases loaded, a short hit from junior Jake Bowden got a runner out at home, but Moser, coming from second base, still rounded third base, getting himself caught in a pickle. Northwood got him out, too, and then immediately sent the ball over to put out Woolford, who also found himself in between bases during the wild play.

"Probably one of the wildest base running blunders I've seen in a long time," Felder said. "We're going to correct that."

A worst case scenario for the Jets set up a potential game-winning inning for the Chargers. It was up to Davis, the freshman on the mound, to put Northwood away, but it turned out that he didn't even have to complete a strikeout.

The Jets picked up two quick outs with a pop up caught by Fuquay and a flyout caught by Woolford. After a subsequent 3-2 count resulted in a walk, one more flyout put the game to rest.



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Shortstop Ian McMillan (2) and pitcher Quinn Woolford (27) helped lead Jordan-Matthews past Northwood for the first time in a decade.

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Banksy mural sprouts beside cropped tree in London

Green paint was sprayed across a wall behind the tree, replicating the tree's missing leaves

By Jill Lawless
 The Associated Press

LONDON — A new Banksy mural drew crowds to a London street on Monday, even before the elusive graffiti artist confirmed that the work was his.

The artwork in the Finsbury Park neighborhood covers the wall of a four-story residential building and shows a small figure holding a pressure hose beside a large cherry tree. Green paint has been sprayed across the wall, replicating the absent leaves of the tree, which has been severely pruned in a technique known as pollarding.

Banksy claimed the work by posting before and after photos of the location on his official Instagram account.

The new attraction drew a stream of onlookers who took photos and snapped selfies. Many discerned an environmen-

Many discerned an environmental message in the vibrant green artwork, which appeared on St. Patrick's Day.

tal message in the vibrant green artwork, which appeared on Sunday — St. Patrick's Day.

"The tree looks very sad without branches and without greenery," said Pura Lawler, on her way to a gym class. She felt Banksy was saying something about "destroying the forests, destroying the greenery."

Banksy, who has never confirmed his full identity, began his career spray-painting buildings in Bristol, England, and has become one of the world's best-known artists.

His mischievous and often satirical images include two policemen kissing, armed riot police with yellow smiley faces, and a chimpanzee with a sign bearing the words, "Laugh now, but one day I'll be in charge."

Banksy's work has sold for millions of dollars at auction, and past murals on outdoor sites have often been stolen or removed by building owners soon after going up. In December, after Banksy stenciled military drones on a stop sign in south London, a man was photographed taking down the sign with bolt cutters. Police later arrested two men on suspicion of theft and criminal damage.

The latest work would be harder to take down since the piece relies on the tree for its impact.

"It's good to see it before it gets vandalized," said Geoff Gardner, who stopped by on his way to work. "I suppose if someone comes and sprays red paint over it, you could call that art as well."

Alex Georgiou, whose company owns the building, said "it's quite mad to be honest, to come down here and just to see all the crowds of people looking at the building."

"I definitely plan on keeping it on there and letting people enjoy it," he said. "Everyone's loving it, which is great."

