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The end of another year is upon us and if

you're like me, you may be wondering where did the time go! Each year seems to go by faster and faster....I see it personally by watching my sons grow into young men right before my own eyes! Needless to say, I can't believe they are growing up

so quickly but I am one proud momma of the men they are becoming!

This issue of *DavieLiFE* marks the end of our eighth year and I can't help but reflect on the journey this publication has made and continues to make all because of our supporters and readers. Back in 2009, I would never have imagined that we would be where we are today. I continue to be humbled by the kind words we receive regarding our work and can only hope that people understand how truly blessed that I am. I would be remiss not to thank one of the hardest working people I know for her involvement and commitment to *DavieLiFE*—Molly Ridenhour, you are a gift and I thank you for all that you do!

Each December, we celebrate the Teacher of the Year for Davie County Schools. This year, Teresa Carter, a second grade teacher at Cooleemee Elementary graces our cover. Our shoot with One Shot Photography (Kathy Miller) and Teresa's family was so much fun....it was extra special because Teresa's sons traveled from out of town to be a part of the session. Now those are two boys who know how to make their mom feel extra special!

You may not realize, but every year when the Teacher of the Year is selected, Davie County Schools awards their STAR designations to other employees who are nominated and selected by their peers and co-workers. You can read about this program on page 7 and then throughout the magazine, watch for individual photos of these special recipients.

There is a lot more in this final issue of 2017 that we hope you'll enjoy. We do ask that you take some time to help support our advertisers who make the magazine possible—visit their place of business and shop local or let them know that you saw them in *DavieLiFE* and you appreciate how they help make the publication possible.

Wishing each of you a holiday season full of peace, joy, love and blessings,



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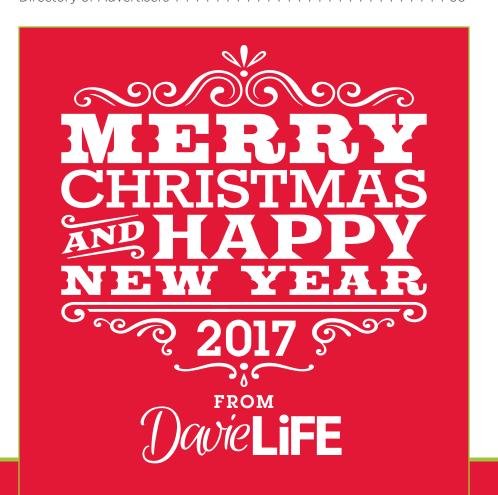
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New Local Partnership

Provides Complete Pet Adoption Package

Over the last nine years, the Humane Society of Davie County has averaged 200 adoptions per year, but over a four-month period, from July 2017 through October 2017, they have seen over 200 adoptions.

This increase in dog and cat adoptions derives from the new partnership between the Humane Society and Davie County Animal Services that became effective July 1, 2017. Through this partnership, the Humane Society is able to direct its focus toward marketing the animals and promoting adoption while Animal Services is caring for the animals and providing them with the proper vaccinations and care up front.

"The maintaining of that partnership is critical — the staff at the Humane Society does one thing really well and we do one thing really well. Together it's a complete picture," Lt. Bob DeWitt at Davie County Animal Services said.

Not only has this partnership led to more animal adoptions, but it has also significantly lowered the euthanasia percentages by 20% in only four months.

This partnership came about as a way to solve a number of issues for both organizations while tapping into the strengths and shared goals of each one. Moving forward, this partnership cannot exist and flourish without the help of the community.

"We encourage the community to support this partnership in any number of ways: we want people to adopt, find volunteer opportunities, follow us on Facebook, keep up with what we're doing and attend

events," Jane McAllister, President of the Humane Society of Davie County, added.

DeWitt challenged the Humane Society to raise \$10,000 before the Christmas parade to help underwrite adoption fees with the goal of clearing out the shelter before the New Year, and they did it.

Because of this, Humane Society of Davie County is sponsoring a "Draw Your Adoption Fee Special." Adoption fees for homeless pets at the Davie County Animal Shelter could be half price, free or anywhere in between! The campaign runs November 21 through December 21 and excludes puppies under 6 months.

This would not have been possible without the dedication of the staff at the Humane Society and Animal Services.

"We've achieved this early success because of the fantastic staff that we have. They are big time committed to making this work, and they're off to a great start," said McAllister.

This partnership is a great demonstration of the good that can be done when two different entities within the community come together with a common vision and the passion to see it through day by day.

"Everyone here has a common goal, and that goal is to make sure animals come out of this building alive," DeWitt said.



Davie County Schools

Employees Receive Honors

to help celebrate and introduce the Davie

County Schools Teacher of the Y year, Teresa Carter, a 2nd grade teacher at Cooleemee Elementary School, received this honor during the Back-to-School Convocation held in August. In addition to the Teacher of the Year award, Davie County Schools recognizes a number of employees who are selected by nomination and receive the title of being a Star of the Year. In this issue of DavieLiFE, we want to introduce you to those Stars! Below is a full listing of the Stars of the Year for 2017-18 and throughout the magazine you'll see photos of them. Special thanks to Stephanie Koefoed and Mary Orr with Davie County Schools for helping collect these photos and we hope you enjoy meeting these special Stars!

