

Chatham Chatlist #2749

Contributed by Gene Galin
Tuesday, 13 February 2007

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----- 1 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 03:58:31 -0800 (PST)
From: Jason Strickland
Subject: RE: moving to Chatham

Dear Samantha, Thank you for choosing Chatham as your new home. I think you will find Chapel Ridge to be a beautiful location for your family. As with all new top end developements the construction confusion is in full tilt but now is certainly the time to get in on the first phases. I haven't seen many children in the developement but then again most of the newcomers are affluent middle aged to retirees. That will change quickly as younger couples take advantage of what we hope to be a crown jewel in Chatham. Chapel Ridge was recently blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Marco Giovanni, at the home adjacent to the house I am currently working in. So yes there will be children. I hope you were able to attend the open house held this weekend and see for yourself where this developement will be headed in the future. As for schools in Pittsboro I cannot testify but Chatham Charter located 15 minutes west in Siler City is an excellent school with the best teachers and staff you could ask for. I sincerely hope you give them a look before you make a decision. Their number is 742-4550. If you haven't set your heart on a particular property yet I suggest you give Lisa Schumpija a call at Realty World Carolina Properties (542-9911) as she has several beautiful pieces listed in that developement. She's a good agent and you can trust her.

----- 2 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 05:31:34 -0800 (PST)
From: ashe
Subject: Building Downtown

Happy Monday, everybody!

Just a little side note about the vacant building downtown...I called the listing realty several months ago to inquire about it for my business and I remember that it was in the \$300,000 range (give or take \$50,000) and the realtor advised me that it would most likely need to be gutted and rebuilt. I'm sure that's not really an issue for a larger company, but I have a feeling that has contributed to the building's continued vacancy, at least as far as local businesses are concerned.

Have a great day!
Ashe

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----- 3 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:48:07 -0500
From: "Don Dollar"
Subject: Moncure Lions Club Fish Fry

The Moncure Lions Club will be holding a Fish Fry on Saturday, February 17 from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. There will be Fish and Chicken tender plates for \$7.00 with all the fixins and Hot Dog plates for \$4.00. This is a fundraiser to support Lions Club activities on a local and International level. Lions Clubs provide sight and hearing programs throughout the 192 countries in which there are Lions Clubs. Come on down and have a good meal and support your local Lions Club.

Don Dollar
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cell: 919-444-3578

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Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 08:53:14 -0500
From: "Emily Judge"
Subject: Reply to Unethical Medical Billing in PBO???

I have NEVER responded to the chatlist but this post required me to do so.

I have been a patient at Pittsboro Family Medicine since it opened years ago when Dr. Corey was the only doctor there and they were located in the little office next to Food Lion. I went there for my prenatal care too and Dr Burgert delivered my little girl four years ago. He is the greatest doctor I have ever had and I do believe that Ms. Shook should think again before bashing this medical practice. All of the staff, nurses and doctors there are fabulous, they treat you like they CARE (which you don't get a lot these days at busy doctor's offices) and they all know my family by name. When my little girl was diagnosed with a brain tumor two years ago Dr. Burgert was there with us the day they took her back to surgery and visited her EVERY DAY in the hospital. He also called almost weekly to check on her as she was undergoing treatment. He's a doctor who genuinely cares for his patients. Our family loves him.

Lady, don't talk about stuff you don't know about. Before you go accusing someone of unethical practices maybe you should talk to the patients he cares for. As long as Dr. Burgert is at Pittsboro Family Medicine that is where my family will go.

Emily Judge

----- 5 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 09:31:21 -0500
From: "Sue Edwards"
Subject: Low Cost Animal Spay and Neuter

Pet overpopulation is at crisis levels in Chatham County. There simply aren't enough good homes for all the dogs and cats born here every year. We all bear the burden of this problem through increased costs for animal control.

Benefits of spaying or neutering go beyond population control. Fixed animals behave better and are healthier, including having reduced risks for many cancers.

Many folks recognize the benefits of fixing their pets but cannot afford to do so. To help, Chatham Animal Rescue and

Education is offering subsidized spay/neuter clinics for Chatham County residents on public assistance or with household incomes below \$40,000. Surgery will be done by Dr. Wendy Royce of Pet Overpopulation Patrol, a mobile veterinary practice, at the Wal-Mart in Siler City. A \$20 co-pay per animal is required at registration. Please bring proof of income.

