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## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION WORKSHOP



Opening Session



Dr. Ben Matthews



Workshop Attendees

The 42nd Annual NCPSMA Eastern Convention Workshop was held at Atlantic Beach, September 24-26, 2014. The theme for the convention/workshop this year was "If Opportunity Doesn't Knock, Build a Door." The attendance was down some from last year, which was a disappointment when the majority voted to return to the former Sheraton, now Double-Tree. We had anticipated a larger attendance. There were around 320 attendees registered for the event. The exhibits were also less this year with a total of 73 companies participated in the event and 71 vendor display spaces sold. Those who participated in the event include the following: ACR Supply Company, Inc.; Advanced Electronic

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## DISTRICT THREE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



First Place Team



Second Place Team



Mark Letchworth and Matt Pind



Mark Letchworth and Mike Norville



Mark Letchworth and Roger Martin

NCPSMA District III held their Annual Golf Tournament on October 10, 2014. The event was held at Wedgewood Golf Course in Wilson, NC. Participants enjoyed lunch before the tournament of ham and turkey sandwiches from The Sugar Plum Shoppe in Wilson. We had a beautiful day for golfing. A total of 52 participated in the event. First place was awarded to Central Builders (Mike Norville, Franklin Lamm, Scott Norville and Allen Sherrod). Second place was awarded to The Garland Company (Rob Banks, Fred Hall, Roger Martin & Marshall Tant). The longest drive was awarded to Mike Norville. There were two closest to the pins awards given: Roger Martin for the #5 hole and Matt Pind for the #12 hole. Thanks to Jennie Griggs of Tandus-Centiva Company for taking great pictures.

Sponsors of the event include the following: Wilson Glass & Mirror, Inc.; Carpets By David, Inc.; CC

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### DISTRICT 7

November 20, 2014 Place: Starmount Middle School  
Meeting begins at 6:00 pm  
For more info contact Robin Rudisill at 828.464.3191

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## VIDEO DOORBELLS

Securing the exterior and interior entries of a single building, or set of buildings, is one of the more difficult tasks facing facility managers (fms). Criminals, from thieves to vandals to active shooters, can walk into many facilities through unlocked front doors, loading bays, or employee entrances. Once inside, there is often nothing more to stop them from entering cash or computer rooms, executive offices, and equipment storage areas. Success comes with controlling access.

An fm can make a serious impact on keeping people out of areas where they don't belong by simply locking doors in a way that will not interfere with normal

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### MEETING DATES

The districts of NCPSMA meet twice yearly.

#### District 1

January, July  
Pres. Frank Stevens  
Phone: 252.793.5562

#### District 2

January, July  
Pres. Kevin Sandlin  
Phone: 910.592.8688

#### District 3

February, August  
Pres. Mark Letchworth  
Phone: 252.399.7822

#### District 4

February, October  
Pres. Reggie Long  
Phone: 910.947.2258

#### District 5

March, September  
Pres. David Burge  
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#### District 6

April, October  
Pres. Sam Watkins  
Phone: 980.343.0832

#### District 7

May, November  
Pres. Robin Rudisill  
Phone: 828.464.3191

#### District 8

March, November  
Pres. Adam Robinson  
Phone: 828.456.2402

### Meeting Dates & Locations

Should be sent to The Maintenance Beacon two months in advance for publication.

### Deadlines

Publication deadline for articles and advertisements is first day of the month prior to month of publication.

## THANKFULNESS

So many things in life we take for granted. Those of us who wake up healthy each morning have that to be thankful for. Many are suffering. If we have food in our cabinets and pantry we are wealthy, as many don't know where their next meal will come from. It so easy to get caught up in the troubles of this life and forget to be thankful. I am certainly guilty.

We recently had revival at our church and one statement the pastor made has stuck with me. He said, "You never get tired of hearing Thank You." We get tired of those who complain about everything. We try to avoid them as much as possible. We all hear complaints more often than we'd like. But as the pastor said, we never really get tired of hearing Thank You. We teach our children to always say thank you, but how many times do we fail to say thank you ourselves. Ron always thanks me for the meals I prepare for him. I never get tired of hearing his expression of gratitude.

Recently Ron was given an old set of lockers. He has never been one to turn down "free stuff" but he has been trying really hard to get rid of some of his "stuff." He almost turned down the gift, but then he thought how much our daughter Rheannon would like them. She's an antique lover like her father. So we drove to Charlotte and picked them up. They had been stored in an opened ended shed so they were pretty dirty. We hoped the ride home on the back of the truck would blow some of the dust and dirt off. I'm sure it helped, but it was still very dirty when we delivered it to her house late in the day. She was thrilled with it and thanked us profusely. We put it in their garage and she went right to work on it after we left, sweeping and cleaning. She sent me a picture by text later that night which showed the improvement and again said thank you and how much she liked it. Later on in the week she sent another picture of the clean cage lockers now standing proudly in her den. She also sent a text thanking us again and telling us how much she loved it. It was a joy to receive each thank you. We didn't get tired of hearing them and I'm sure we won't in the future.