Bus Driver of the Year

Danielle Byington, Pinebrook Elementary School

Transportation Professional of the Year Jeremy Miller, Transportation

Custodial Team of the Year

Kathy Dingey Dinah Beck Kathy Hamilton Erin Jackson, Cooleemee Elementary School

> Maintenance Person of the Year Steve Ellis. Maintenance

Child Nutrition Manager of the Year

Carla Mast, South Davie Middle School

Child Nutrition Person of the Year

Sharon Jones, Shady Grove Elementary School

Student Services Person of the Year

Miles Catlett, Davie County Early College High School

EC Related Service Person of the Year

Lvdia McCabe. Central Davie Education Center

EC Teacher of the Year

Anike Fuller, William R. Davie Elementary

Office Professional of the Year

Donna Thompson, Transportation

Administrator of the Year

Jinda Haynes, Central Office

Assistant Principal of the Year

Cindy Myers, North Davie Middle School

Principal of the Year

Doyle Nicholson, Davie County High School

Teacher Assistant of the Year

Aurelia Lagle, William R. Davie Elementary



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Chandra Holcomb, founder of P.A.t.H Women's Prayer Ministry

As I sit here with the weight of the direction God is taking me, I visualize all of my questions, fears, shame, inadequacies, human condition, difficulties, impossibilities and put them in a beautiful box with a big bow wrapped around all sides. I do this because He will gladly receive it. But the true act of faith is to trust Him with this box.

Letting go of the box, entrusting Him with its contents and taking all of these emotions away from me will ultimately lead to a peacefulness I have never known. This does not mean I won't

fall down or endure tragedies in my life. It simply means He will carry me through and never let me fall. I may not physically feel His hands but I will certainly feel the hands of His children holding me up. Our creator gave life, His Word, His Son and His Holy Spirit. He has well equipped me for all things life gives. But when life gets really hard it seems easier to give up.

See, in my sinful human condition, putting God in a box and bringing Him out only when I am hurting or need something is clearly backwards! I must put all of my stuff – emotions, hurts, unforgiveness, regret, shame, bitterness, untrust, fear – that keep me away from Him in that box, wrap it up and give it freely to Him.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your sweet mercy and grace. Please forgive us when we put you in a box and forget the magnitude of your sovereignty. Take all of our emotions that get in our way and let us release them to you today. Replace all of these things with your peacefulness.

We praise your almighty name! In Jesus name.

Amen

To learn more about local P.A.t.H. groups and how you can become involved, or to read more of Chandra's blog, visit HerPath.com.



pray and trust him

"We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done." Psalm 75:1

"Praise the Lord, all people on earth, praise his glory and might." 1 Chronicles 16:28

"God is wise and powerful! Praise him forever and ever." Daniel 2:20

"Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!" Ephesians 1:5

"Praise him—he is your God, and you have seen with your own eyes the great and astounding things that he has done for you." Deuteronomy 10:21



Webb Heating and Air

Launches New Energy Works Program

Studies show that people now spend 90 percent of their time indoors. If that's true, shouldn't we make sure the buildings we spend our time in are healthy and comfortable? A new program now offered by Webb Heating and Air, Energy Works, can help.



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Possibly! A family member routinely wakes up sniffling. Or maybe you avoid the room over the garage due to hot and cold spots. Have you considered the possibility that there's a connection between leaky ducts in the crawlspace and respiratory health? Or that maybe there are construction deficiencies at walls adjoining attic spaces that affect our comfort levels?

We expect that our homes are safe and durable, but often do not realize that the high-powered kitchen exhaust fan could be creating a potentially dangerous environment with the old, gas-fired water heater in the finished basement. We don't consider that the bathroom exhaust fan ducts may not be exiting the exterior of the home, but instead may be emptying into the attic, dumping warm, moist air into a cool, dry environment during the fall and winter months.

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What about existing homes? Is it too late?

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How can a home owner be assured the improvements worked?

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BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR **Danielle Byington**

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Mental health is a vital part of sustainability in any community and family, and The Nest exists to help you and your family receive the care you need. They offer treatment services for disorders related to anxiety, depression, attention deficit hyperactivity and inattentiveness, adjustment, social skills, low self-esteem, obsessiveness and compulsions, conduct difficulties, attachment, and grief and loss.

Not only does The Nest offer assistance in these areas, but it is proud to be the first clinical team in Davie County to bring Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy as the "gold" standard for the treatment of trauma related disorders of children and adolescents.

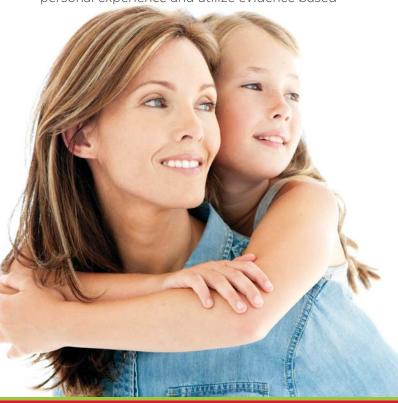
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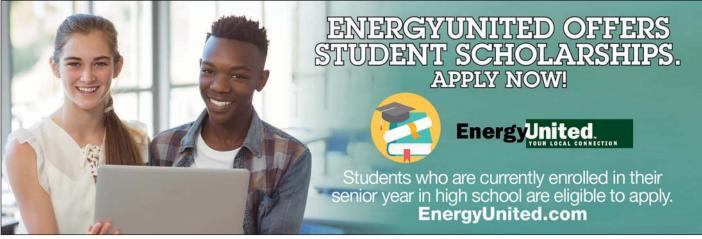