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- 21 Swiss peaks, in French
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- 26 Tax form ID
- 27 Arsenal stuff
- 28 Dieter's meal, maybe
- 29 Statement to a person who had a close call
- 38 Director
- 39 "Rambo" site, in brief
- 40 Four: Prefix
- 41 Attend
- 42 Chinese menu
- 44 "OMG, no more details"
- 47 Pea family plant used as manure
- 51 Jazz singer
- 53 CEO's deg.
- 55 China's
- 56 Deer's kin
- 57 Mascot of a "Fighting" NCAA team
- 63 Author Levin
- 64 Not fixed in place
- 65 Denver-to-Bismarck dir.
- 66 Not outlawed
- 69 Color lighter than emerald
- 73 Actor Lew
- 77 Twosome
- 79 Ate for supper, say
- 81 Suffix with propyl
- 82 Spoiling a celebration
- 88 Actress
- 90 Went aboard
- 91 Big racket
- 92 Regrotted
- 93 "Breakout" actress
- 97 Sci-fi talent
- 99 Small bite
- 102 Fashion designer
- 103 "Dies —"
- 104 Back in time
- 106 Put a knot in
- 107 Longtime program on 80-Down featuring
- 115 Toy truck
- 116 Low grades
- 117 Dubai's fed.
- 118 Kia SUV
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- 127 Properly arranged
- 128 Talk formally
- 129 More transparent
- 130 Tattoos, e.g.
- 131 Madrid man
- 132 Bitter beers
- 11 Sleuth, in slang
- 12 Silver-gray
- 13 Relating to blood
- 14 Volkswagen ecocar
- 15 Reach — (achieve some target)
- 16 Old-time actress
- 17 Writer
- 18 Pig
- 19 Individual
- 24 Pirate's cry
- 28 Tranquil
- 29 Is capable
- 30 Lacto- — (vegetarian)
- 31 Welcome kit pin-on
- 32 First-aid ace
- 33 Opposite of last forward: Abbr.
- 34 Pilot
- 35 Witch group
- 36 Music compilation record label
- 37 Part of NYC
- 43 Camera type, for short
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- 46 Skyscraper girder
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- 49 Lyricist
- 50 Jungle vinc
- 52 USN bigwig
- 54 Light ratio in astronomy
- 57 Nothing
- 58 Metal source
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- 60 Baylor of basketball
- 61 Anise-flavored liqueur
- 62 Driver's 180
- 67 Cavity fillers' org.
- 68 Mario's brother, in video games
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- 74 Shares part of a book with, say
- 75 Finish up
- 76 Look at
- 78 — about
- 80 "Car Talk" network
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- 86 Car company
- 87 Stephen of "Citizen X"
- 88 "Leaving on — Plane"
- 89 Very well-off
- 94 Jackpot game
- 95 Scottish "no"
- 96 Poker-faced, as a comic
- 98 Oom- — (polka sound)
- 100 Muscle jerk
- 101 Cartoon yell
- 105 Spanish cowboy
- 108 Toyota competitor
- 109 Lay to rest
- 110 Hybrid tennis garment
- 111 "Groovy!"
- 112 Put off
- 113 Bygone Russ. state
- 114 Prepare for another use
- 118 Bro, e.g.
- 119 "Toyboat" singer Yoko
- 120 Angling pole
- 121 "Send help!"
- 122 Throc. in Italy
- 123 MSN, e.g.
- 124 Rapping "Dr."
- 125 — Lingus
- 126 Cen. units

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this week in history

Crimeans vote to leave Ukraine, Albert Einstein is born

In 2003, Saddam was given 48 hours to leave Iraq

The Associated Press

MARCH 14

1794: Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

1879: Albert Einstein, who would revolutionize physics and the human understanding of the universe, was born in Ulm, Germany.

1939: The republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.

2018: Stephen Hawking died at his home in Cambridge, England, at the age of 76.

MARCH 15

44 B.C.: Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included

Brutus and Cassius.

1917: Czar Nicholas II abdicated in favor of his brother, Grand Duke Mikhail Alexandrovich, who declined the crown, marking the end of imperial rule in Russia.

1919: members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American Legion.

1972: "The Godfather" premiered in New York.

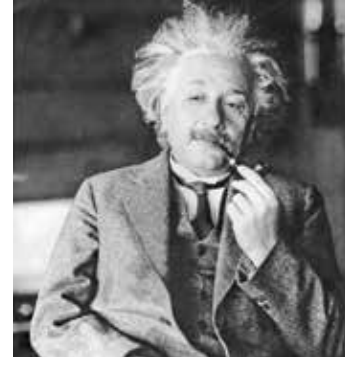
MARCH 16

1802: President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy.

1935: Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.

1945: American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima, although pockets of Japanese resistance remained.

1968: The My Lai massacre took place during the Vietnam War as U.S. Army soldiers hunt-



AP PHOTO/FILE

Albert Einstein was born, this week in 1879.

ing for Viet Cong fighters and sympathizers killed unarmed villagers.

2014: Crimeans voted to leave Ukraine and join Russia, overwhelmingly approving a referendum that sought to unite the strategically important Black Sea region with the country it was part of for some 250 years.

MARCH 17

1762: New York held its first

St. Patrick's Day parade.

1776: The Revolutionary War Siege of Boston ended as British forces evacuated the city.

