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THIS SUMMER, OUR FAMILY had the opportunity to visit the Gulf Coast of Florida. After a long 12 hour drive, we arrived at Anna Maria Island and much to our surprise, another guest had beat us to the area...Red Tide. Maybe you've heard about it in the news? It is an algae outbreak that according to locals, occurs every year, but this year was so much worse. I can only assure you that the pictures on TV were not blown out of proportion...thousands of dead marine animals all over the coastline, water that appeared to have had a cup of coffee poured in it, and the ODOR.

I tell you this not because our trip was ruined (we actually enjoyed ourselves choosing to make the best of a bad situation), but for two reasons. First, this was a great life lesson in really learning to make lemonade from lemons, but a reminder to me on how important it is to support your local business community. You see, the area we visited was void

of chain restaurants and retailers; the island was full of small businesses. This area also relies heavily on the support of tourists and the impact of Red Tide was impacting them...hard.

No, here in Davie County, we don't rely too heavily on "tourists" but we do have a lot of small businesses. Have you ever thought about how easily we sometimes choose to jump on I-40 and head east or west into another community and support their local businesses. Our local businesses need our support and it is so easy to do! I challenge you to make a concerted effort to spend your dollars with businesses here in Davie County. Use this issue of DavieLiFE as reference guide when you choose who you do business with. The businesses/ organizations involved in DavieLiFE make this publication possible (operated by myself, a small business owner) and we can do so much together by supporting them in return...along with our community as a whole, by keeping our dollars here at home!

As we move into another busy season of back-to-school, I would like to wish all students and staff a successful 2018-19. We hope you will continue to **remove and use our school calendar section** that is featured in our center spread, and as always, my thanks to all who helped make yet another issue of DavieLiFE possible!



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Farmington Nature Park: Committed to Providing a Green Space for All Ages and Abilities to Enjoy

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Did you know about the new Nature Park that is being developed in Farmington, NC? It all started with the donation of a 63-acre tract of land adjacent to the Farmington Community Center property

which belonged to Louis Calvin Smith and his wife Martha Smith.

Louis was the grandson of Enos Calvin Smith, who purchased the property in 1892 from George Wesley Johnson's heirs. Louis purchased the property in 2006 and conveyed it to the Farmington Community Association, Inc. in 2007. Shortly after, in January 2008, Louis Smith passed away. His gift to Farmington of this beautiful tract of land was only encumbered by his wishes that the "land be preserved, not developed, and that it would be open as a public park, where kids could play, as he did when it was

his grandfather's farm, and that it would be open for everyone of all ages to enjoy".

Since receiving this wonderful gift, the FCC Board has gradually raised funds, mostly through the annual Tour of Farmington cycling event, and added hiking and biking trails to the acreage. The Farmington Nature Trail is part of the Kids in Parks program and has been the beneficiary of numerous Boy Scout Eagle Scout projects over the years, as well as most recently, the home of the newly formed North Carolina Interscholastic League "NICA" Davie County cycling team. The fishing at Cedar Creek remains a popular activity on the nature trail, as well as geo-caching and nature walks. (To learn more, visit **KidsInParks.com/farmington-nature-park**.)

In summer 2017, the Farmington Community Association Board decided to use the funds from the 2017 Tour of Farmington to have a park master plan developed for

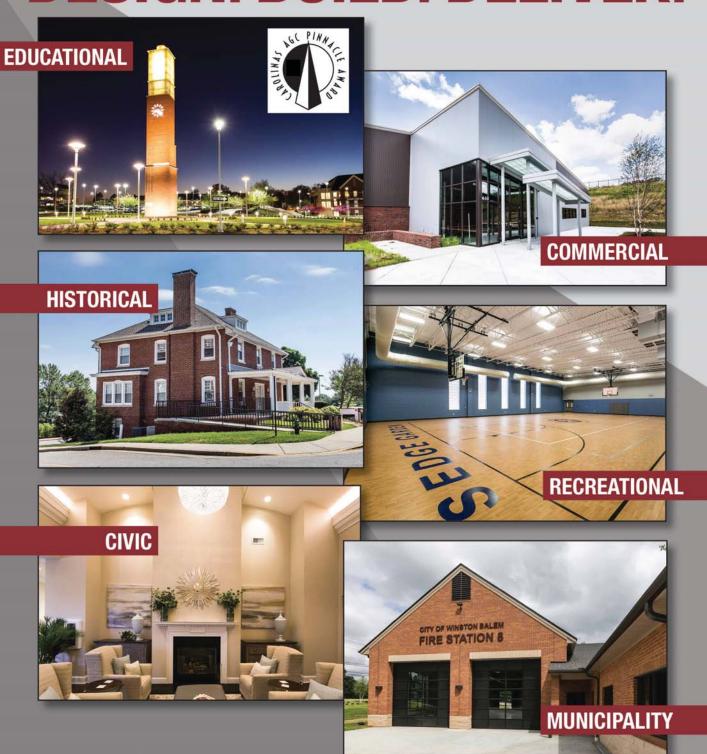




the nature park. After much research as to the best amenities to add to the park, including the vision of prior boards and the recent Davie County Recreation & Parks county-wide survey, the plan was developed with the firm MLA Design Group, Inc. With Paul Fidishun, Architect and Project Designer from MLA Group as the designer, the board was able to have a beautiful plan developed and unveiled at the **BIG REVEAL** grand opening of the Farmington Events Center in September 2017. In October 2017, the plan was brought before the Davie County Zoning Board and finalized.

Since last Fall, the master plan has been instrumental in FCC's success in raising funds and securing grants from various organizations. With the board's commitment to a formalized plan, they were able to obtain funding from the Davie Community Foundation's Eastern Davie Youth Sports Fund and Community Fund for \$2,000 towards the Farmington Nature Park Disc Golf Course CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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design. Drew Smith from Greensboro was selected as the designer of the disc golf course, as he came highly recommended and had designed local courses in Germanton and Greensboro as well as in Lexington, Kentucky. Drew's finalized plan is for an **18-hole** course with par 3 to par 5 holes, and a total course par of 68. Most of the course is in the wooded section of the park, but there are two "bonus" ADA accessible holes in an open field area. Disc golf is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy some exercise and is adaptable to all skill levels and abilities. It is described in the Kids in Parks program as a "hike with a frisbee". Future plans for the course include league play, kid's camps, and **Professional Disc Golf Association tournaments.** The Davie County Chamber of Commerce/Tourism also awarded \$5,000 towards the Farmington Disc Golf Course this year. These funds, along with other funds to be raised from corporate hole sponsors, will be used to selectively clear the greenways and install the tees and baskets for the course. Depending on funding and volunteer participation, the goal is to open the course by late Spring of 2019.

Any individuals or businesses interested in partnering with FCC in building this first Davie County disc golf course that will be open to the public at no charge, please contact **farmingtoncc@gmail.com**.

In addition to the disc golf course, the immediate park plans include extending the **hiking/biking trails** by another 2 miles, building a "pump track", which is a practice track for mountain biking, installing a 60-vehicle gravel parking lot and building an ADA accessible shelter at the entrance to the wooded area of the trails.

The funding for most of these new amenities have been applied for through a **Recreational Trails Program Grant**, which is a grant funded by the Federal Highway Administration through the NC Division of Parks and Recreation and its NC Trails Program. A funding request for \$79,218 was submitted in July 2018 and grant awards will be announced in September or early October of 2018.

The trail projects, if awarded, will be utilizing Chris "Shrimper" Khare of Pisgah Forest, NC as the trail builder and McDaniel Grading and Hauling, Inc. of Mocksville as the parking lot contractor. The multi-use hiking and biking trails and the pump track will be available to the public during park hours, from dawn to dusk daily. There is no pump track within 50 miles of Davie County, with the closest one located at Lake Hickory. Mountain biking and hiking have grown in popularity in recent years and we anticipate locals and visitors will use and enjoy these park features. Another recent grant of \$5,008 was awarded from Davie County Recreation & Parks for our **new signage** and **solar powered gate** for the nature park. These features will be installed this Fall at the entrance to the park beside the EMS station.

Lastly, coming to town September 15, 2018 is the **9th Annual Tour of Farmington Cycling Event**. This year, we will have cash prizes for the Farmington Challenge, which is a "first back to the barn" event on the 63-mile route ending on Bobbit Road near Farmington Road. The tour has course lengths for all ages and abilities, so come out and join us that day. All proceeds from the tour go towards maintaining and improving the Farmington Nature Park.

If you share our vision of creating a green space for all ages and abilities to enjoy, please consider joining us in Farmington as a volunteer or a potential board member.

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Rothrock Plumbing

In April of 2016, Rothrock Plumbing opened its doors and became an essential part of Davie County. John Rothrock, the sole owner of Rothrock Plumbing Service, LLC, came out of high school working with his hands and has been in the plumbing business for 11 years.