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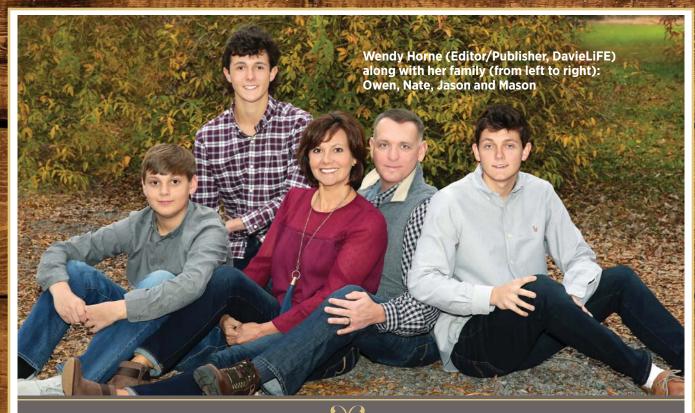
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	TIME/LOCATION		
DATE	JV	VARSITY	OPPONENT
12/1	4 pm @ DHS	6 pm @ DHS	Alexander Central
12/6	4 pm @ DHS	6 pm @ DHS	A.L. Brown
12/12		TBA @ DHS	North Iredell HS
12/15		6 pm @ N Iredell	North Iredell HS
12/19		6:45 pm @ Carson	Jesse Carson HS
12/21		6 pm @ DHS	Statesville Christian
1/3	4:15 pm @ DHS	6 pm @ DHS	North Davidson HS
1/5	5 pm @ R.J. Reynolds	6 pm @ DHS	R.J. Reynolds HS
1/9	5 pm @ DHS	6 pm @ DHS	West Forsyth HS
1/12		6 pm@ DHS	Glenn HS
1/19	5 pm @ DHS	@ East Forsyth	East Forsyth HS
1/23		TBA @ DHS	Ronald Reagan HS
1/26	5 pm @ DHS	6 pm @ Reynolds	R.J. Reynolds HS
1/30	5 pm @ West Forsyth	6 pm @ DHS	West Forsyth HS
2/2		6 pm @ Glenn	Glenn HS
2/6	5 pm @ East Forsyth	6 pm @ DHS	East Forsyth HS







MEN'S Freshmen Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
12/15	4:30 pm in Taylorsville	Alexander Central HS
1/5	4:15 pm @ DHS	R.J. Reynolds HS
1/19	4:30 pm in Kernersville	East Forsyth HS
1/26	4:15 pm in Winston-Salem	R.J. Reynolds HS



MEN'S Schedule

	TIME / LOCATION		
DATE	JV	VARSITY	OPPONENT
12/1	5:15 pm @ DHS	7:30 pm @ DHS	Alexander Central HS
12/4	5 pm @ North Davidson	6:30 pm @ North Davidson	North Davidson HS
12/6	5 pm @ DHS	7:30 pm @ DHS	A.L. Brown HS
12/12		7:30 pm @ DHS	North Iredell HS
12/12		7:15 pm @ DHS	Australian Travel Team
12/15		7:30 pm @ North Iredell	North Iredell HS
12/19		8 pm @ Carson	Jesse Carson HS
12/21		7:30 pm @ DHS	Statesville Christian HS
1/3	5:45 pm @ DHS	TBA @ DHS	North Davidson HS
1/5	6:30 pm @ Reynolds	7:30 pm @ DHS	R.J. Reynolds HS
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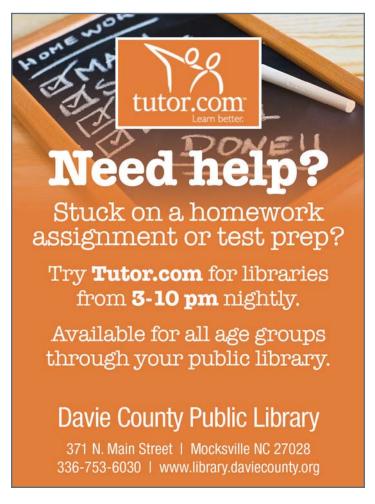
"Every haircut is a treat," Lynn Rolland, master barber said. "We do a lot of shaves, not many barbers still do the old timey straight razor shave."

With hand-picked magazines, complimentary beverages and old-fashioned music, the southern inspired atmosphere is a welcoming treat to anyone who walks through the doors. The people who come into the shop become family. Whether you are coming in to chat over coffee or for your weekly shave, it'll be the highlight of your week.

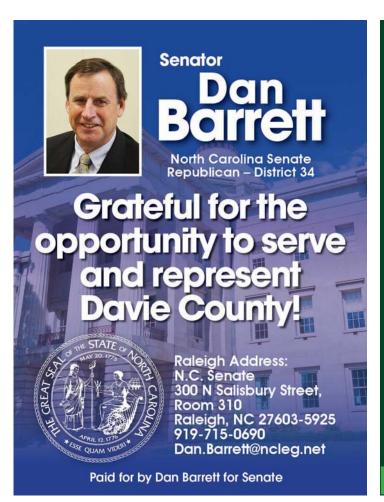
"We want people to feel great, but also encouraged about life when they leave," Rolland said. For almost two years, the Bearded Bear Barbershop has been growing roots and becoming part of the community. "It's been one of the biggest blessings of my life", said Rolland.

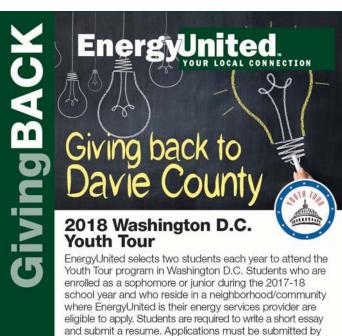
She says the stories they've heard, the haircuts and shaves they've given and the friends they've made along the way have been the greatest part.