1969: Golda Meir took power in Israel, beginning a stint as prime minister that would last through five crucial years in the nation's history.

2003: President George W. Bush gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave his country.

MARCH 18

1766: Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

1922: Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

1965: The first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

1974: Most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their 5-month-old embargo against the United States that had been sparked by American support for Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

2018: A self-driving Uber SUV struck and killed a pedestrian in suburban Phoenix in the first death involving a fully autonomous test vehicle.

'Means of Control' charts disturbing rise of secretive US surveillance regime

By Frank Bajak
The Associated Press

IN THE AFTERMATH of the 9/11 terror attacks, former national security advisor John Poindexter launched Total Information Awareness, intent on preventing future assaults on the homeland by amassing extensive databases on people and their movements.

The Pentagon program had a creepy eye-surveilling-the-globe-from-a-pyramid logo and was roundly rejected by civil libertarians as Orwellian overkill. Adm. Poindexter, an Iran-Contra conspirator, was skewered by late-night talk show hosts and Congressional resistance moved to defund it.

Except TIA wasn't DOA. Not by a longshot.

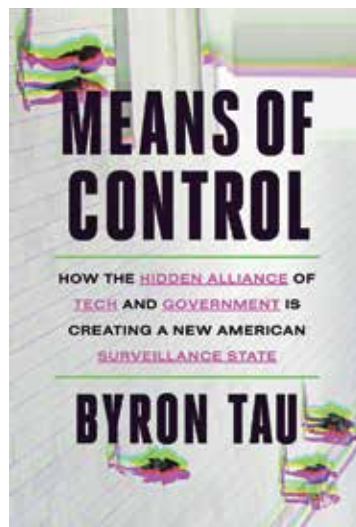
The data collection that Poindexter envisioned instead went underground, with code names such as "Basketball" and classified budgets. How private Beltway contractors grew what has become a secretive surveillance regime is exposed in disturbing detail by journalist Byron Tau in his first book, "Means of Control." In the absence of a federal privacy law, the U.S. national security establishment has used com-

mercially available data to craft a creeping panopticon.

As a Wall Street Journal reporter, Tau broke important stories on how the shadowy U.S. data collection and brokering industry has been indirectly — and legally, it seems — eavesdropping on tens of millions of Americans and foreigners in the service of U.S. military, intelligence and homeland security.

"In China, the state wants you to know you're being watched. In America, the success lies in the secrecy," he writes. "The government does not want you to notice the proliferation of license plate readers. It does not want citizens to understand that mobile phones are a surveillance system... that social media is being eavesdropped on."

"Means of Control" traces Tau's efforts to cut through thickets of secrecy to show how different kinds of data became available for purchase by the U.S. government post-9/11, how what author Shoshana Zuboff termed "surveillance capitalism" — the vacuuming up of personal data by Facebook, Google and others to feed the online ad market — stoked a thriving, under-the-radar bazaar of businesses selling data on



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Means of Control

people's habits, predilections and, importantly for soldiers and spies, physical movements.

"I've spent years trying to unravel this world — a funhouse of mirrors draped in nondisclosure agreements, corporate trade secrets, needlessly classified contracts, misleading denials, and in some cases outright lies," he writes.

Unlike Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency

worker whose 2013 data dump sounded piercing alarms on U.S. government surveillance, Tau is an outsider. So he is often stymied. But he is not alone in this work, and generously credits his journalist competitors.

When Tau does get a breakthrough, it is often on surveillance partnerships that help foil a bad guy — like the U.S. border drug tunnel Department of Homeland Security agents uncover in 2018 with cellphone geolocation data obtained from a company called Venntel.

To gather intelligence, firms working closely with U.S. national security operators have embedded data-collecting software in smartphone apps — such as Muslim prayer apps popular in the Middle East. The app owners may or may not be aware of the software modules' surveillance mission, though there's a reason they're getting paid to include the data-gathering SDKs (software development kits).

Some of these tools have been developed with CIA funding and some, like VISR (Virtual Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance), have been widely shared inside U.S. intelligence and among U.S. military special

operators, Tau writes. The companies involved come and go in the sort of musical chair game we've come expect in U.S. national security contracting.

Which hasn't prevented some from being outed by privacy warriors led by Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon and, now, the Biden administration's activist Federal Trade Commission.