The next surgery dates are March 3rd and March 24th. Registration will take place Saturday, February 17th, from 9 to 12 at the Chatham County Animal Shelter on County Landfill Road. This will coincide with the county rabies clinic at the shelter.

Be part of the solution. Get your dog or cat fixed!

Sue Edwards
Visit our website www.chathamanimalrescue.org

----- 6 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 06:27:07 -0800 (PST)
From: HEATHER WHITE
Subject: Sarah Shook/PBO Fam. Med.

Perhaps Sarah's point was being charged for doing nothing more than filling out papers and sitting in the waiting room, but never having been seen/given the time for which she'd made an appointment, which apparently was double booked.

----- 8 -----
> Date: Fri, 09 Feb 2007 19:25:17 +0000
> From: "Sarah M. Shook"
> Subject: Unethical Medical Billing in PBO???

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" ... As I sat down, wondering why I was filling out paperwork when I was just there to TALK, a woman approached the desk and informed the receptionist that she was there for a 1pm appointment with Dr. Burgert. Apparently, my brief chat was not going to be priority. I completed the paperwork and handed it to the woman at the desk. She looked at the information and said, "Wait, this information is for Jonah? Who are we seeing today?" I told her for the third time that it was not an official office visit, I was simply there to TALK with Dr. Burgert. She told me to have a seat and she would call me in a moment. I watched through the window as she conferred with her fellow employees, who seemed equally befuddled at my rather simple situation. About 5 minutes later, I was called up by another woman who looked mortified to say what she did: "The doctor's schedule is completely full today. What he would like to do is have you go ahead and register Jonah and charge you for an office visit... ?" She ended it like a question, so I'm assuming she realized how completely PREPOSTROUS what Dr. Burgert was suggesting was. "You mean he wants to charge me for an office visit because I filled out some paperwork when he's not even going to give me 10 MINUTES of his time, much less actually examine my son. Um, no thank you."

----- 7 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 09:32:41 -0500
From: jaime*
Subject: Re: Yoga in Pittsboro

Yoga in Pittsboro does exist!!!
The Pittsboro School of Yoga has daily classes that do not require a session commitment. For more information about the class schedule and tuition, visit: www.pittsboroschoolofyoga.com
It is on Thompson Street about 1/4 mile East of 15-501 in a very cute old house.

The Alamance County Community Center also offers yoga every Monday at 7pm.

Best of luck!!

----- 8 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 06:46:31 -0800 (PST)
From: Jennifer Gillis
Subject: RE: Stacey's comments on the Sudsy Dog

I'd like to contribute my two cents on the Sudsy Dog dogwash in Pittsboro. We use it frequently and are very satisfied with it. We have a large dog; an airedale mix who weighs about 55 lbs and our daughter has a pretty large lab. We've always found the place clean and well-maintained. Our only "issue" is that we think the water could be warmer, and it costs you a minute of your time to wait for the temperature to come up. Oh, and one time the regular shampoo was out and we had to use flea & tick instead. It costs us \$55 + to have our dog groomed. We're so thankful to have the Sudsy Dog so close by: even if we have to shell out \$8 or \$9 to get the job done, it's totally worth it.

Jennifer B. Gillis
 Haw River Editorial
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----- 9 -----
 Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 07:06:34 -0800 (PST)
 From: Eric Shook
 Subject: Doctor Visits

I think the point of fraudulent practice that my wife pointed out that fell on deaf eyes, is that she was going to be billed for just sitting in the waiting room.

I however encourage anyone who wants to sit in my parking lot for 30 mins and doesn't mind being charged for a few gallons of paint as a result, to come on down. I could use the cash.

Eric Shook (Owner/Operator)
 J. Henry Paint & Hardware
 56 Sanford Road
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 Pittsboro NC 27312
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 CL: 919.356.5189
 -Voted #1 Hardware in Chatham County
 by the readers of the Chatham Journal

I'm also, President Of "The Pittsboro Yacht Club".