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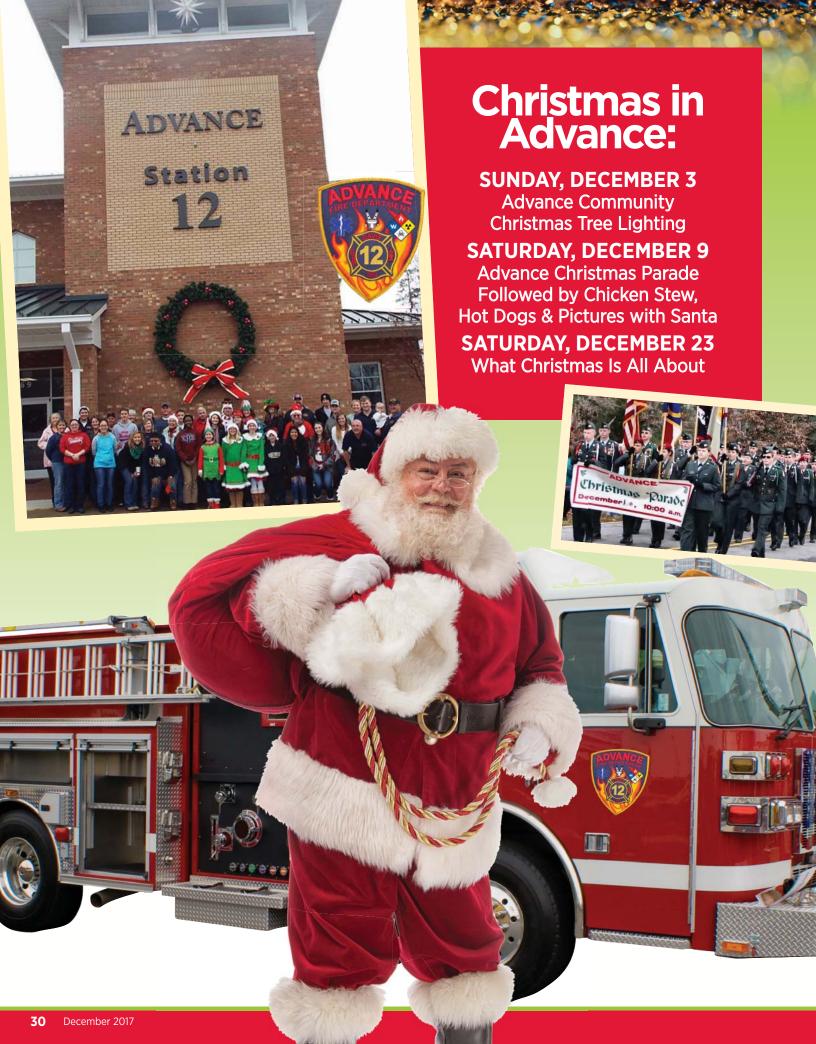
Friday, January 5, 2018.

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What Christmas is All About

Annual Advance Fire Department Community Christmas Events

In 1993, the struggle of two young Advance families and the compassion of a few neighbors led to the creation of a community event. When a young mother was battling cancer and a young father passed away in the night, Lori Carter (Gunter) knew that two young families needed the support of their community. When she shared her feelings with her mother, Linda Carter, who owned L&S Grocery, they went to work.

Linda and Lori enlisted the help of Danny and Judy Chandler, Shirley Markland, and a host of generous neighbors and they put together a Christmas surprise for the two young families. Someone suggested that it

would be special for the gifts to be delivered on the fire truck. So, on Christmas Eve 1993, Santa and some special elves loaded a fire truck with gifts and went to visit these young families. The comment was made at the end of the day, "This is what Christmas is all about," and the annual event was born.

Every Christmas Eve, the Advance Fire Department begins to bustle as gifts of fruit are prepared for shut-ins, families experiencing sickness or loss, or someone who just needs an extra dose of cheer for Christmas, Volunteers meet at 8 am to prepare

breakfast and then groups head out to spread joy and songs. For some residents, this is the highlight of their holiday, but the real blessing is received by those who spread love.

2017 What Christmas Is All About Saturday, December 23 at 8 am.

Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, we will be holding the event on Saturday. If you would like to participate, be at the Advance Fire Department at 8 am with your "Christmas Bells On!"

Two short years later, the Advance
Christmas Parade was born: One
morning, WTQR's Aunt Eloise joked that
there would be a Christmas Parade in
Advance that would begin at the post
office and end at the railroad track. Little
did anyone know that making fun of a small

town would create such a large parade. The same core group that began the Christmas giving began planning an impromptu parade.

On the second Saturday in December, 1995, the first annual **Advance Christmas Parade** began. All the participants checked in and were lined up to travel the route. The street was lined with guests, candy was thrown and a tradition was born.

2017 Advance Christmas Parade Saturday, December 9 at 10 am.

The parade has something for everyone... fire trucks, horses, classic cars, school groups, and Santa Claus! Area churches open their doors for snacks and beverages before the parade.

Everyone is welcome. To participate in the parade you must check in at **Shady Grove Elementary** and you will be directed to your starting location. The rules are: good behavior, community appropriate and check in by 9 am.

At the conclusion of this year's parade, the **Advance United Methodist Church** will sponsor a chicken stew and hot dog fundraiser. Donations will be accepted for the church. Relax and enjoy a delicious meal.

At the same location, the **Advance Fire Department Auxiliary** will sponsor pictures with Santa. Santa will be decked out in his fire department gear in front of the fire truck for children and family pictures. Donations from this event will benefit **What Christmas Is All About**.