After gaining experience and knowledge about the plumbing industry, he ventured out on his own and opened Rothrock Plumbing Service, LLC. "Being a small business owner and entrepreneur has been a childhood dream," Rothrock said. "And I'm finally living it and loving it more and more each day."

Whether by managing the books, going out on service calls, or sweeping the floor, he is faithfully serving the community. With the guidance of his fiancé, Amy Grubbs, Rothrock works day-in and day-out to make sure the business is running smoothly.

Without the community's support, Rothrock Plumbing would not be where it is today. "We truly are blessed to be able to serve the people of this community," said Rothrock, "and are glad to come into their homes and help them with their plumbing issues."

Some calls are more unusual than others, and there's truly never a dull moment in this industry.



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"One of the most unusual calls I've been on happened recently at my soon-to-be mother-in-law's house," Rothrock said. While babysitting, she called Rothrock saying her toilet wasn't flushing properly and needed him to come over. When Rothrock got there, he ran a drain snake down the toilet and eventually had to remove the toilet to find out what the problem was.

All of this was to discover that the children she was babysitting had dropped an ink pen into it. "After I got it fixed, we all had a good laugh about it," Rothrock said. "It was just one of those service calls that you never forget, and it makes me laugh every time I think about it."

While Rothrock was growing up, his grandfathers, Terry Rothrock and Archie Walker, always taught him and his brother that hard work goes a long way and will always pay off. These are some of the words that still encourage Rothrock in his work today.

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Truck Driver Training Program Puts Graduates on the Road to Success

Ellen Rickard worked a part-time custodial job before enrolling in Davidson County Community College's eight-week truck driver training program. Upon graduating she earned a job that not only supported her financially but also provided her with the opportunity to see the world.

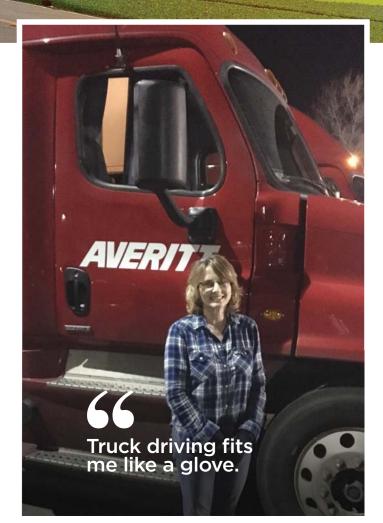
"I've seen more of America in six weeks than my entire life," said Ellen as she recalls the favorite part of her new career.

After experiencing a large life change that left her needing to earn more, Ellen began considering her options. She researched opportunities and found that there was a great need for drivers. Her father had been a truck driver for over 30 years, so she knew it was a viable option for supporting a family. She made up her mind to enroll after attending a DCCC information session and finding out the investment of time and tuition were within her reach. "Financially I could work with the cost of the program and it's only eight weeks. I'd recommend anyone considering it to just give it a try. There's a lot you can do with a commercial driver's license."

Ellen admits she felt nervous but excited the first time she got inside one of the trucks. In eight short weeks, DCCC truck driving students learn the technical skills and gain knowledge that prepare them for not only earning their license but tackling multiple terrains and driving scenarios. "I still hear my instructor saying to take up all the real estate you can when turning," said Ellen. "They were always calm, cool and collected when teaching us."

Ellen admits once she graduated and accepted her first job she still felt some nervousness during her first drive, but she also felt prepared for the road ahead.

DCCC truck driving instructors work closely with each student, assessing their comfort levels and areas needing additional attention throughout the program. "We've seen so many students go on to have successful



careers in the industry: husband and wife teams, laid off workers, former offenders, and the list goes on," says Jeff Ferguson, truck driver training coordinator at DCCC. "Our students graduate the program and can make \$50,000 in their first year."

"My DCCC experience absolutely exceeded my expectations," said Ellen. "Truck driving fits me like a glove."

It's been almost two years since Ellen graduated. Choosing to enroll at DCCC changed her life for the better. If you're interested in learning more about the Truck Driver Training program or other opportunities at DCCC's Davie Campus visit **DavidsonCCC.edu** or contact Admissions at **336-249-8186**.

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Support a Friend or Loved One in Recovery

BY DELTON RUSSELL, MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST AND CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

September is National Recovery Month, designed to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders and celebrate those in recovery.

Mark Twain once said, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." For me, I found my passion and purpose in October 2008, when I discovered a way to give back to the community by helping others in substance use recovery.

As a member engagement specialist at Cardinal Innovations Healthcare as well as a certified peer support specialist, I work with people in North Carolina who are seeking treatment for addiction and managing their recovery. Part of my role includes supporting our members with the resources they need to maintain their mental and physical health, and working with them to ensure they're getting the best care for their unique needs. This is especially important if you consider, for example, **that four of the top 25 cities in the country suffering from opioid addiction are right here in North Carolina**. I help connect people to local community resources, including housing, transportation, employment, and more — all with the goal of helping them overcome obstacles they face and stay on track with their recovery. I also spend time training and educating community members, including fire and police departments, schools, and others on crisis intervention and recovery awareness.

One of the first things we talk about in these trainings is that support is strongest when communities work together to reduce the stigma and shame around addiction and recovery. That comes from getting to know individuals on a personal level, meeting them where they are, and speaking in a way that empowers them rather than shames them.

So, what does that look like in action? There are several ways we all can support friends, family or neighbors in recovery:

• **Listen.** Listening to an individual with attentive ears and an open heart goes a long way towards helping him/her feel comfortable discussing their recovery and erasing any shame they may feel about dealing with substance use. Left to right: Dawn Creason, Penny Stroupe, Janel Hensley, Sally McGuire, Amanda Cranfill, Ellen Grubb, Marcia Barney & Melinda Szeliga.

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The Lost Sheep

As we close one more summer chapter in our book, I am reminded of the people who show up each fall to make a difference in just one child's life. If you look at many successful people, most would say a teacher or a coach influenced them to believe in themselves and never give up no matter their circumstances. Some also say if it were not for that person, they would be living a very different reality.

We are constantly hearing about the politics of education but do we ever look at the men and women who serve our children each day? The challenges some face in this profession are unimaginable. **But they still show up for these children. Maybe even for just that one child.**

Jesus does this for us. In Luke 15:4-7, he said, "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'''Jesus wanted everyone of us to know WE matter. He would leave his whole flock to go after the one who had gone astray.

These teachers who have lost sheep who are one day found, rejoice! All the time and effort spent to show that one child love and grace was not in vain. Many go back and tell teachers of their influence and how lives were changed. Some don't, but they grow up and become educators and continue to change lives by their own sacrifices. Although, some will be lost (just like us).

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.



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

Our job this side of heaven is to serve others, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

As we go back to school, let's acknowledge these mighty servants and remember we have all been that one lost sheep at one time or another!

Dear Heavenly Father,

Many will be found, and

there is no greater

reason to rejoice on

heaven or earth.

Thank you for your persistence and grace. We are so grateful you never give up on us no matter how far we stray. Please challenge us to serve others so we can fully understand your message of true forgiveness and mercy. We thank you for your many blessings.

In Jesus' name,

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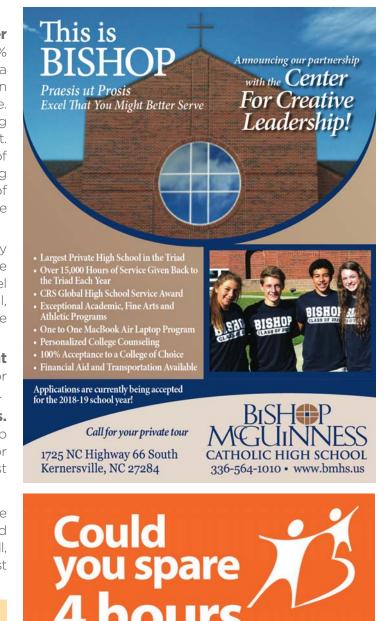
- Ask someone, "What happened to you" rather than "What's wrong with you?" Roughly 70%-80% of those living with substance use disorder have a history of childhood abuse, which means people in recovery often have experienced trauma earlier in life. As a result, many turn to substance use before or during adolescence - an important time for brain development. Many times, cognitive gaps from the effects of substance use may need to be addressed during recovery. By asking "what happened" instead of "what's wrong with you," you help reduce the sense of shame and blame for those in recovery.
- · Show respect before you give advice. My approach is that I have to get to know someone and earn the right to offer advice. When people feel understood, respected and valued as an individual, they're likely to be more open to hearing your advice and insights.
- Understand that every person has different coping skills, and those with a mental illness or substance use disorder are doing the best they can.
- Help them focus on their goals and dreams. Once you understand someone's goals, you can help them discover how to overcome the challenges or barriers to achieving those goals. Sometimes, it's just a matter of seeing from a different perspective.

I hope the lessons I've learned along my journey are helpful in your own personal support of friends, loved ones, colleagues or neighbors in their recovery. After all, helping neighbors and loved ones is the first — and most important — way to build a strong community.