Take X-Mode, one firm Tau examines.

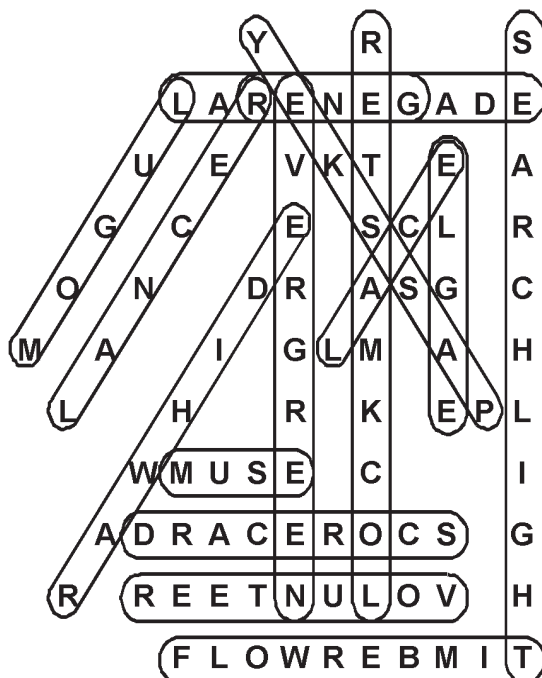
In 2021, X-Mode was found to have been selling access to location data to the U.S. military. In January, the FTC banned X-Mode and its successor, Outlogic, from sharing or selling data on cellphone users' location without their explicit consent. It expressed concern such data could be used to track visits to places like abortion clinics, places of worship and domestic abuse shelters.

Near the end of the helpfully annotated 291-page book, Tau offers a chapter on how to protect yourself from digital tracking. There are privacy/convenience tradeoffs. But is complete erasure truly possible? He asks Michael Bazzell, an expert in the field.

"Of course," Bazzell says. "Will you enjoy that life? Maybe not."

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famous birthdays this week

The Associated Press

March 17

Actor Kurt Russell is 73. Country singer Susie Allanson is 72. Actor Gary Sinise is 69. Actor Rob Lowe is 60. Singer Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins is 57. Drummer Caroline Corr of The Corrs is 51. Actor Marisa Coughlan ("Boston Legal," "Freddy Got Fingered") is 50. "The NFL on CBS" reporter Tracy Wolfson is 49. Bassist Geoff Sprung of Old Dominion is 46. Singer Hozier is 34. Actor John Boyega ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens") is 32.

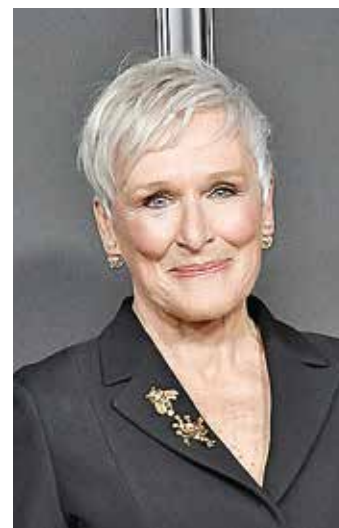


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Glenn Close is 77.

March 18

TV personality Mike Rowe ("Dirty Jobs") is 62. Singer-actor Vanessa Williams ("Desperate Housewives," "Ugly Betty") is 61. Rapper-actor Queen Latifah is 54. Comedian Dane Cook is 52. Singer Philip Sweet of Little Big Town is 50. Singers Evan and Jaron Lowenstein of Evan and Jaron are 50. Singer Adam Levine of Maroon 5 is 45. Actor Lily Collins is 35.



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Spike Lee is 67.

March 19

Singer Ruth Pointer of the Pointer Sisters is 78. Actor Glenn Close is 77. Actor Bruce Willis is 69. Drummer Zach Lind of Jimmy Eat World is 48.

March 20

Drummer Carl Palmer (Asia; Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 74. Director Spike Lee is 67. Actor Theresa Russell is 67. Actor Holly Hunter is 66. Model Kathy Ireland is 61. Actor Michael Rapaport ("Boston Public") is 54.