----- 10 -----
 Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 10:15:00 -0500
 From: lejaune
 Subject: 1 gal pickle jars

collecting 1 gallon pickle jars (MT Olive type) for a wedding idea. need alot. Thanks

----- 11 -----
 Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 07:34:52 -0800 (PST)
 From: "Amy W. Osborne"
 Subject: Quilt - the person who was looking for someone to make one

Hi,
 A while back there was someone posting here looking for someone to make a quilt out of some clothes that belonged to their daughter. I recently met someone who does quilting and can pass on the contact information to see if this would be a match. Just let me know if you are still looking for a quilter.
 Thanks,
 Amy

----- 12 -----

Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 11:00:50 -0500
 From: George Greger-Holt
 Subject: Slipcovers

CB,

We had great slip covers made by Linda Petty. Try her at 542-0584.

"I'm still trying to find someone to make slipcovers. I had one lead but the person did not get back to me. Anyone have an idea?"

George Greger-Holt

----- 13 -----
 Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 11:51:03 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
 From: laura <
 Subject: Emergency Vets

I don't know on any vet's in Pittsboro that have emergency service. There are vets in Cary and Raleigh that do which is why I go there - it's a another higher level of service and care.

Also, those vets help with strays which as far as I know, the Pittsboro vets don't touch with perhaps the exception of HillCreek.

----- 14 -----
 Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 11:52:23 -0500
 From: George Greger-Holt
 Subject: Minority Achievement Award Celebration

Minority Achievement Awards Celebration Planned

The academic success of every student not only contributes to the overall success of the educational system, but to the community as well.

Students who succeed in school become valued contributing members of our society.

The Chatham County Raising Achievement/Closing Gaps Task Force has been working for the past two years in finding ways to help minority students raise their achievement and become academically successful.

The group's mission is to ³come together as a bridge between the community and education system to create a community that supports each child to excel academically and to reach their potential by preparing them to take advantage of all opportunities to achieve their goals.²

Once again, the group is hosting the Minority Achievement Awards Celebration for minority students who have achieved a passing grade on the state's End of Grade tests. This year's celebration, the group's second, will be held on Saturday, February 24 beginning at 10:00 at Northwood High School and 3:00 at Jordan-Matthews High School.

³We had such a great response from the community last year that we decided to hold another and make it an annual event,² said Nancy Harman, the group's co-chair. Last year, almost 900 students and family members attended the two events.

³This year, we have over 950 students eligible for awards,² said Mary Harris of the school system. ³Each family will get an individual invitation to the celebration site closest to their home. We hope to have standing room only in the auditoriums,² she continued.

³Students honored will have an opportunity to come to the podium, state their name and receive a medallion signifying their accomplishment,² said George Greger-Holt, member of the task force. In addition, participants will be treated to entertainment and a special guest speaker, Mervin Jenkins, principal at Horton Middle School. A reception for the students and their guests will follow.

Dr. Ann Hart, superintendent of Chatham County Schools, has been an avid supporter of the group's mission. ³Any way we can support students and families and recognize success strengthens their path to student achievement,² she added.

Contributions to the event can be made payable to the Chatham Education Foundation and can be sent care of Mary Harris, Chatham County Schools, PO Box 128, Pittsboro.

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----- 15 -----
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 00:01:35 +0000
From: "Sarah M. Shook"
Subject: Medical Billing

Just in case I was not clear the first time, I will simply quote here two sentences from my original post:

QUOTE:

"I make no claim of familiarity with medical insurance procedures, but that behavior SEEMS to border on fraudulent. At best, it's completely unethical."

Note the "SEEMS" in all caps.

I am not throwing accusations around anywhere at anyone. I have nothing personal against the good Dr. Burgert. And I even understand how one might be charged a consultation fee with a medical professional. Certainly!

And IF the doctor had actually SEEN me, I would understand a fee being incurred.

I was told I was to be charged when I had not even SEEN the man.

This was the problem in the first place.

I was at no point ushered into an examining room or office.

At no point did I speak with Dr. Burgert or EVEN a nurse.

Yet I was to be charged for a "visit" with Dr. Burgert that NEVER OCCURED.

I do say: 'touche' to everyone with the very valid point about paying a doctor for his time.

I would have gladly paid the doctor for his time had he actually given it to me!!!

----- 16 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 16:56:41 -0800 (PST)
From: Terrie Whitt
Subject: Found Dog

I am posting this for my neighbor.

A Male White Lab Mix showed up at her house off of Chatham Church Road on Saturday.