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We continue to seek out committed adults in our community who have as little as four hours per month to devote to a Davie County young person. There are a number of ways those **four hours** can be utilized and all programming opportunities allow you to be part of helping a local youth navigate today's challenges and reach their full potential. We invite you to become involved with one of the many options we provide (listed on page 23), by contacting us at **336-751-9906**.

Community-Based Mentoring

Spending time together out in the local community is primarily how Bigs and Littles develop their relationship. After all, to change a child's perspective of the world, it helps to spend some time out in it.

Through this program, you and your Little Brother or Sister will spend time together once a week in the community. You can go to the park, watch movies, go to sporting events, go skating, and so much more. This includes being a Big to a child being raised by a single parent or who has a parent or guardian who is or has been incarcerated. Similarly, other children we serve are older and include struggling high school students or teen moms. These teens need a positive influence, and the extra support of knowing that someone is there to talk, motivate them to stay in school, and be a dependable friend. We encourage you to fit your Little into any activity that you think is fun!

Site-Based Mentoring

At Big Brothers Big Sisters we build relationships and brighter futures for children in Davie and Forsyth counties. Early intervention in elementary school is integral in establishing critical foundations for grade to grade promotion, engagement, and ultimately high school graduation.

With our Site-Based Program Big Brothers and Sisters spend time with their Little Brother or Sister at school and are paired with students referred by school personnel and/or parents/ guardians. We offer opportunities in elementary, middle, and high schools across the county. In this program, Bigs can eat lunch, play games, read, or simply talk with their Little. This program is relationship driven and volunteers are encouraged to remain matched with the child throughout their school-age years.

Partner / Couple Matches

Partner / Couple Matching is designed to serve children with special needs who could benefit from a Big Brother and a Big Sister relationship while offering flexibility to the partner / couple. Although the intake, screening, matching, and supervision procedures are similar to one-to-one matches. One difference is that both partners will play a vital role in the relationship while seeing the child together and separately.

Partner matches are typically between friends, co-workers, etc. and can be comprised of the same or mixed genders. Mixed gender partners will be matched with a boy. Couple matches are typically mixed gender adults, and they will also be matched with a boy.

Club of Unmatched Littles

The Club of Unmatched Littles (C.O.U.L.) typically has more than 20 children who are being served by team members through group enrichment activities. Other fun events include going to sporting events and participating in Big for a Day where companies in town will invite C.O.U.L. kids to their corporate team building events.

Big Buddies

This is a pairing of an elementary age child in Davie County who is enrolled in the YMCA afterschool program with a volunteer or Big Buddy that is typically a high school age student. The Big Buddy is expected to see the child once a week after school, and all interaction takes place on-site at the YMCA after-school location. These match relationships are designed to build the child's confidence, caring, and competence. Students at Davie County High School and West Forsyth High School are currently able to participate in Big Buddy.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Big Brothers Big Sisters Services serves youth in Davie County through its life skills and community service restitution programs with a grant from the Department of Juvenile Justice. This program serves juvenile justice involved youth as well as those who are at high risk of becoming delinquent.

This program works directly with middle and high school youth and their parents/guardians to assist them in developing the critical skills they need in order to improve their outcomes and put them back on the road to success.

Students participating in the program benefit from a combinations of services including 12 weeks of group life skill building sessions utilizing an evidence based curriculum, individual meetings with a trained program specialist, and two sessions for parents designed to enhance protective family factors.

Team members work closely with juvenile court counselors, law enforcement, and school counselors

and administrators in order to establish and reach goals set for each student. By being a part of a positive learning community with an evidence-based curriculum, students will improve their resilience to drugs and risky behaviors and develop a strong feeling of selfworth while receiving critical skills on how to improve relationships.

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S.M.A.R.T. Mentors

In the 2017-18 school year, Big Brothers Big Sisters began working with ninth and 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 will 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 will take place once a month

"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. "We are determined to find mentors who will help these students graduate."



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New Pediatricians Now Serving Davie County

It's a typical Monday morning. You're preparing for a busy day ahead and then, it happens. Your child wanders into the kitchen and you hear the dreaded words, "my throat hurts". Sound familiar?

What about this scenario? Your child comes home from school and announces plans to join his or her school's sports team and will need a copy of their physical by the end of the week. You quickly realize they're overdue for their yearly physical and you know there is no way you'll be able to get them an appointment by the required deadline to participate. Has this happened to you?

If so, the Davie County Health Department is excited to announce that they now have two pediatricians on staff that are excited to serve youth in the community. Whether you are in need of preventive health services (well child visits that screen your child's vision, speech, hearing and development), sick visits (treatment for common illnesses as well as treatment for long-term illnesses) and even dietary counseling, pediatricians Donna Moyer and Stephanie Pirkle can now provide these types of health services for youth in the community.

Although many assume that only those who are noninsured can benefit from these health services, any person from birth to age 21 can be seen by a healthcare professional on staff with the Davie County Health Department, often the same day services are needed. The health department accepts all major health insurance and a sliding fee scale is used (based on family income and size) to determine charges. For Medicaid eligible clients, the cost of services is fully covered.

"We are thrilled to have these specialty services as part of the Davie County Health Department and hope that residents will take advantage of what we can offer their families," added Suzanne Wright, Davie County Health and Human Services Director.

Meet the Doctors



Dr. Donna Moyer is a Board-Certified pediatrician and fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). She is originally from Charlotte, NC. She graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. in Biology and subsequently graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem on a naval scholarship.

She completed her internship and residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospital (Wake Forest Medical Center) in Winston-Salem and graduated in 1982. In 1991, she completed her master's degree in Public Health at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She furthered her naval career by serving as a staff pediatrician at Long Beach Naval Hospital in Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Moyer provides all aspects of pediatric care including newborns and young adult care. She has expertise in treating patients with attention, behavioral and mild psychiatric disorders. Dr. Moyer speaks English, French and some Spanish.

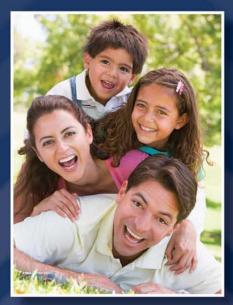


Dr. Stephanie Pirkle is a Board-Certified pediatrician and fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). She is originally from Huntland, TN. She attended college at Auburn University in Alabama, where she majored in Zoology and Spanish. She earned her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham in 2003,

and completed her internship and residency training in Pediatrics at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in 2006. She has worked in a variety of pediatric practice settings in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia before settling in Winston-Salem, with her husband and three sons.

Dr. Pirkle speaks English and Spanish and loves the ability to provide care to patients and their families in their native languages. She started taking Spanish in middle school and continued through college, ultimately earning a second degree in Spanish. In college she spent a summer abroad in Salamanca, Spain, and in medical school she did a summer internship shadowing a Mexican-American physician assistant to learn "medical Spanish".

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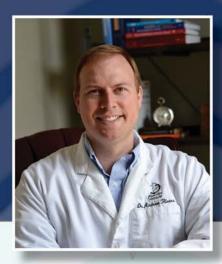




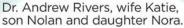
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After shadowing and talking with different types of doctors throughout his high school years, Andrew Rivers could not find the one that sparked his interest. That is, until one doctor said if he could start over, he'd consider dentistry. So, taking the hint, that's what young Andrew Rivers did— he learned more about the dentistry field.

"Not only did it satisfy my desire to work in the medical field, but it also gratified my creative nature," Rivers said. **"Dentistry blends medicine, art, and engineering.** Dentists are always working on their craft, modernizing techniques, and keeping informed with continuing education each year."

With the field of dentistry constantly evolving, the staff at Rivers Family and Cosmetic Dentistry continues to stay up-to-date on what's new in this expertise.

"Our practice has remained committed to continued investment in the latest technology and techniques available," he said.

Not only has the facility been remodeled both on the inside and the outside, but new techniques have also been implemented since the practice opened six years ago.





Dr. Rivers explained, "We have incorporated digital x-rays, intraoral cameras, ultrasonic scalers, lasers and a multitude of other advanced treatment options to help diagnose and treat very complex dental conditions."

Ensuring they provide their clients with the highest level of care and best medical option is a priority, and they continue to grow in knowledge in order to do this.

However, it does not come without its difficulties.

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Back in Time for BACK SCHOOL

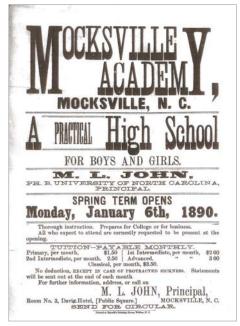


MARIE BENGE CRAIG

One hundred and ten years ago, boys and girls in Mocksville were preparing to start another school year much as they are this year. The school where they would enroll, Mocksville Academy, was located at the southwest corner of Salisbury and Avon Streets in Mocksville. When it was built in

1884, there was a Carter family cemetery nearby. Later, these graves were moved to Rose Cemetery.