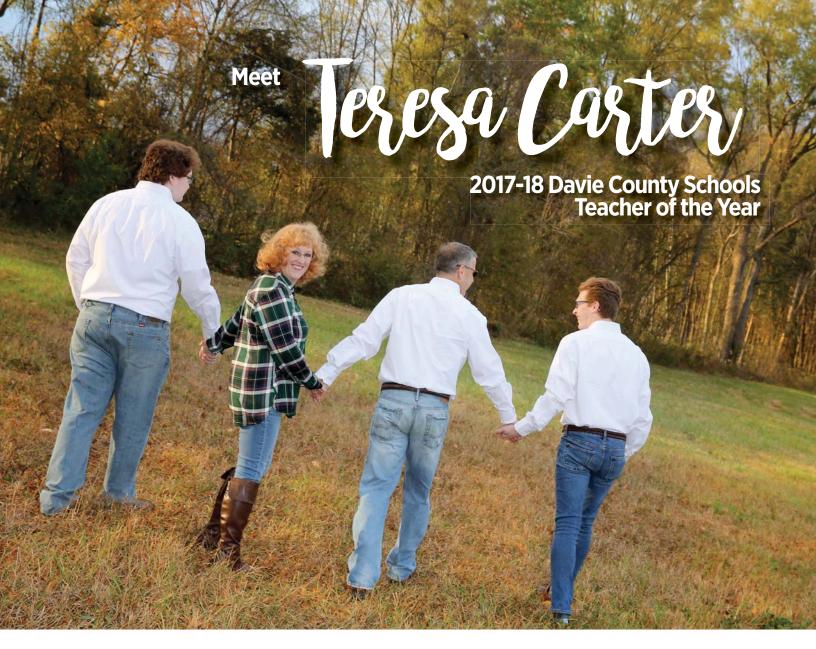
The newest Advance tradition is the **lighting of the Christmas tree at the Advance Fire Department**. The

Christmas tree lighting takes place on the first Sunday evening of December. During a time of fellowship and snacks, children will have the opportunity to make decorations. The ceremony will be led by Pastor Patrick Snow of Advance United Methodist Church with entertainment by the **Davie County Early College Performing Arts Club**. The night is highlighted by turning on the lights on the young, but growing, community

Christmas tree on the front lawn of the fire department.

2017 Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 pm

Fellowship, snacks, crafts and entertainment.



DavieLiFE had the chance to spend some time with this year's Davie County Schools Teacher of the Year, Teresa Carter. Teresa and her husband, Terry, have been married for 24 years. They have two sons, Caleb, 22 and Ben, 17. Caleb is a senior at the University of Northern Alabama and Ben is a senior at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, NC.

We had a blast with this great family and hope you'll enjoy reading a bit more about them.

Tell us a little about yourself where you grew up, went to school, your family, etc.

I grew up in a small, rural farming community in Surry County called Mountain Park. I went to a small K-8 school that was very much like Cooleemee. I moved to Davie County 26 years ago when I met my wonderful husband and married him. My husband, Terry, works for the Davie County Sheriff's Office. My husband has always been my biggest advocate. His constant encouragement reminds me every day why I do what

I do: teach! We were blessed with two sons that are the joys of my life. Caleb and Ben attended Cooleemee. Caleb will be graduating from college during the summer of 2018 with a BA in Political Science and History from the University of Northern Alabama. Ben will complete his senior year at the NC School of Science and Mathematics in Durham. I am very proud of my family and how they have embraced their education and strive every day to make their communities a better place to live and learn.





Special thanks to Kathy Miller of One Shot Photography for capturing these memorable pictures.

How many years have you been teaching?

I started working as a teaching assistant in reading in 2005 at WRD. I also went back to college at Salem College the same year. I spent the next two years working on my degree and performing my duties as a TA at WRD, a wife and mother of two. I spent the fall of 2007 completing my student teaching at Cooleemee in kindergarten with Marianne Stein. I returned to William R. Davie Elementary in January of 2008 as a reading teacher temporarily and finally in the fall of 2008, I became a second grade teacher at Cooleemee.

What are your thoughts on being named TOY for Davie County Schools?

I am so humbled to be named Davie County Teacher of the Year. There are many teachers throughout our county doing amazing things for students and I am honored to represent them. I credit many of my successes to my mentors for encouraging me when the days felt long and difficult. I remember the many congratulations that I got after I was chosen as Cooleemee TOY and then as Davie County TOY. In

our county, I am reminded every day that I am surrounded by greatness. Some of the greatest educators I have known have been my colleagues and friends throughout my years in Davie County Schools. I am only as good as the teachers and leaders that surround me. I am blessed to teach in a county where I have been encouraged to dream big and teach with my heart.

When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher?

I think my decision to be a teacher dates back to my third grade year. I had the most wonderful teacher, Miss Fairy Wall. She inspired our class to dream big and love learning. She was a fair and honest educator that led by example. I remember learning to embrace our differences and unite us as a class, all the while making us feel celebrated for our own uniqueness. I can remember summers where I read wonderful books that Miss Wall recommended. I was truly not a typical child. Even though I loved summer break, I was always excited to go back to school in the fall and sad on the last day of the year. I did not finish my degree until I was an adult mother of two. I ended up spending 20 years in retail sales before my husband and I decided that it was time for me to follow my dream and finish school to become a teacher.

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What do you consider to be the most gratifying thing about teaching elementary school?

Teaching is the best job in the world! It is however, much more than just a job, it is a calling. Yes, there are days that are more challenging but the rewards far exceed those challenges. Teaching is a rare profession that allows us to wear many hats. Each day I become an actor, a nurse, a surrogate parent, and a counselor. There are days that I am called mom, aunt, and grandma. Knowing that these precious little ones rely on me to give them guidance and love as they build confidence and self-assurance in their abilities as life-long learners is one of the most gratifying things about teaching. The point where the struggle turns into the knowledge of a clear idea is one of the greatest moments in a teacher's life. Knowing that all of the planning, discussing, modeling and even some tears, has been rewarded with the student breaking through the wall of difficulty: watching that small smile creep onto a student's face. There is nothing quite like that feeling. Students rely on teachers to fulfill roles during their day that help them make sense of their world.

As a teacher, I strive to inspire students to build confidence, self-efficacy and resilience, as these are aspects I have found detrimental to my own success thus far. It is not only these qualities I strive to develop in my students, but a love of lifelong learning, that will enable them to have a better long term outcome to life, through effective and engaging teaching and learning. Teaching is more than just a job, being a teacher is being the change you want to see in the world.

Congratulations Teresa!