March 21

Actor Timothy Dalton is 78. Actor Gary Oldman is 66. Actor Matthew Broderick is 62. Actor-comedian Rosie O'Donnell is 62.

March 22

Actor William Shatner is 93. News anchor Wolf Blitzer is 76. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 76. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 72. Actor Matthew Modine is 65. Comedian Keegan-Michael Key is 53. Actor Reese Witherspoon is 48.



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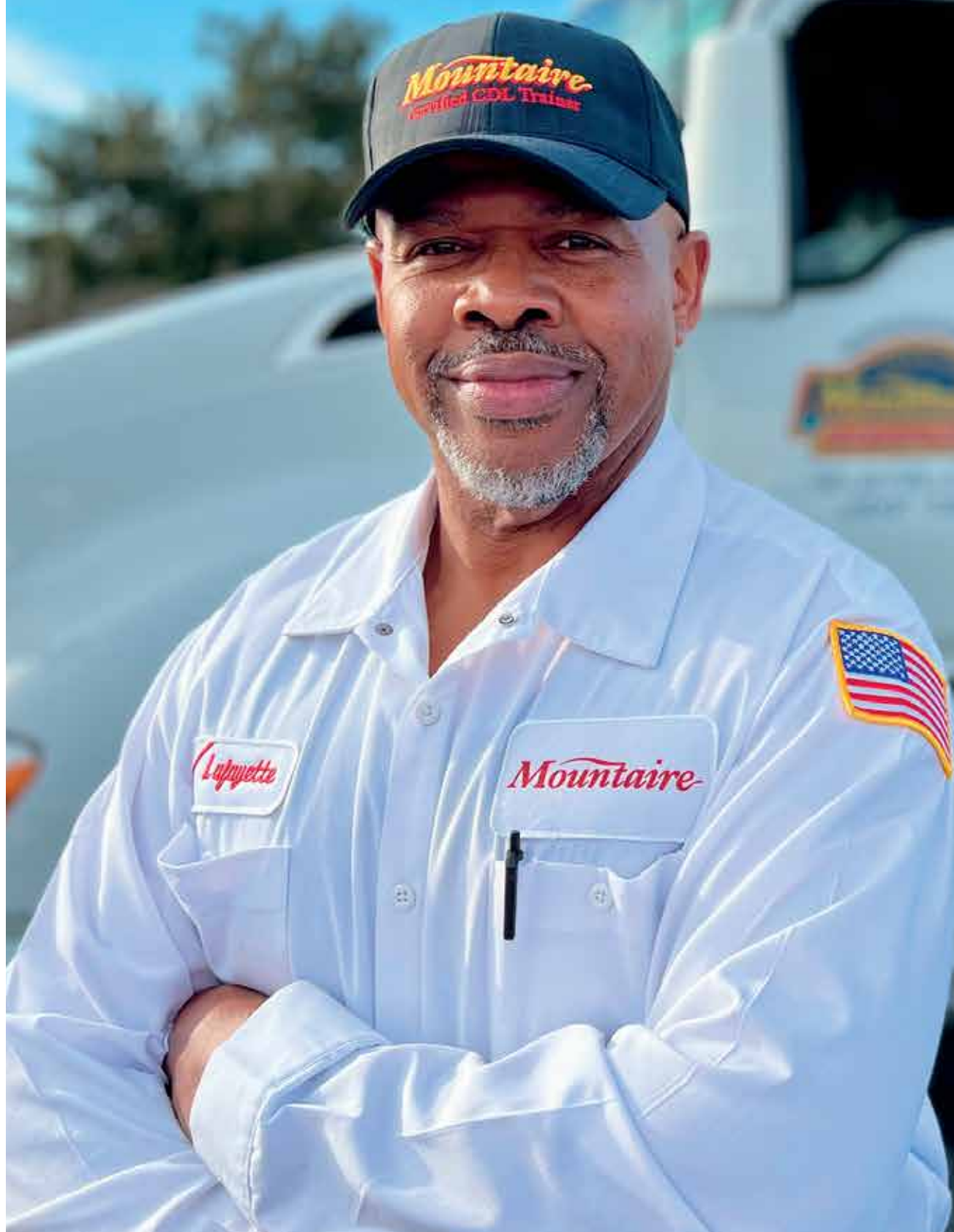


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