Each year in November, when we celebrate "Thanksgiving." This year lets make an extra effort to be thankful. Thankful to God for all He has given us, thankful to our family, our friends and even strangers as the opportunity arises. A thankful heart is a "light" heart. Having a thankful attitude can ease our burdens.

Roxie



## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION WORKSHOP

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*Patrick Fiel*



*Exhibitor Visitation*



*Exhibitor Visitation*



*Exhibitor Visitation*



*Jan Goforth and Kristie Keener*

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The first morning started early with an NCPSMA Executive Committee meeting at 9 am. Workshops began at 10 am. A workshop on "Code Changes and What it Means for the Building Envelope" was presented by Jarrett Davis of The Garland Company. "Are your Bleachers a Safety and Liability Risk?" was presented by Stephen Bishop of Seating Safety Solutions. "A State Retirement Update" was presented by Garry Austin of the State Treasurer Retirement Division. I was told this was a very informative class and one that should prove beneficial to all who attended. The talk afterward was how you should have absolutely no contact what-so-ever with your LEA for six months after retirement. Even if someone from your former LEA calls with a question, you should not answer. It could be considered as "work" (even if you are not paid) and could effect your retirement income and insurance. So if you are recently retired or almost retired, you need to check in to this. "Emergency Duress by Lynx" was presented by Tim Lee of Lynx. "Ornamental Pest Control", part one was presented by Tom Glasgow, director of Craven County Cooperative Extension Of-

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## VIDEO DOORBELLS

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operations. But during the day, some people may need to enter those locked doors, and that is where video intercoms can play a role. These types of intercoms act as a facility's "video doorbell," alerting staff that someone wants to enter the building or a critical internal operational area. Sitting behind a locked door, a receptionist or other staff member can view and talk with a visitor before pushing a button to unlock the door remotely. If there's any doubt about the visitor's intentions, the door can remained locked.

A typical video intercom consists of a vandal-resistant door station that is surface mounted just outside the entry. Most include a color camera; call button, and a speaker and microphone for communication. Some are available with pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ) cameras that allow the lens to move for viewing a person and zoom out to see groups of people at the door.

These door units are connected to a master monitoring station that sits on a desk or are mounted on the other side of the locked door. Some master stations use network adaptors to connect up to 10 PCs over a wireless network. A

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Thank you to everyone who worked on the event and volunteered his or her time. Volunteers include the following: From Wilson County Schools, Mark Letchworth, Greg Woodard, Kay Moore, Sue Farmer and Daryl Woodard. From Nash Rocky Mount Public Schools, Allen Sherrod, Donna Ritterpusch, Lloyd Alexander and Elbert Purvis. From Wake County Public Schools, Tony Hoffman. Mrs. Bobbie Rowland, retired from Nash Rocky Mount Public Schools was also in attendance and her help was greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all who worked to make this tournament a huge success. It takes a lot of hard work to put on such an event to raise money. Thanks again to everyone for giving of your time.

*By Sue Farmer,  
Wilson County School Maintenance Department/District Three Secretary/Treasurer*

**GUS**

Gus started fifth grade this year without Sam I Am but that all changed the third week of school. Erin Purgason, owner of Highland Canine Training, came and introduced Sam I Am to everyone at Gus' school. Erin told all the students and staff about service dogs and how they are to be treated. The next day, Sam I Am walked the halls with Gus and all the kids. Gus and his teachers received help from John, a trainer at Highlands, during the first day. The students and staff have welcomed Sam I Am and he has quickly become part of the school. So far, Sam I Am has done very well at school. He's only had a couple bad notes sent home. One day, Sam pooped on the playground during recess. Gus' assistant wasn't real happy about being a "poop scooper." Sam was out of school one day for a trim. A note was sent home with Gus that said Sam would need a doctor's excuse for his absence, a hairdresser's note would not suffice. Sam I Am is also riding the bus in the afternoon.



At home, Sam I Am has become a part of the family. We have enjoyed a few extra outings thanks to Sam I Am. Gus has been to two fire truck parades this fall. When we go out, we tether Gus to Sam's cape and all is well. I probably wouldn't have taken Gus to these parades without Sam I Am. It's hard to keep up with Gus in public places, especially after dark. Sam sticks to whoever has his leash and Gus sticks with Sam. It works great!