Years later, it became **Mocksville** Graded School in 1907 and continued until 1910 when students transferred to the new brick school on Cherry Street (which is now Davie County School's Central Office). Charles Woodruff built a big home in front of the old school, and lived in the school until the home was finished. His son, Charles Woodruff, tells that he kept his pony in the old school house. Research from many sources gives us this information. but the best way to learn about the school is to study the photograph above.



An ad for the spring term opening January 6, 1890 tells about the school and the cost for attending. A month's tuition was \$3 or less. M.L. John was principal and his address on the ad was listed as Room No. 3 at the Davie Hotel located on the square.

The photo which stopped time in its tracks, shows the entire student body of 60 students of the Mocksville Graded School in the year 1908. There is much more information pertaining to this photo, including the names of the children and the history of the school, on pages 178-181 of **History of Davie County Schools** which can be purchased at the **Davie County Public Library**.

Once you dive into the history and students pictured in the photo, the list of those pictured makes the

photograph so much more useful. Eleven of the males served in World War I, nine years after the picture was taken. All returned home after the war. The teacher at the left on the back row was Professor R.D. Jenkins. Historical research shows him being a superintendent of a graded school and renting a house on Salisbury Street for his family. He was 30 years old in the picture. The woman standing at the right is identified as Mary Fitzgerald. Historical research on the census and death certificate shows that she later was an assistant professor at UNC-Greensboro. She was 20 years old in the photo.

The building and the attire of students are different now, but all school years are the same as teachers and students look forward to a year of learning, growth and friendships.



The Mebane Foundation & Davie County Schools: A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

Making a Difference in Davie County

BY JEANNA BAXTER WHITE

Schools continues County Davie to appreciate the strong support of a successful partnership with The Mebane Charitable Foundation. In 2017, they embarked upon a five-year initiative to move the needle in early childhood education. Supported by a grant of almost \$2.5 million from the Foundation, DavieLEADS (Literacy Empowers All in Davie Succeed) is designed to improve to kindergarten readiness from 70 percent to 90 percent and to increase reading proficiency in 3rd grade from 66 percent to 80 percent by 2022. The first year of the initiative focused on training and laying the groundwork for dramatic student growth.

DavieLEADS – Preparing Davie County's Youngest Learners for Success

Learning to read and write is an ongoing process from infancy. Children who fall behind in oral language and literacy development in the years before formal schooling are less likely to be successful beginning readers; and their achievement lag is likely to persist throughout the primary grades and beyond.



"Preschool is the bridge to kindergarten through 3rd grade," said Peggy Nuckolls, director of preschool programs for Davie County Schools. "We are building the foundation for the literacy concept so that when the students reach kindergarten, they are ready to hit the road with a lot of rigorous literacy."

Professional Development Support for Public & Private Preschool Facilities

The preschool portion of the DavieLEADS initiative provides professional development, materials, and specialized support staff to develop and build the professional capacity of 13 preschool classroom teachers in Davie County Schools and 14 preschool teachers in private facilities.

During this first year, the four NC Pre-K's in private facilities received the same curriculum and assessment tools used in the public NC Pre-K classrooms including Letterland, Creative Curriculum 5, and GOLD Assessments

Preschool is the bridge to kindergarten through 3rd grade.



as well as laptop technology. A collaborative teacher was hired to build relationships with the various child care programs in the county and to provide coaching services and support to the teachers as they learn to use the new curriculum and assessment tools.

Stephanie Nelson, preschool collaborative teacher, visits weekly to help the teachers set goals for themselves and to provide support such as model teaching or developing resources, and talking through the standards. Her assistance is also available to half-day preschool programs, Head Start, and to preschool classrooms that do not have NC Pre-K funding. "Any childcare facility in the community can tap into curriculum support. I can offer any coaching services to any of the administrators and teachers," Nelson said.



Support, Modeling and Collaboration

Nuckolls believes the coaching and support provided by Nelson are the keys to the success of the kindergarten readiness portion of the initiative. "Without the support, the modeling, and the checking in to make sure the fidelity is there and continues, the resources mean nothing."

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Defining the **Davie County Schools Family**

What is your definition of family? Whether it is the actual biological family unit or a group of people who function more like family (even though they aren't related), sharing one another's successes and struggles with "family" that we know and can trust, certainly makes life easier.

Past the school buildings that often represent Davie County Schools, you quickly see that the organization resembles a "family" unit. An organization of nearly 1,000 employees, the Davie County Schools family has celebrated good times together, and supported one another in bad times. The support within this "family" has resulted in employees who flourish professionally and personally, but also an environment where employees come to work and know that the "family" has common values and goals.

Look no further than local news reports this past August when area school districts were struggling to fill vacancies just a few weeks before students reported to school. Surrounding communities struggled with teaching vacancies of nearly 100, while Davie County Schools reported only two teaching vacancies (both of which have been filled). Numbers like these don't lie and the system's "family-like" tone and reputation makes it much easier for the system to recruit and retain excellent staff.

But how do you demonstrate to those outside of the organization that Davie County Schools really is like family? As the start of a new school year begins, DavieLiFE wanted to get a glimpse of some of those "family members" who make up the Davie County Schools family unit. Although, we would like to highlight every family member who is part of the organization, we could only share with our readers a small number of the individuals who comprise this family-like workplace

that is built on respect and encourages interaction among peers. Many of these individuals go above and beyond to exemplify the Davie County Schools family unit and we are proud to highlight their contributions and actions that make Davie County Schools, not just a place where students are taught "reading, writing and arithmetic", but feels more like "family".



Top left to right: Esther LaRogue, Ruth Campbell, Todd Smith, Shelly Degli-Angeli; Middle: Kristen McGown, Sarah Vogler, Sharon Deal, Sheri Coarsey; Bottom: JJ Rice, Katie Nail, Mallory Watson, Beth Edwards

Central Davie Academy Staff CENTRAL DAVIE ACADEMY (CDA)

CDA has been part of Davie County Schools for 12 years now and has successfully impacted thousands of lives. Their intervention program provides the emotional, behavioral and academic support that students need to get their lives on track and successfully transition back into a regular classroom setting in Davie County Schools. In addition, they offer a program that is an alternative to out-of-school suspension and provides an opportunity for students to remain in a school setting, be counted present in school and keep up with their school work during a suspension from their traditional school.

welcome!





From the Superintendent

As we reflect on the 2017-18 school year, we are proud of the progress, academic successes, athletic accomplishments, and personal milestones achieved by our students. Davie County Schools is fortunate to have the support of an engaged caring community.

2018-19 will mark the second year of an intense focus on early literacy, and we

are already seeing the positive impact of the Mebane Charitable Foundation's investment in Davie County Schools, Smart Start, and the public/private preschools across our community. This five-year, over \$2.5 million investment in supporting our teachers is providing resources in our schools that would never be possible relying on just public funds. The Mebane Foundation also provides additional supplementary funding for the Read-to-Achieve Summer Camp for at-risk first, second, and third graders who need extra academic support beyond the regular school year. This year's campers experienced even higher success rates than in previous years. This partnership will be a national model for ensuring early literacy in preschool through third grade. Through this publicprivate collaboration, improvements in literacy will open doors of opportunity for students, and our community will be on a path to a more competitive and prosperous future.

Davie County Schools was awarded a \$50,000 Digital Learning Initiative Planning Grant in 2017-18. With an ultimate goal of increasing student success in math, reading and science, middle school teachers and administrators were trained in creating personalized and blended learning environments and several classrooms benefitted from technology upgrades and increased student opportunities through technology. In the summer of 2018, the Digital Learning Initiative Implementation Grant was awarded for another \$150,000 over two years to implement the goals of the planning grant. Our students and teachers are fortunate to have access to these high quality resources.

The new Davie County High School saw its first graduating class of 400 students walk across the stage on June 9, 2018. We are thrilled for our teachers and students who are working together in a modern teaching and learning environment. We have seen hundreds of visitors from all over North Carolina visit our new high school this past year, and visitors continue to be amazed at the incredible learning environment made possible by our community. We want to thank our community for this significant investment in the future of education. This investment sends a strong message to our students, staff, and our neighbors that education in Davie County is a top priority.

We are excited to welcome new teachers, administrators, and staff to our school family. Our teachers are some of the best in the country, and I continue to receive comments and emails from parents thanking our teachers who go above and beyond the call for their children. I am extremely proud of our staff and you will see many of these special people highlighted this year in DavieLiFE magazine!

We strive to provide the absolute best experience for our students and their families. If you have concerns, suggestions, or commendations, please feel free to contact our office at 336-751-5921. We also want you to stay up-to-date with news about Davie County Schools, so please consider subscribing to School Matters. Sign up for this electronic news source by visiting **Davie.k12.nc.us**.

Have a fantastic 2018-19 school year as we **Engage, Equip, and Empower** the students of Davie County Schools!