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Flow Honda was pleased once again to be part of recognizing excellence in Davie County Schools. It was an honor to attend Davie County's convocation for the new Davie High School and see Teresa Carter, a 2nd grade educator at Cooleemee Elementary, awarded the Teacher the Year Award. The award was a 2017 Honda CRV LX with all services included for the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, Flow Honda was pleased to award the Principal of the Year, Doyle Nicholson of Davie County High School, an award check. Knowing that an educated populace is the pivotal pillar in our republic, we are grateful for all that public educators and administrators do for our children and community. And we can never truly repay the services they render.

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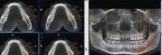


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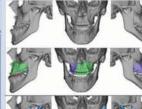


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A Ministry Dedicated to Local Youth

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Some of our teenage friends start racing down every road seeking fulfillment and excitement, longing for experiences that will make them feel alive and complete. Unfortunately, the world we live in offers many wrong turns leading teens towards short-lived and destructive thrills, leaving them feeling empty and alone.

Over the past 5 years, the ministry of Young Life in Davie County has been showing teens that they are worth more than their mistakes, and that they are loved dearly by their Creator. The mission of Young Life is that every teen would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel in terms they can understand from someone that they trust. So Young Life leaders enter into the world of kids. They enter the darkness of adolescence, loving kids where they are, as they are, creating real, lasting relationships with these teenagers, inviting them to respond to the invitation to follow Jesus.

Young Life's main outreach event each week is called Club. Club meets on Tuesday nights at the Farmington Community Center and is designed so that any teen, no matter what they believe, feels welcome and can have the best night of their week. Club is best described as a "party with a purpose." There are songs, skits and games, all led by Davie High School students. At the

end of the night, one of the adult leaders gives a brief talk about who Jesus is and how He loves them. You can find around 100 students on any given Tuesday night at Club having fun, and learning about Jesus.

In February of this year, Young Life began to reach out to the middle school students of our county as well. They call the middle school program WyldLife. WyldLife has all the basic elements of Young Life, simply redesigned to meet the specific needs of middle school students. WyldLife Club meets six times a semester on Friday nights at the Farmington Community Center from 5:30-7:30. On a Friday night at WyldLife Club, you will find anywhere from 60-80 middle school students, with each of our three middle schools represented.

Through Young Life in Davie County, many teens over the past five years have found purpose, hope and full life in a relationship with Jesus. If you would like more information on the ministry such as a calendar of events, or would like to find out how you can be involved, we would love to invite you to contact us at daviecountyYL@gmail.com or visit us online at YLdavie.com.

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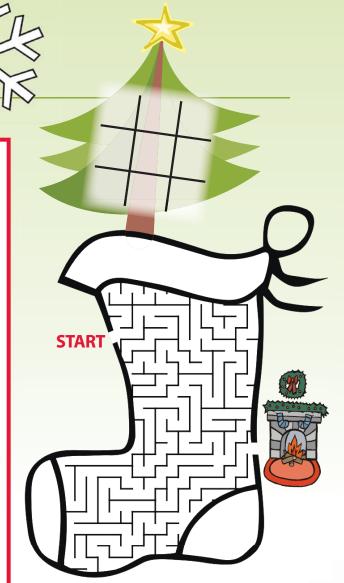


Kids' Korner

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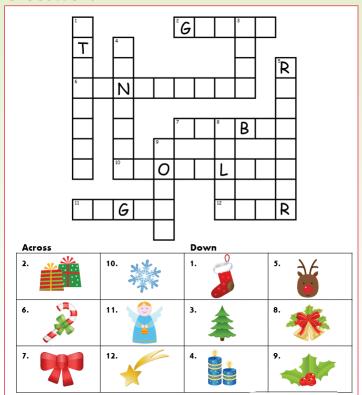
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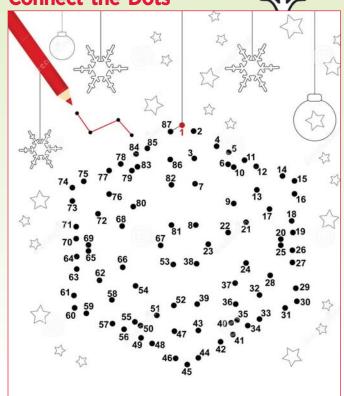
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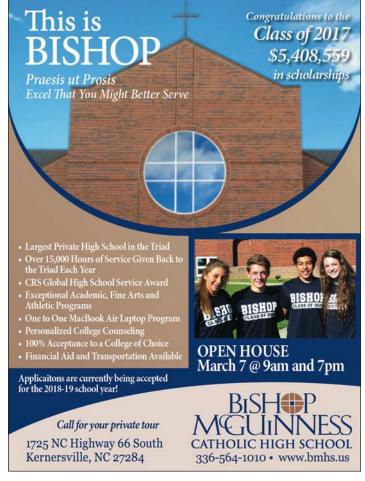
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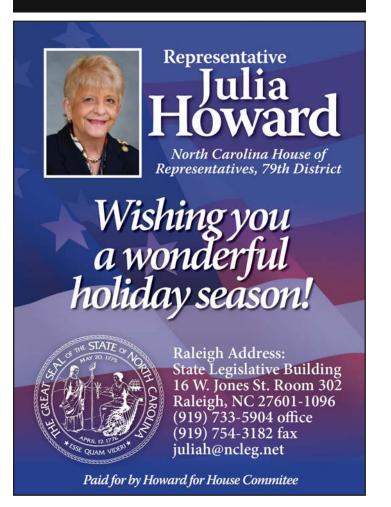