No collar, looks to be around 1 year old.

If this might be your dog, please call 542-2878.

Thanks
TFW

----- 17 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 21:55:27 -0500
From: "Dave Cohen"
Subject: Re: Questions about Optimizing Key Words

>Does anyone know seriously how to optimize keywords and keyword phrases
>for
a web site?

Jim -

First, keywords on a web page are now very low in importance for Web sites.

Many other things matter more. I've read a lot of google documents discussing optimization, and several search optimization texts. IMO, if you are looking to get decent rankings for something that includes location, you can get high results with proper procedures. For instance, I've gotten Hillcreek Vet top billing for "pittsboro vet", top billing for Chatham Animal Rescue with "animal rescue nc", and onto the first page for Allied Mortgage of Cary for "mortgage cary nc". For less common stuff, you can also do pretty good - I'm flirting with first page results for Lumby Books with "lumby" keyword, even though I'm competing with real life Lumby towns. I've also got top billing for an architect using his name as keyword, and an author using her name as keyword. However, to crack top few pages for something like "mortgage", "toys", etc - you're talking tens of thousands of dollars worth of intense work.

My customers aren't into spending tens of thousands (darn), so I have put together a little list for cost-effective optimization. It usually takes me

4-5 hours to get it done, depending on size of site. (Sorry, I don't want to share it, really, as it's really just notes that are indecipherable to anyone but me, and would take a lot of effort to make usable by others.)

Anyway, if you want to do it yourself, search the internet for search engine documents, particularly from/about google. If you want to bounce something off me, just send me an email. Whatever you do, DO NOT pay someone who promises to get you top billing - you're better off buying a lottery ticket.

- Dave

----- 18 -----
Date: Mon, 12 Feb 2007 21:55:26 -0500
From: "Dave Cohen"
Subject: Re: Hughes Net - Direcway

>I'm going to take a fellow chatlister's advice and go to the Embarq
>site to
post my request to bring internet service to our area.

I had Hughes long time ago, when it was just one-way, and that was bad. I haven't heard anything good about it. But, as for Embarq...careful what you wish for, it may come true! Heh heh. Actually, Embarq (we've had it for a year or so now) is a huge leap over what we had before, and service ain't bad (they replaced a modem for me already). That said, I do frequent modem reboots, and performance might just unroll my socks a bit - not close to knocking them off. It's much better than dial up, much better than Hughes, but would be at the bottom for DSL/Cable performance.

- Dave

----- 19 -----
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:21:35 -0500
From: Phyllis Thomas
Subject: Emergency care for pets

I have 3 dogs and have taken responsibility for 2 others full-time, and 3 others on an as-needed basis. Tri-County Vet on Highway 87 north provides a 24 hour a day on-call service. I've had to use this several times over the years, and the response has been fantastic.

Don't know for sure how far you're willing to travel, but I think it's probably 14 miles north of Pittsboro.

----- 20 -----
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 10:23:22 -0500
From: "Sarah Hardison Kotzian"
Subject: 4-H Specialty License Plate

Dear 4-H Alumni,

Driving North Carolina's highways and glancing at license plates, one can identify what organization or "cause" the driver takes pride in. Sports teams, historic locations, and even commodity groups have their own specialty license plate. Now is your chance to own a 4-H specialty license plate and help North Carolina 4-H "Drive Into the Future!"

The Division of Motor Vehicles has been authorized to create a 4-H specialty license plate. Proceeds from these plates will be used to help 4-H camps as well as county and state 4-H programs. The Division of Motor Vehicles will not issue these special license plates until 300 people have pre-registered through the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. As you can see, getting those first 300 applications and fees is vital. To obtain an application for this specialty plate, please contact Sarah Kotzian, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development at the Chatham County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at 919-542-8202 or by email at sarah_kotzian@ncsu.edu.

All funds generated through the 4-H specialty license plate program will support 4-H camps, county 4-H programs, and the NC 4-H Development Fund.

The deadline for having your plate ordered is April 1st, so act quickly!

Chatham County 4-H is part of the Chatham County Center of the Cooperative Extension Service and is a participating United Way Agency.

Employment and program opportunities are offered to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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----- 21 -----
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 08:52:44 -0800 (PST)
From: Eric Shook
Subject: J. Henry Paint & Hardware SOLD!!!