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Aug 27	First Day for Students
Sep 3	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 24	End of 1st Month
Oct 3	Early Release
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Oct 22	End of 2nd Month
Oct 30	End of 1st Grading Period
Oct 30	Early Release
Oct 31	Professional Day*
Nov 9	Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 12	Required Professional Day,
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Nov 21	Annual Leave Day
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov 27	End of 3rd Month
Dec 21	Early Release
Dec 24-26	Christmas Holidays
Dec 27, 28, 31	Annual Leave Days
Jan 1	New Year's Day Holiday
Jan 2	Professional Day*
Jan 4	End of 4th Month
Jan 18	End of 2nd Grading Period /
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Jan 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Jan 22	Required Professional Day
Feb 5	End of 5th Month
Feb 13	Early Release
Mar 5	End of 6th Month
Mar 6	Early Release
Mar 25-29	Annual Leave Day
1101 23-23	(Spring break begins)
Apr 2	End of 3rd Grading Period
Apr 9	End of 7th Month
Apr 19	Easter Holiday
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Apr 22	Annual Leave
May 9	End of 8th Month
May 15	Early Release
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
Jun 7	Last Day for Students,
	Early Release
Jun 10-12	Required Professional Days
Jun 13-14	Professional Days*

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Calendar Dates

Aug 1-3	Professional Days
Aug 6	First Day for Students
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Aug 15	First day of College Classes
Sep 3	Labor Day Holiday
Oct 3	Shuttle Buses PM
Oct 8	End of 1st Grading Period
Oct 10-11	Professional Days
Oct 10-12	DCCC Fall Break
Oct 12	Annual Leave
Oct 30	Shuttle Bus PM
Oct 31	Shuttle Bus AM & PM
Nov 9	Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 12-13	Professional Days
Nov 21	Annual Leave
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 10-13	DCCC Final Exams
Dec 17-21	DCECHS Final Exams
Dec 21	Early Release
Dec 21	End of 2nd Grading Period
Dec 24-31	Christmas Holidays
Jan 1	New Year's Day Holiday
Jan 2	Professional Day
Jan 9	First Day of College Classes
Jan 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Jan 22	Shuttle Bus AM & PM
Jan 25	Early Release/Shuttle Bus PM
Feb 13	Shuttle Bus PM
Feb 15	Early Release/Shuttle Bus PM
Mar 6	Shuttle Bus PM
Mar 7	End of 3rd Grading Period
Mar 11-15	Spring Break/Annual Leave Days
Mar 25-28	Shuttle Bus AM & PM
Mar 29	Professional Day
Apr 12	Early Release & Shuttle Bus PM
Apr 19	Easter Holiday
May 3	Early Release & Shuttle Bus PM
May 6-9	DCCC Exams
May 13-17	DCECHS Exams
May 15	Early Release
May 20	End of 4th Grading Period
May 21-24	Professional Days
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday

MAKE UP DAYS: Administration will consider waiving the first two student days missed.

There is no school for students on days designated as holiday, annual leave, required professional or professional days.

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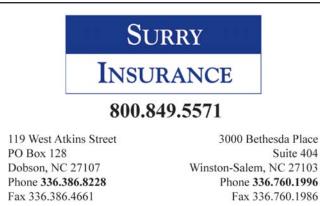
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Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! Our school district and community leaders have been hard at work developing the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan for Davie County Schools. As we begin another school year, we are excited to kick-off this school year introducing our plan to guide the future of Davie County Schools!

Our Vision

Davie County Schools will be a safe, innovative learning environment where each individual is valued, respected, and challenged. An engaging staff and community will ensure students learn, grow, create, and discover their talents through experiences that prepare them for success.

Our Mission

We engage, equip, and empower students.

Our Beliefs and Core Values

- Integrity
- Respect
- Dedication & Commitment
- Relationships
- Accountability

Our Priority Focus Areas

- Life-Changing Teaching and Learning
- Highly Effective Educators and Staff
- Enhanced Educational Environments
- Family, Community, and Business
- Engagement

Our thanks to those who were instrumental in donating their time and energy to develop this plan which we are excited to introduce this school year!



Kerry Blackwelder COOLEEMEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kerry Blackwelder is a reading specialist at Cooleemee Elementary School. She is a valued veteran educator where she is known for her approach to making learning both fresh and exciting. Often,

Kerry can be found at school, late at night, working alongside other employees and helping them to become better teachers. Her passion for making school memorable for current and former students is illustrated by the graduate walk where Kerry spent hours working on this event that hosted former students to Cooleemee to celebrate their high school experience, and her reputation for being the Elf on the Shelf "ring leader" is an event that parents, students and staff look forward to every holiday season.



Ray Sain CORNATZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ray Sain serves as the head custodian at Cornatzer Elementary School. Sain treats Cornatzer like his "own home", keeping the building in tip-top shape, all while building strong relationships with students and staff. Ray has been

known to support young men who have had behavior challenges, sit with a student who needed extra help and come to after hour events to help out. When students see Mr. Sain in the hall, they wave to him while walking in line. Ray is a perfect example of how every adult in a school is influential in the life of a student.



Tracy Kassel DAVIE COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (DCECHS)

Tracy Kassel oversees the Early College's Learning Lab which serves as the school's study hall where students go when they don't have class. She has worked hard to create a "library" like

environment that is both focused and productive, and students are able to use the lab as a place where they can work on and complete their assignments and projects. It is not uncommon for Tracy to meet with students one-on-one that need extra support with time

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management and organization. In addition, Tracy helps daily with testing and planning Phoenix Friday's, a community outreach where guests are invited to join students on-site and share insight on personal finance, interviewing, colleges, careers and more. The Kassel family as a whole has been a part of the Early College for nearly a decade as Tracy's husband has served on the school's advisory council and her three children have been successful students at DCECHS.



From left to right: Sydnee Autry, Amy Gould, Aubrey Draughn and Andreia Collins

School Social Workers DAVIE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Davie County Schools social workers are a family within themselves as they work diligently to regularly advocate for vulnerable children so that their needs are met within the educational setting. Students today are increasingly victims of many adverse childhood experiences that negatively affect their ability to learn and function. Over the last year, these social workers have served the Davie County Schools family by assisting 139 homeless students across the district. coordinated services or interventions for 52 students in foster care, filed 68 truancy charges, had 560 contacts with the Department of Social Services regarding student safety or child welfare issues and concerns, made 175 home visits, provided support and communication for over 2000 families, provided supports for teachers or school staff over 7,000 times and provided families with nearly 900 referrals for needed resources.



Bob Bailey DAVIE HIGH SCHOOL

Bob Bailey serves as a custodian at Davie County High School. Since becoming part of the Davie High family, Bob's servant heart has been evident by his desire to interact with and help students. At the former high school, Bob was known for standing at the cafeteria

doors at the beginning of each lunch period, holding the doors open and greeting every single student as they entered the lunchroom. Bob also serves as the cofounder and is a certified counselor with House of Hope which is a residential facility located in Davie County that ministers to struggling teens and families throughout the Piedmont. Bob's gentle nature and ability to connect with students is a skill set the Davie High family is grateful to have.



Julie Marklin MOCKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Julie Marklin serves as the media specialist for Mocksville Elementary School. Julie impacts the Mocksville Elementary family by exemplifying what it means to "BE ALL IN"! She serves on multiple committees supporting teachers and provides

leadership in technology, blended learning and integrated literacy instruction. Not only does she provide this support to her colleagues, she is present and engaged with all students leading Battle of the Books, Robotics, MakerSpace and STEM summer camps. She has heart, compassion and is committed to excellence and will do whatever she can to make Mocksville the best it can be.



Jenny McPherson NORTH DAVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jenny McPherson serves as a guidance counselor at North Davie. She shows commitment to students by focusing on character education and social skills, specifically in regards to bullying prevention. Her approach to keep

positive peer relationships front and center for the students at North Davie has allowed her to build trust

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with students and staff so that she is "sought out" for help with delicate issues that can be common in the middle school setting.



Tracy Miller PINEBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tracy Miller serves as a second grade teacher at Pinebrook Elementary School. Outside of the classroom, Tracy serves in a very impactful way for the Pinebrook family/community through her service to the Davie

Youth Football Association. Many families appreciate Tracy's devotion to the program where she coordinates schedules, concessions, operates the gates and answers many parent questions about the football program. She is often one of the first ones to arrive at the stadium on Saturday and one of the last ones to leave. Her hard work makes it possible for many families to have a meaningful activity they look forward to and enjoy together.



Leah McCullar SHADY GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Leah McCullar serves as the office manager at Shady Grove Elementary School. Leah is a positive individual who is often the first person you see when you enter the school. She is kind and courteous and makes everyone

feel welcome when they walk into Shady Grove. Prior to joining the Shady Grove family as office manager, Leah was a substitute at the school as well as a volunteer and a member of our Parent Advisory Council. Leah is a staff member who is willing to do whatever needs to be done to meet the needs of students, staff and families.