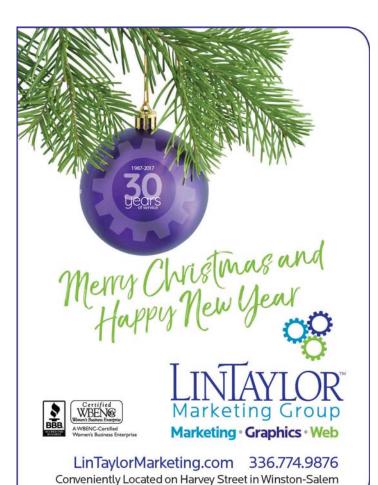
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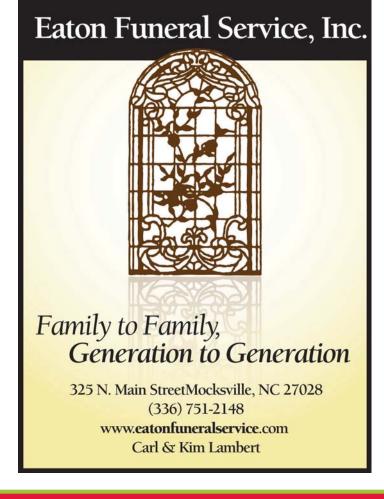
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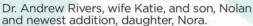


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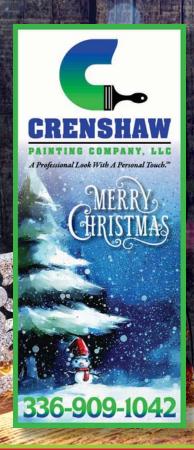
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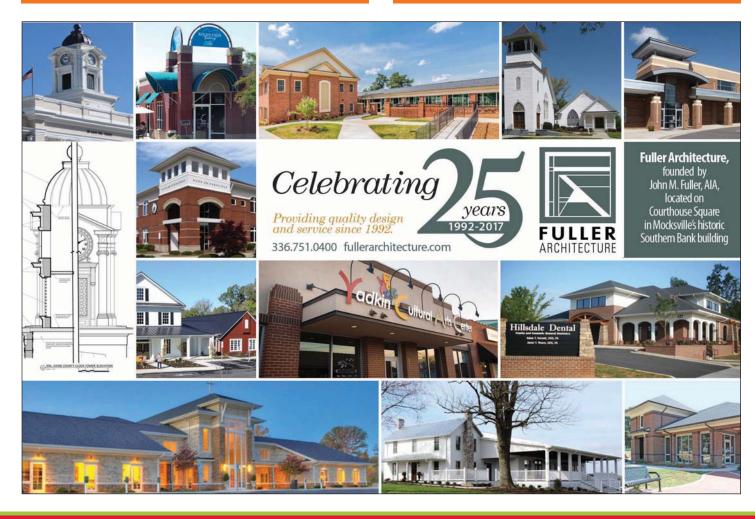
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As we grow, we continue to find new ways to care for the pets and people in our community. After noticing the strong demand, we have created our latest program called The Country Veterinary Hospital Unchains Davie.

About The Country Veterinary Hospital UNCHAINS DAVIE

Our goal is to help members of our community who otherwise are financially unable, get their dogs off chains or tethers and into a fenced in area where they have the freedom to roam and play!

Most families that apply are low-income and cannot afford to build their own fence, however there is no qualification process. We build fences based on the dog's needs rather than the family's financial status. By simply reaching out and asking for a helping hand, these pet owners are able to show the love and compassion they have for their four-legged family members.

Because of your willingness to make the life of a chained dog better, it is our honor to offer a gift that gives back to the entire family. We wish we could help every single pet, however we are volunteer-based and rely solely on **volunteer time and financial generosity from the community**.

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S.M.A.R.T. Mentors





This school year, Big Brothers
Big Sisters is working with repeat
ninth graders and struggling tenth
graders at Davie County High School.
The program is called S.M.A.R.T.
Mentoring (Students Maximizing
Achievement, Relationships and Time).

Big Brothers Big Sisters' goal is to serve these students in a one-to-one mentoring relationship with a focus on improving their academic status. Bigs visit their Littles during their S.M.A.R.T. lunch period (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) once a week for one year, and a group mentoring session takes place once a month.

Kristian, a recent high school graduate, said his mentor changed his life because he was on a path that included many bad choices. He credits his Big Brother for showing him that he could have a better future.

"He made me see the good in life, and how the choices that I make about the people I associate with can impact my future. Every year school gets harder for me, but talking to my mentor helped me overcome my problems," he said. "Now I don't want to just fit into a typical stereotype. I want to educate myself and make everyone proud of the young man I've become. It's all because of my Big Brother."

According to 2015-16 data from Davie County Schools' annual report, Davie County Schools reported a drop out rate of 3.01%. While the most recent dropout data shows a slight decline, any dropout is one too many. Without a high school diploma, dropouts will struggle with lower wages and have a higher chance of living in poverty, according to data from the United Way."

"Big Brothers Big Sisters is excited to partner with Davie County High School to provide one-to-one mentoring relationships to repeat ninth graders and struggling tenth graders," said Jenna Hendricks, Director of Programs for the agency. "Our vision is that all children achieve success, and we are determined to find mentors who will help these students graduate."

Contact our office today to see how you can get involved and Start Something Big for a child in our community today!

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National research in the journal Education notes that ninth grade is a 'make or break year' and that ninth graders 'typically have the lowest grade point average, the most missed classes, the majority of failing grades and more misbehavior referrals than any other high school grade level'. Once they fall behind, they become discouraged and embarrassed, leading to the ninth grade year being one of the highest for dropouts.

When these repeat ninth graders are matched with a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters for all four years of high school, their graduation rate increases to 96 percent.

"By providing these students with a one-to-one mentor who comes into the school during the day to assist with academic needs and building a friendship, Big Brothers Big Sisters will be able to change their lives for the better, forever. I encourage those who have a heart for children and a passion to see the next generation succeed to contact our agency.