I'm happy to announce that
J. Henry Paint & Hardware now
belongs solely to my parents
Jim & Teresa Shook of Sanford.

I will still work at the store
serving customers. However store
policy, ordering practices & special
orders will be handled by Jim & Teresa.

Store Hours will remain the same.
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
Saturday 9am-4pm

Thank you,
Eric Shook

----- 22 -----
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 13:27:03 -0500
From: phyllisreid
Subject: Driving Class

How many people would I like to attend a 55-Alive Driving class the cost is \$10.00 and it will be at the new senior center in Siler City on February 22 & 23 9 AM to 1 PM for more information call Phyllis @ 919-742-3975 Some insurance companies will give a discount

----- 23 -----
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 11:55:46 -0800 (PST)
From: Maggie Crandall
Subject: Re: Chatham Classic Book Club Kick Off

The newly forming Chatham Classic Book Club will hold its initial meeting on Thursday, Feb 22 at 7pm. The format of the book club will alternate between literary classics and current fiction with an occasional author's biography. Does this interest you? Are you a book-aholic and would you like company in your passion for reading? You're invited! Just contact, M. Crandall at maggie.crandall@yahoo.com

----- 24 -----
 Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 12:01:36 -0800 (PST)
 From: Maggie Crandall
 Subject: Re: new group forming

The first meeting of an ecumenical (non-denominational) bible study begins on Sunday, February 18 at 7pm at a location just off Hwy 902. The approach of this group will be to enrich your scripture study by offering background in history, original languages, and varying interpretations of texts. The group is led by a Duke Divinity School graduate. If you are looking for a bible study where all questions and points of view are welcome call 919-949-0448 for directions.

----- 25 -----
 Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 16:31:37 -0500
 From: "Cindy Smith" <
 Subject: Hispanic Health Caregiver Basics

CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 CHATHAM COUNTY

HISPANIC HEALTH CAREGIVER BASICS

The Caregiver program is a non-certification stress-free workshop written by a team of healthcare workers, including nurses, physical therapists, and occupational therapists. This 40-hour program includes practical information, activities, demonstrations, and discussion to prepare you to support the chronically ill, aged, or disabled loved ones at home. A Spanish interpreter will be available in class.

Course topics include:

- * Environment * Preparing the home
- * Physical Movement
- * Nutrition
- * Cleanliness and Skincare
- * Communications and Feelings
- * Managing Medications
- * Personal Hygiene
- * Caring for the Caregiver
- * Sleep Disturbances
- * Caregiver Skills

CCCC provides all the videos and books in Spanish content if needed.
 Certificates of Completion will be issued for each participant!

For more information on this program, complete the student interest form or contact:

Central Carolina Community College
 Continuing Education Department
 Chatham Campus

764 West Street	502 West 3rd Street
Pittsboro NC	Siler City NC
919/542-6495 ext. 213	919/742-2715 ext. 27

Course Cost: \$61.25
 Location: Siler City Campus, Room 2
 Potential Dates: Monday through Friday - April 30, 2007 through May 11, 2007
 Potential Times: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

----- 26 -----
 Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 17:17:37 -0500
 From: jaime*
 Subject: Re: Heating Fuel Costs - you'll never believe it.

Thank YOU, Mary Honeycutt.

I just called to get my tank filled & was told for 99 gallons it would be over \$300. I told her I called around and that wasn't acceptable. she asked if i used my gas for anything other than heat, which i do not & then agree to lower the price to \$1.85. This is absolute insanity. I am new to using gas for heat & never would have guessed you can haggle them on the price.

She also told me i could lock in at a price during the summer, so when it gets really low, i can get the price year round.. so, call & check the prices... then lock in when its rock bottom.

I can't believe they take advantage of people like this. Thanks to the chatlist, I am not one of those people!!!

----- 13 -----

Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2007 13:14:22 -0500
From: "Mary Honeycutt"
Subject: Costs of Heating Fuel--Can't believe how some do business!

We heat with gas mostly and the price of a fill-up has gone higher and higher. Recently we talked with a neighbor who is getting a much better deal than us so we decided to call around. Not too surprising we found a range of pricing but here's the shocker. Some companies charge some customers more than some of their other customers. Same gas, same truck, different per gallon charge. We just got a fill-up, 300 plus gallons at \$2.72 a gallon.