Jill Gaither SOUTH DAVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

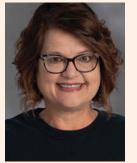
Jill Gaither serves as a math teacher at South Davie Middle School. Although her commitment to students at South Davie is evident through her level of care and concern that makes them successful, she also continues to help and support students after they leave South Davie and go on to high school. Jill takes the family mentality one step further, by involving her husband where you can sometimes find them working in her classroom together on weekends and even mentoring students by playing basketball in the gym with students she is working to support.



Mark Eaton WILLIAM ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mark Eaton serves as the Data Manager for Ellis Middle School. Mark's commitment to local youth is exemplified by the numerous hours outside of work he devotes to Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America). Mark serves

as Assistant Scoutmaster and is a Merit Badge Counselor for Digital Technology, Golf, and Coin Collecting. Additionally, this year he served as Venture Crew Leader, taking a week of his personal vacation to take a Venture Crew (where ages can range from 14-21) to Florida Seabase where scouts had a chance to snorkel, do coral reef sailing, actually sit at the wheel and control the sailboat, fish (and then cook what was caught), as well as navigate.



Melissa Bruce

(Hearing Impaired Interpreter) WILLIAM R. DAVIE ELEMENTARY

Melissa Bruce serves as a Hearing Impaired Interpreter at William R. Davie Elementary. She is actively involved in "The Emmaus Walk Movement" which has the mission of empowering leaders to be the

hands and feet of Christ. Melissa's involvement gives her the opportunity to be inspired, challenged and equipped to live out her faith by being a positive christian role model in the William R. Davie community. Her commitment and love for Christ, the students she serves at William R. Davie Elementary, both show her love for others and the desire to help others.

These are just a few of the individuals who make up the Davie County Schools family. Serving our community as a team that exudes respect, commitment and compassion ... all with the common purpose of positively impacting students.



Local Partnership Succeeding in Reducing Animal Intakes and Euthanasias

Much progress has been made over the past 12 months on the animal welfare front in Davie County thanks to the partnership between Davie County Animal Services (DCAS) and the Humane Society of Davie County (HSDC).

The partnership arose out of the sale of the HSDC adoption center to the County for purposes of meeting the mandate from the state for an upgraded animal shelter. Since then, HSDC has acted as the marketing and adoption management arm for DCAS, as well as managing spay/neuter clinic transports out of the building on Eaton Road. Both organizations stand focused on reducing the shelter euthanasia rate.

The partnership is between two independent organizations. The Humane Society of Davie County remains a separate non-profit entity, and continues to rely on fundraisers, grants, and donations to fund its operating expenses.

Currently, HSDC offers local pet owners three spay/ neuter clinic transports each month. Reservations and payment are required in advance. Interested pet owners may call 336-751-5214 for details on the program. For the past 12 months, 528 dogs and cats have been spayed or neutered through this program, representing a 67% increase over clinic volume in 2016. Spaying and neutering our pets is the single best answer to reducing excess animal population, shelter intake, and euthanasia. Pet adoptions over the past 12 months totaled 628, which represents three times what HSDC did annually on a stand-alone basis, and five times what DCAS adopted out independently. Adoptions come from local families as well as across and outside of the state. Social media provides much broader visibility and helps to significantly boost adoptions.

Two new programs rolled out in the past year. HSDC now works with **New Leash on Life** in Forsyth County, to take dogs into the correctional institution in Winston-Salem for an eight-week training program before adopting them out at "graduation." HSDC also works with **rescue agencies** out of state to send adoptable cats and dogs into their custody for appropriate veterinary care and adoptions. This transport program is especially important for saving the lives of more cats and kittens.

All of these programs have one goal in mind: reducing the level of county shelter intake and euthanasia. In 2008, shelter intake was 1,926; 2017 was over 50% lower at 884. In 2008, the euthanasia rate at the shelter was 82% of animals taken in. In May of 2018, thanks to the good working relationship between the two organizations, that rate was 18% overall. It is important to note that the euthanasia rate constantly changes, according to the volumes of intake and adoptions, condition of the pets, and the financial capacity of both organizations to perform their functions. Both DCAS and HSDC seek to permanently minimize the euthanasia rate.





These positive outcomes demonstrate the viability and effectiveness of the partnership. Our community can help HSDC and DCAS meet the challenges to keeping the euthanasia rate low:

- **Be responsible:** spay or neuter your pets always; adopt, don't shop, your next pet;
- **Be kind:** abuse is never an answer; research has demonstrated the link between animal abuse and abuse of persons and other criminal behavior later in life; report neglect and abuse to Davie County Animal Services;
- **Be generous:** support a local animal rescue group with your time and financial gifts; the good work done over the past year can continue only with your ongoing support. The partnership with DCAS means that HSDC is incurring three times the level of animal care expense as before, and funding needs to match that increase. **Please give generously.**



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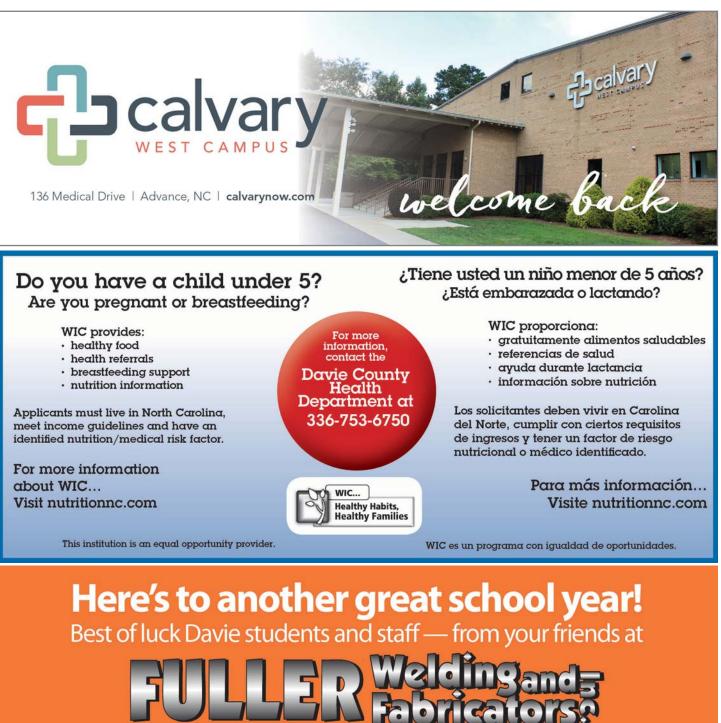
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"Whether you are repairing the edge of a chipped tooth or placing an entire implant tooth where there previously was none, dentistry always delivers a level of challenge," Rivers said, "I guess that's why they call it a dental 'practice'".

Although the challenge and the continuing evolution of the practice can be enticing, Dr. Rivers explains the highest accolade is the people. "The most rewarding aspect of dentistry is the relationships I have made. Especially in a small community like Davie County, I have enjoyed getting to know entire generations of families," he said.

Without the support of the community, Rivers Family and Cosmetic Dentistry would not be where it is today.

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Preoperative photo – This person was born without upper lateral incisors and wanted to have implants placed in the spaces.

fixed bridges. Furthermore, they help to maintain the surrounding bone and are fixed in place, unlike removable partial or full dentures, which come out of the mouth.

The dental implant itself is a small titanium cylinder that supports a crown or some other type of prosthesis. When placing an implant, sometimes a bone graft may be required. After placement, implants undergo a process called "osseointegration" where the bone permanently fuses to the titanium. Because of this, dental implants, when properly maintained, can last a lifetime. Implants have a success rate of 95% with over 50 years of clinical research to back them up.



Postoperative photo – This same person following placement of two implants and two immediate temporary crowns the day of surgery.



Before and after placement of a dental implant and crown to replace a missing front tooth.



The arrow indicates where a tooth was extracted. An implant was placed immediately following the extraction, and a temporary crown was also placed for esthetics while the implant healed.

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Recent renovations now allow the center to offer **eight luxury suites** that include toddler beds, webcams and chandelier lighting. There are **17 smaller rooms**, four of which have webcams that allow you to "check-in" on your pet 24 hours per day, and a **new dog room** with large Snyder laminated enclosures which are noiseinsulated, providing a quieter area for smaller or older pets.

Our **new cat room** is separate from our canine boarding facility, and offers views of outside. Play cubes are also available for cats to get exercise while visiting. Softly played classical music and lavender aromatherapy is incorporated into stays (for both dogs and cats) which help with stress levels. A newly instituted "nap time" prevents dogs from having constant stimulation, something that has been helpful for older patients.

Current canine boarders can expect to receive **four to five walks outside** during the day, starting at 7 a.m until 8:30 p.m. Boarders from Labor Day to Memorial Day are walked from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition, our trained team members are available to administer pet medications, including insulin injections. Team members are also available from 2-6 p.m. on Sundays to assist with pet pick up or drop off.



Other amenities that are available at The Davie Dog House include doggie "spa" days that include both a bath and pedicure. Jennifer Wilkerson, our full-time groomer, provides excellent grooming services for all breeds and is available by appointment Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and some Saturdays. Thursdays are always **"Thrifty Thursday" with \$10 off any dog bath**.