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Hunger Fighters

Providing Support for Hungry Students

There aren't too many things that will get a teenager to go to school when their attendance isn't required—unless that teenager is hungry. Several years ago, teachers at Davie High School recognized that students were still showing up to school on exam days when many of them were not required to be there. Upon closer examination, it was clear—the students came to school to eat lunch in the school cafeteria. They were hungry.

For many students, school meals are often the only meals they receive. According to the most recent data from Feeding America, more than 22 percent of North Carolina children suffer from food insecurity. The USDA defines food insecurity as a state in which "consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources". In short, nearly a quarter of our state's children are at risk of going hungry, and many of them rely on our schools for food security. At home, a student may not have access to food for the day, but at school they can eat breakfast and lunch at a free or reduced rate. In Davie County, more than 44 percent of students rely on these free or reduced meals, with the percentage at some schools being considerably higher — 60-70 percent.

When teachers at Davie High recognized that students were desperate for food, they knew something had to be done.

"It became obvious that these students were indirectly asking for help," said Jimmie Welch, a teacher who helps coordinate the Hunger Fighters program at Davie High. "In elementary and middle schools, food-insecure students in our county are helped through 'backpack'

programs that provide them food to take home at the end of the week, but no such program existed at the high school level."

Hunger Fighters was born. The mission of the program is to "provide nutritional assistance to Davie High students and their families, helping to decrease the effects of childhood hunger on education and family stress." Now its own 501(c)3, Hunger Fighters provides nutritional support to more than 40 families anytime students are not in school (holidays, summer break, weekends, etc.). Boxes of food and other supplies are prepared by students and confidentially delivered to students' homes by staff volunteers. The program also helps to ensure families have access to running water, a microwave, and a stove.

Support from Hunger Fighters comes from a variety of sources, including local churches, individuals, and organizations including the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina. These same organizations and individuals help support similar backpack programs in each of the county's other schools.



Throughout Davie County, more than 750 families receive weekly assistance with food from school-based programs, including Hunger Fighters and backpack programs.

"This is an amazing program that many of our children need and utilize," said Jennifer Swofford, principal of Mocksville Elementary School, where more than 150 families receive weekly food assistance. "I am so thankful for a community that supports the basic needs of our students so that learning can take place."

Any educator will tell you — a child cannot focus on learning until his or her basic needs are being met. If you, your business, your church, or other organization is interested in helping meet these needs, please contact Davie County Schools Public Information Officer Stephanie Koefoed at 336-751-5921 or email koefoeds@davie.k12.nc.us.

Know a student who needs assistance with food? Are you a student who worries about being hungry? Our schools are prepared to help. Contact any school guidance counselor to confidentially learn more about Hunger Fighters or the backpack programs.













TOPSoccer:

Improving Overall Fitness, Self-Esteem and Social Skills for Kids

Twin City Sports Association prides itself on the various programs it offers to youth and adult athletes throughout Davie and Forsyth counties. There are opportunities for recreation and competitive play, multi-day clinics or week-long camps throughout the year. However, one program that uniquely stands out is TOPSoccer.

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based soccer program that is designed to meet the needs of children with physical and/or mental challenges. Player participation and development are key elements of the program as players are placed on teams according to ability and NOT by age. TOPSoccer is designed to improve the overall fitness, self-esteem and social skills of every child in the program.

Taking place on Sundays at Forsyth Country Day School, TOPSoccer has touched the lives of all that participate. One parent says:

"What is different about this program is, everyone wins! My son gets to play in his own way with lots of encouragement, doing activities that meet his ability, and with caring young individuals. The youth soccer volunteers win by sharing their time and talents which fosters valuable lessons of compassion, care, and contribution to our community. The parents and caregivers win when we watch the tremendous care from the Twins Soccer program for our children who would otherwise not be about to experience playing soccer on a team. All of our lives our touched in many rewarding ways."

Each TOPSoccer session is led by high school aged Twins or NC Fusion players. They create a fun and engaging environment for each person participating in the program.

For more information on Twins or TOPSoccer please contact us at 336-998-4277.













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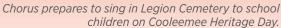
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Cowboy theme was shared with 70 seniors at the senior center.

Davie County Singing Seniors

Bringing Joy and Hope

Around 1987, a singing group for senior citizens in Davie County began. This group continues to meet and rehearse weekly at the Bobby Knight Senior Services building in Mocksville. They share music and joy with others in care centers in three counties, organizational meetings, events such as parties at the center, Veterans' Memorial Day annual tributes at the Brock, other senior groups, and the annual Palm Sunday singing at Eatons Baptist Church.

Another annual event is Valentine's Singing Telegrams. This is a fundraiser for the Senior Center. You can buy two songs for ten dollars for someone special in Davie County. The chorus will travel to the home, office, or school of the designated recipient and sing the two chosen songs. A valentine card is also included. To reserve a telegram, go by the Senior Center and fill out a form choosing two songs and pay \$10. There are three categories of songs: sweetheart, friendship, and religious. Strict deadline for purchasing is noon, Wednesday, February 7. The two days to choose are Monday, February 12 or Tuesday, February 13.

Each of the singers realizes the importance of music therapy. Several times at care centers, patients with seemingly no response have awakened to sing along with old familiar songs of their younger days. Family members and staff are astonished at some of these reactions. Music seems to be the last memory to leave a dementia patient. The chorus is delighted to make a difference in the sharing of music and joy.

Previous directors have been Jo Ann Martin, Betty Patterson, and Ann Cranford. Marie Craig has been the current director for 12.5 years. Previous pianists were Al Thornton and Perri Milam. Currently, Nancy Brewer has been pianist for almost 15 years.

If you are over 55 and would like to sing with the Singing Seniors, notify the Senior Center at 336-753-6230, or come to a rehearsal at 9:30 on a Thursday morning at the center. The chorus does not meet in July and August.

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