Another place is charging \$1.95 same product. I called to have my service discontinued with the High-price-leader and guess what? They dropped the price to \$1.85 a gallon. Well that's all good except look at the profit they have been getting from us for years and how about those who really suffer the burden of high prices? If you buy heating fuel it might pay to compare prices. Tanks can be removed with the same equipment that put them in and if enough of us did better cost comparisons we might all get a better deal. I for one am sick of the oil business in general with record profits at a time when so many struggle. Oh yea, turn those thermostats down a notch or too as well and let the company keep some of the precious stuff! --Aaron Honeycutt

----- 27 -----

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 19:20:38 -0500
From: "Barbara Alotis"
Subject: Clock Repair

Recently, an inquiry was made re a clock repair person. I can recommend Philip Knapp -851-8247. He has fixed two clock for me and makes house calls. He knows his business and is very reasonable - comes when he says he will. He is the President of an organization here in NC of clock makers or clock repairers - not sure exactly the title.

----- 28 -----

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 18:46:13 -0800 (PST)
From: Michele Mosca
Subject: Dorothy Q. Finiello at Side Street Gallery

Over 25 drawings by artist Dorothy Q. Finiello, otherwise known as The Good Lil' Artist will be on exhibit at Side Street Gallery Feb 17th - March 10th.

Included in the exhibit are drawings of Historic Mount Vernon Springs.

Please join us on Saturday February 17th from 6:30 - 9pm for the reception sponsored by The Good Lil' Artist and The Friends of Mount Vernon Mineral Springs Siler City, NC.

Side Street Gallery is located at 18 East Salisbury Street Suite A around the corner from SunTrust Bank and next to Bizu.

Wed: 11-7pm
Thursday - Saturday 11-5. (closed this Friday Feb 16th)
(919) 545-3033.

Michele Mosca
Side Street Gallery, LLC
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michele@sidestreet-gallery.com

www.sidestreet-gallery.com

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Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 21:54:21 -0500

From: "Kitty Griffith"

Subject: Chapel Hill Area Compassionate Friends Meets Feb.19, 7-8:30 pm

The Compassionate Friends =96 a nonprofit self-help bereavement support = group for families grieving the death of a child of any age, from any = cause will meet on Monday, Feb. 19, 7- 8:30 pm, at the Evergreen United = Methodist Church, 11098 N. US 15 501. The Compassionate Friends (TCF) = helps bereaved families not only in Chapel Hill, but also in all of = Orange, Durham and Chatham counties. It is non-religious and reaches = out to all bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, regardless of = religion, race, economic class or ethnic group. All meetings are held = on the third Monday of every month from 7:00-- 8:30 pm in the classroom = behind the church, which is located just south of Cole Park Plaza on US =

15-501. For more information about the Chapel Hill Chapter of TCF, = call 919-595-1010.

----- 30 -----

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 22:37:59 -0500

From: "Gene"

Subject: Task Force Hears About Transfer Tax

Task Force Hears About Transfer Tax

BY FLORENCE GILKESON: SENIOR WRITER

Read the entire article at <http://www.thepilot.com/stories/20070209/news/local/20070209tax.html>

A Moore County Summit committee learned firsthand Friday what it's like to provide capital improvements in counties with "more money than they know what to do with."

Two members of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners presented their findings on a land-transfer fee during a Friday morning meeting of the Summit task force on alternative revenue sources.

"A 1 percent transfer fee sounded like pie in the sky," said Chatham Commissioner Patrick Barnes, who was impressed with the results enjoyed by the six relatively small counties that have imposed such fees.

Chatham Commissioner Mike Cross said that his county is scrambling to find money to build three schools and a courthouse. He said Chatham County has no sewer system and is struggling to get water districts started.

Barnes toured all six counties that have land-transfer fees to see what they were doing with the money and how they were faring from a development standpoint.

The six counties are clustered at the coast.

'Missing the Boat'

Barnes, a general contractor for commercial buildings, admitted he was blown away by the prosperity reflected in these counties. He said the school buildings were "gorgeous" as well as clean and well-maintained.

"Chatham has no lighted ball field, but their ball field was lit up better than the Charlotte Motor Speedway," he said of one county.

----- 31 -----

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2007 23:30:37 -0500

From: "Gene"

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