Davie Dog House Manager, Leah Lail, is committed to making your pet's experience stand out from all the rest. "We have enjoyed treating our pets (and their pet owners) to **"Doggie Picture Days"** and hosting special events for our guests. Our Fourth of July party was a hit and boarders enjoyed receiving "pupsicles". Our goal is to have a safe but also fun environment for your pets to stay for the day or night(s)," said Lail.

If you haven't visited The Davie Dog House, you are invited to **come by for a tour**, or call our staff members to get more details at 336-940-3701. You can also visit our website at **DavieDogHouse.com** for more information. Also, be sure to follow The Davie Dog House on Instagram where you can see some of our boarders enjoying their stay — you never know who may show up on the "gram"!

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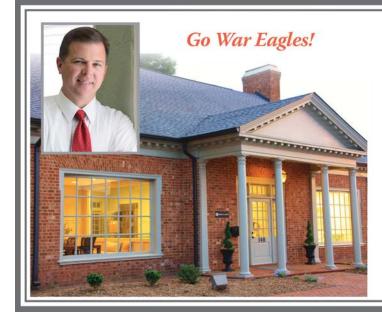
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Date	Opponent	Place	Time		Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug 17	Page	Away	7:30 pm		Oct 26	East Forsyth	HOME	7:30 pm
Aug 24	North Davidson	HOME	7:30 pm		Nov 2	Reagan	Away	7:30 pm
Aug 31	Mooresville	Away	7:30 pm	-2	Nov 3Playoff SeedingNov 91st Round State Playoffs			
Sept 7	West Rowan	HOME	7:30 pm					
Sept 14	Carson	HOME	7:30 pm		Nov 16	2nd Round State Playoffs (District Championship)		
Sept 21	Kannapolis Brown	Away	7:30 pm					
Sept 28	BYE	BYE	BYE		Nov 23	3rd Round State Playoffs		
Oct 5	Reynolds	Away	7:30 pm			(Sectional Championship)		
Oct 12	West Forsyth	HOME	7:30 pm		Nov 30	4th Round State Playoffs (Regional Championship) State Championship		
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ApSeed and Mebane Foundation Join Forces to Provide **Free e-Readers** to Davie County Preschoolers



Recognizing that early literacy development begins at home, the Mebane Foundation has joined forces with ApSeed Early Childhood Education to increase literacy scores among at-risk children in Davie County by providing a free e-Reader preloaded with applications designed to improve literacy and strengthen vocabulary.

Thanks to a \$105,000 grant from the Foundation, 1,000 custom-built tablets, called **Seedlings**, are being distributed free of charge to children 0-4 whose families are enrolled in the WIC program through the Davie County Department of Public Health or Parents as Teachers through Smart Start of Davie County.

Studies indicate that economically-disadvantaged children hear 30 million fewer words by the age of five than their more affluent peers and that there is a direct link between children's academic performance in third grade and the number of words spoken in their home from birth to age three.

ApSeed, a non-profit organization based in Rowan County, hopes to close that word gap and better prepare these children for school through a series of colorful, interactive apps designed to engage children from 0 to 4. From music that will soothe a newborn to games that teach simple spelling and math, these apps were vetted and approved to promote kindergarten readiness by Rowan County Schools. Children can complete the activities with the help of a caregiver or independently.

"The State Board of Education focuses on graduation rates," said Salisbury businessman, Greg Alcorn, founder of Apseed, who serves on the board. "Back in 2015, we were looking for a way to help increase that rate. My wife, Missie, and I read the Thirty Million Word Gap research and said 'that's where and who we can help! At the very, very beginning of learning.' **If ALL four-year-old children enter kindergarten with enough language, our community will benefit**."

Mebane Foundation President, Larry Colbourne believes that ApSeed's goals align well with those of **DavieLEADS**.

"While the partnership has enabled us to support young children and families being served by local daycare centers as three and four year-olds, there was still a need in the O-3 year-old space. The Seedlings help us reach these younger Davie County children and gets a learning tool into the hands of hundreds of kids not being served by traditional local daycare centers," said Colbourne. "We're always on the lookout for best practices and resources to support our youngest readers, and with this partnership and the Seedling I believe we've hit a home run!"

"We know that children whose parents read to them in the preschool years enter kindergarten with better literacy skills than those whose parents do not," said Dr. Stephanie Pirkle, Davie County Health Department. "Exposure to printed material is beneficial, but so is exposure to games and songs which can help kids with grammar, pronunciation, and rhyming. The Seedlings do all of this, as well as introduce these children to aspects of technology (like apps and swiping) that are so prevalent today but that they might not have otherwise had the opportunity to learn."

"As Dr. Seuss so eloquently states in I Can Read with My Eyes Shut, 'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.""





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"All of the students in this county in Pre-K will eventually be in Davie County Schools, we hope, so we want to reach out to as many as we can with the understanding that they are all our students," Nuckolls continued. "At three and four years of age they are still Davie County students, and we care about that relationship and that they are getting the best they can get before they get to us. Kindergarten through 3rd grade is so rigorous at this point that it is essential that they have a high-quality awareness and environment to learn and grow in."

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Nelson also developed a brochure for parents explaining the importance of the DIAL screening for rising kindergarteners, organized field trips for NC Pre-K students and their teachers from private childcare facilities to visit an elementary school, and created a book called "What is an Elementary School" to introduce children to kindergarten.

"Having this grant from the Mebane Foundation has given us the ability to focus on the true transitional activities that had been lost," Nuckolls said.

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Six years ago, when Dr. Rivers assumed the practice, he was unsure of how he would be received. However, the people of Davie County welcomed Dr. Rivers and his family into the community.

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Local Student Working to Promote Healthy Habits by Organizing Before-School

Walking Program

You've probably heard of the distinguished Eagle Scout award. It is the highest achievement or rank attainable for youth involved with the Boy Scouts of America.

You may even know of a young man in the community who has earned this honor. **But did you know that Girl Scouts has their own version of this award** and it is referred to as the **Gold Award**? This accolade represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable **Take Action** projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond. This year **Abbe Hurt**, a Davie High Senior and member of Girl Scout troop 41166 under the leadership of Marjorie Foster, is working to earn this honor by developing a program for youth in the community that promotes healthy habits, with the focus being on encouraging students to become more active.

Abbe, who has been involved with scouting since the

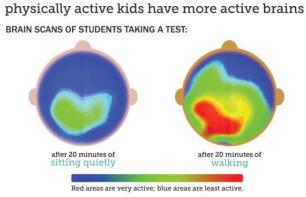


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age of seven, has always viewed physical activity as an important aspect in her own life. Currently, a Davie High cheerleader, she has committed hours in the gym and believes that her love for being active has enabled her to be successful in both the classroom and on the mat. "Being active has helped me deal with stresses that arise in life. Whether the demands of school, or the pressure that comes with being a teenager, activity has been an outlet that has served me well," said Abbe.

Now Abbe wants to help other young people in the community reap the benefits of being active, while

From left to right: Brandi Patti (Davie County Health Department), Abbe Hurt, Chelsea Byers (Davie Family YMCA)



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allowing her to attain her Gold Award which is has been a goal of hers for several years.

Abbe has been supported in her project work by the **Davie County Health Department**, the **Davie County YMCA**, **Davie County Schools** and the **North Carolina Active Routes to School** program. Currently, plans are in the works to partner with a local elementary school to create a morning walking program where students would be invited to meet one day per week before school for 20-30 minutes. Abbe hopes to launch the program in October. "I want to join young kids in our community, one morning per week, and show them that not only can being active be fun, but also serve as a role model to the kids who hopefully will choose to participate," said Abbe.

The **North Carolina Active Routes to School** program is thrilled to see a local student advocating for the importance of being active. The program, which is a partnership between the NC Department of Transportation and the NC Division of Public Health, believes students who get more physical activity are healthier and earn better grades in school. Abbe's project goal aligns perfectly with the organizations belief that more North Carolina students could benefit from being active.

Details for the program are being finalized and will be communicated via students in the near future. DavieLiFE will continue to notify readers of program details through their Facebook page. "I decided that this project could make an impact in our community by encouraging kids to become more physically active which would in turn become habit, and ultimately an active lifestyle which I believe is so important to being healthy," said Abbe.



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Tom Cowden Youth Shooting Sports Committed to Positive Youth Development in the Community

The 4-H Club is supported by Tom Cowden Youth Shooting Sports, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was founded with the sole purpose of promoting positive youth development through youth shooting Sports.

Spanning 36 states, over 700 kids participated in the 4-H National Championships in 9 areas: smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, air rifle, air pistol, compound archery, recurve archery, shotgun, muzzleloader and hunting skills.

From June 24-29, 2018, Davie County's own Zoe Staley and Stephen Waler, two members of the Tom Cowden Memorial, Davie County 4-H Shooting Sports Club competed and proudly **brought home the hardware** from the 4-H National Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska. They were accompanied by their coaches Jimmy Staley, shotgun coach, and Nelson Cowden, hunting skills coach.