*By Red Blanton*

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## VIDEO DOORBELLS

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computer can act as a network video recorder to log all door station video and audio data. The station can also send e-mail alerts when a visitor pushes the call button on a door unit. This can be helpful if the receptionist has stepped away for a few minutes; the network setup can also allow other authorized employees to identify and grant access to visitors.

Video intercoms can also use a network to integrate with a facility's other security and life safety systems. For example, a PC can notify employees of events such as a fire, triggered security alarm, or motion detection. So how can fms use this access control approach in their daily operations?

- Master station inputs can control secondary devices such as gates, which is useful for monitoring access to facility parking lots and garages.
- Some smaller, high-end retailers, such as jewelers and art dealers, may allow a limited number of customers in their stores.
- Larger retailers may require several open doors throughout the day. But that doesn't mean shoppers should have access to employee lounges, stockrooms, loading docks, and other controlled entrances. A video intercom can help ensure that doesn't happen.
- Hospitals and medical centers use video intercoms to keep criminals and the general public out of nurseries, pharmacies, quarantined areas, and equipment storage rooms.
- K-12 schools are locking all doors and putting video intercoms on the public entry to monitor who enters the campus when children are present.
- Colleges and universities are installing video intercoms at entries to laboratories, specialty libraries, athletic facilities and residential buildings.
- Government fms find video intercoms provide an extra layer of security beyond keypads and card keys at critical access points to embassies, airport tarmacs, arms storage facilities, jails, and judge's chambers
- Managers of large commercial office buildings can provide tenants with video intercoms
- Managers of almost any size facility can use video intercoms to help protect executive offices and help deter hostile current or former employees from attempting to enter the facility.
- Larger multi-location facilities can use the network to let a single person and station determine access for all buildings.

About the Author: Patrick V. Fiel, Sr., is an independent security consultant and founder of PVF Security Consulting. He has previously served as public safety advisor for a large national security integrator; executive director of security for the Washington, D.C. Public School System; and is retired from the U.S. Army Military Police Corps.

*Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you have more of it.*

*Ralph Marston*

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*Tony Hoffman and Scott Arthur*



*Workshop Attendees*



*Banquet*



*Banquet*



*Banquet*



*Banquet*



*Banquet*



*Bergie Speaks*

donated \$300 to the NCPSMA General Fund. Many thanks to the companies who sponsored the event and donation.

“Mechanical Closures” was presented by Ala Meyer of ASSA Abloy. The Western Planning Committee met to plan the 7th Annual NCPSMA Western Convention/Workshop to be held at Ridgecrest in May of 2015. “Heat Pump Service School” was presented by Matt Garrett of Bard Manufacturing.

The opening session followed with NCPSMA State President Ken Goforth presiding. President Goforth gave the opening welcome and the invocation. Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Ben Matthews of the North Carolina Department of Education. President Goforth called the General Business Session to order. State Vice President Michael Spillman recognized retired members and first time attendees. He also recognized those who had served in the military, those who are currently serving as well as those who currently have family members in service. He asked for a moment of silence for those who passed away since the last convention. Those noted were Richard Reid, Past NCPSMA State President, retired from Rowan-Salisbury Schools; Allen “Ray” Shrum of Johnston County Schools; John Winters of Hardware Distributors and Charles Propst of Handi-Clean Products. The preregistration drawing (\$50) was won by Roger Hughes of Randolph County. Congratulations Roger.

The minutes from the previous General Business Session in 2013 were not read as the past state secretary was not present to take the minutes for that event. Roxie Mack gave the Financial, Membership and Convention Reports. State officers (2014-2015) were elected. They are as follows: Ken Goforth of Rowan-Salisbury Schools, State President; Michael Spillman of Davie County Schools, State Vice President; Reggie Long of Moore County Schools, State Secretary and Bergie Speaks of Wilkes County Schools, Liaison Officer. Congratulations to our state officers! President Goforth adjourned the meeting.

Later in the afternoon workshops were presented simultaneously. “Ornamental Pest Control”, part two was presented by Tom Glasgow; “Advancements in Cleaning Equipment, Productivity and Technology” was presented by Drew King of Windsor and David Edge, II of Image Supply; “Paint Condition Assessment” was presented by Terry Carroll of KTA-Tator, Inc.; “Fire Doors & Security Walls” was presented by Robert Parrish of Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware and “Roof Asset Management and WUFI” was presented by Kristopher C. Linster, of Terracon Consultants.

The Vendor Association Pig Pickin' got underway on Wednesday evening. There was plenty of pork and fixings for those who attended. Karaoke followed the meal with vendors and members participating. Vendors sponsoring the affair included: Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware; Matt Marshall & Company; All Seasons HVAC Sales; Hardware Distributors, Inc.; D H Bruch Marketing, Inc.; Forbo Flooring; REI Engineers; Quest/Hydro-Stop; BIRS, Inc. and The Garland Company. Many thanks to those who sponsored the event.