This competition brought individual and team success all-around. Stephen Walker raised the bar and is now the individual **4-H Smallbore Pistol National Champion**! He also led the pistol team to two second place finishes, collected **two silver team medals**, the **overall gold and ribbons** for his individual finishes throughout the tournament. Overall, the shotgun team finished 15th out of 36 teams in one of the most difficult and competitive championship competitions.

This trend of success is nothing new for the Tom Cowden Memorial, Davie County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. In its history, the club has produced six State Champions in 4-H, a Scholastic Clay Targets Program State Champion Team, and a NC Wildlife Education Shotgun Jr Champion.

Every year, 300,000 kids from all around the United States get involved with 4-H Shooting Sports, and Davie County has sent team members to the 4-H National Championships for three consecutive years showcasing our strength and skill. Staley has qualified twice and Walker three times, and Mattie Clark attended the 2017 championships.

This club promotes responsibility and positive youth development while also encouraging members to do their best and compete with integrity — the SCTP Kids are second to none for attitude and eagerness to learn.

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The old grounds of DCHS have been true to their purpose fostering individuals who vibrantly create and encourage cutting-edge ideas. It empowered highpotential talent from arts to athletics and today through community service and education. These grounds embraced innovation, out-of-the-box thinking and continues to push **Davie County Recreation and Parks** (DCRP) to recognize, develop and ensure your new community park matches your needs. It is our mission to enrich every aspect of your life by offering diverse and quality recreational experiences through this soon-to-be community treasure.

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This **Day of Service** focuses on specific tasks associated with renovating and drawing attention to the areas of the park that will not be completed in phase one of park construction. On this day, we will work together with general clean-up, painting, landscaping and meet with DCRP staff to share new park ideas!

"Come share stories with your children and encourage them to make their own. Imagine the power you give when you fill their childhood with laughs, open the door to creativity and lessons that can only be learned through play from the same place that taught you years before. We are not just constructing a place to play. We are impacting families, childhoods and engaging the community around their new park."

Groups interested in helping the DCRP Team in the halls of the old DCHS by dedicating your time on September 15, please connect via Facebook, email RecTeam@ daviecountync.gov or call 336-753-TEAM (8326).

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Annual Hillsdale Sunrise Rotary TURKEY 5 Set for Nov. 17

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For seven years now, nearly 400 people gather for this great event. In the past, the race has generated nearly \$120,000 of funds that are funneled right back in to Davie County services, where the Hillsdale Sunrise Rotary Club distributes the funds as seen fit. Additionally there is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a high school graduate, and donations given to **Backpack Buddies, Homebound Meals** and **Davie Hunger Fighters**.

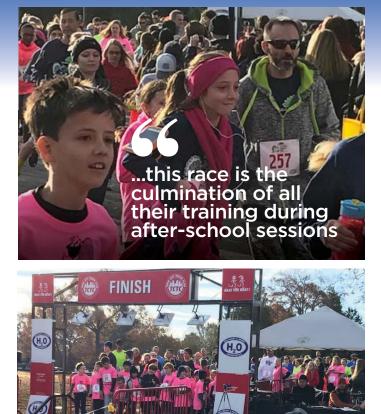
Many of the Davie County school children line up along the starting line with their parents, siblings and other family members to participate in the race.

"I love seeing the pride of accomplishment on especially some of the younger races," Jeff Allen member of the Hillsdale Rotary said. "For most of them, this race is the culmination of all their training during after-school sessions."

Runners zig zag through the residential streets of the original Bermuda Run Country Club, racing to get first prize. The event starts and finishes at the clubhouse, where runners can congregate and celebrate their accomplishments with one another. Prizes are offered for male and females throughout several age groups as well as a \$100 prize for the overall winner.

In order to make it as safe as possible, there are leading and trailing squad cars from the Sheriff's Department during the race. Also, high-school aged course monitors are stationed along the route and the Davie County EMS volunteer their time to be at the race.

One of the benefits of this race for serious runners is that this is a certified 5K race course which means that your finishing time can be used as a qualifying time on their records.



This community event could not go on if it were not for the sponsors: Wake Forest Baptist Health, Handy & Handy Orthodontics and many other local businesses. The Hillsdale Rotary Club also plays a large role as the event coordinator.

Registration for the race opens on Monday, September 3, and if you register before November 5 the cost is \$25, after that the cost for registration is \$30. Event registration is through GOFAR at participating Davie County Elementary and Middle Schools. You can also register at **TurkeyDerby.org**. The race begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 17 at the Bermuda Run Clubhouse.

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> The former CCB/Suntrust bank building in Mocksville stood vacant for years until the Bomars decided that location would be the perfect place to grow their business. After some major renovations, The Bomar Law Firm opened its doors in January 2018, officially calling Mocksville home.

THE BOMAR LAW FIRM

See our ad, along with this year's War Eagle football schedule, on page 53. Fifteen years ago, Chad Bomar, lawyer at The Bomar Law Firm, and his wife Casey moved to Davie County, and they've never looked back. "People always talk about how great Davie County is here, and it's true," Bomar said.

The Bomar Law Firm was established four years ago, and has continued to grow ever since. The first few months were consumed with networking lunches, referral phone calls and laying the groundwork, but then the phones started ringing and business gained traction.

"If it weren't for the support of the Davie community, I wouldn't have a law firm," Bomar explained. "It all started with a group of small businesses in Davie County who trusted me and gave me the guts to go out on my own and build something."

Specializing in **business law, litigation and personal injury,** Bomar has been helping the people of Davie County in his office and outside of the office. He has served on the Board of Elections, Smart Start Board, Davie Community Foundation Board and was President of the Chamber of Commerce. His involvement and care for the people of Davie County reaches far beyond his office walls.

When you walk into The Bomar Law Firm office, you're greeted by one of two people. Either Bomar's wife and high-school sweetheart, Casey, or Chad Bomar himself. The personalization and care that they show their clients is unprecedented. **It's a welcoming, secure and friendly environment** where people can come when they need legal assistance.

"We eat, sleep, drink and breathe taking care of the people we work for," Bomar said. "I try not to go home at night without returning people's phone calls."





The Bomar Law Firm now calls its home the former CCB/Suntrust Bank in downtown Mocksville.



Renovating the building was a family affair. Here, Chad and his son Wade work on landscaping the new office.



The interior of the law firm has been updated from top to bottom and has a home-like feel.

The service you receive at The Bomar Law Firm is like no other, and it stems from a solid foundation and appreciation for the people in Davie County.

"You drive into Mocksville and it feels like a Norman Rockwell painting. You go to lunch and you can't sit there without shaking hands with half a dozen people you know. I couldn't imagine a better place to live and work," he said.

Bomar and his family have been an invaluable asset to the community and are continuing to serve through the law firm. "We're growing and I'm really excited about some of the opportunities on the horizon," Bomar said.

What sets The Bomar Law Firm apart is their dedication to service. From the time you walk in the front doors, to the time you leave, you'll feel like family.

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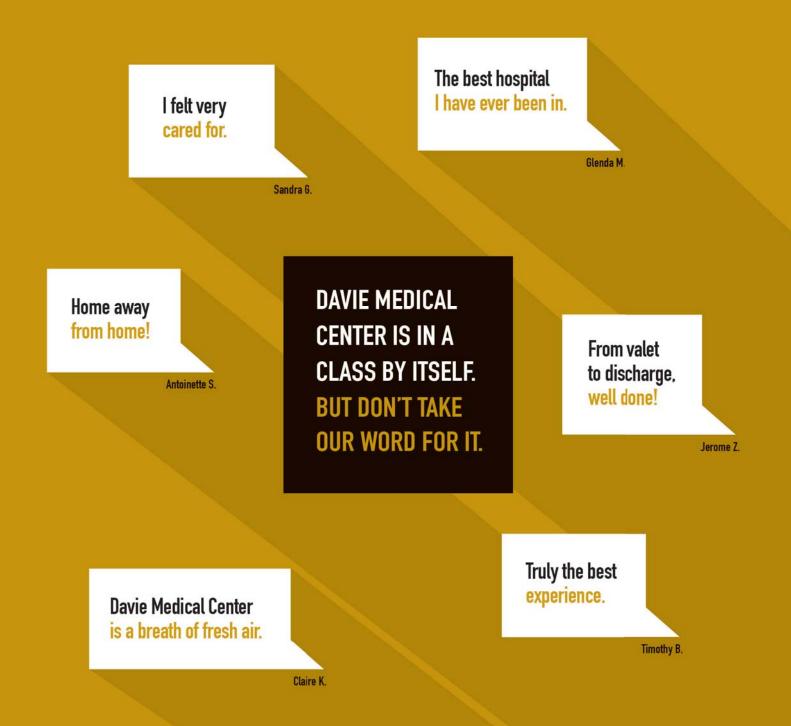


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