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# MOBILE SAFETY PLATFORMS

SchoolDude is proud to announce that on October first, we launched our newest mobile solution for school districts across the country. CrisisManager is a mobile safety platform designed to help ensure emergency plans and safety procedures are immediately and readily available to faculty and staff at K-12 institutions via their mobile devices at all times. CrisisManager gets safety plans out of binders and on the one device people are never without. For K-12 institutions, this means not only having emergency materials available to administration, but to teachers as well. Giving teachers mobile access to safety plans provides efficient communication to keep students safe and helps staff quickly respond to any emergency, whether big or small. CrisisManager ensures that people who need their district or institution safety plan in their hands have it at all times, rather than searching for a binder on a shelf or instructions on a poster. CrisisManager is accessible to individuals with or without a Wi-Fi connection and plans are fully customizable based on an institution's needs, such as severe weather, school delays/cancellations or violence.

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SchoolDude is already working with several public districts as well as independent K-12 institutions that are utilizing CrisisManager and have now moved their safety plans to mobile platforms. A few of these include Pleasant Valley School District (PA), Cardigan Mountain School (NH), Phillips Academy (MA), Gonzales USD (CA), Liberty ISD (TX), and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (TN).

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## OCTOBER BIBLE TRIVIA CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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| <b>Across</b> |             | <b>Down</b>    |             |
| 2. Jehovah    | 14. Aaron   | 1. Melchisedec | 12. Goliath |
| 4. God        | 15. Six     | 3. Exodus      | 17. Return  |
| 8. Habakkuk   | 16. Prophet | 5. Simeon      | 18. Blood   |
| 10. Three     | 19. Enoch   | 6. Sacrifice   | 19. Endor   |
| 11. Air       | 21. Jacob   | 7. Gopher      | 20. Faith   |
| 13. Unbelief  |             | 9. Abigail     |             |

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*Bergie Speaks, Reggie Long, Ken Goforth and Michael Spillman*



*Bergie Speaks - NCP SMA Member Appreciation Award Winner and Ken Goforth*



*Larry McClain and Phillip Boles*



*Larry McClain and Jeff Reep*



*Larry McClain and Michael Spillman*



*Wes Lee and Donald Connor*



*Wes Lee and Jason Carter*

The weather for the fishing and golf tournaments this year was not as nice as in the past. It rained hard at the very end of the golf tournament, but I heard the fishermen escaped the heavy down-pour. The 31st Annual Handi-Clean /Jay Palmer Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Star Hill Golf & Country Club. The tournament is sponsored by Handi-Clean Products, Inc. Several participated in the boat fishing tournament. The tournament is sponsored in part by Ken Staley Ltd./Facili-Serv. Many thanks to the sponsors of these tournaments. Winners of the tournaments were recognized during the Awards Banquet.

Credit hour classes began early morning. Will Hill of State Electric presented the "Electrical" classes. Dr. Michael Waldvogel of NCSU presented "Structural Pest Control" classes and Bob DeWeese of NCDPI Plant Operation presented the Wastewater classes. "Metis Mass Notification" was presented by Doug Difranco of Coastal Security Consultants. The exhibitor display selection was held and the exhibitors set up their displays. A "Superintendents and Directors" visitation was held when set up was complete.

Following a break for lunch, workshops continued. "School Security" was presented Patrick Fiel, Principal of PVF Security and Caleb Allen of ASSAAbloy followed by a refreshment break and visitation with the exhibitors. Door prizes were provided during the event. Many thanks to the exhibitors who donated the door prizes.

Friday brought a full day of activities. The morning began with a Continental Breakfast sponsored by Schneider Electric; REI Engineers, Inc.; Hoffman & Hoffman/Hoffman Building Technologies and Districts Three, Four, Six, Seven and Eight. Many thanks to the sponsors!

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Each year in October our friends Red, Chris and Gus have an "Apple Cider Making" at their house. Each year they have a good turnout for the event. When we finish up with the cider making, we all enjoy a "Potluck Lunch." Everyone brings a dish or two and there is always plenty of good food to go around. I like to take a Crockpot dish each year along with a couple of other items. I wanted to make something different this year so I found a recipe online for "Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches." I made it and it was a big hit. I'll be making it again. I doubled the recipe and it worked well. The chicken was very easy to shred. The only thing I did different was I added a tablespoon or so of water to the very bottom of the Crockpot before placing the chicken in and I sprayed the Crockpot with cooking spray first. I mixed the wing sauce and ranch dressing mix together before pouring over the chicken. Hope you give it a try.

### Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches

#### Ingredients

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves  
1 (17.5 fluid ounce) bottle buffalo wing sauce, divided  
1/2 (1 ounce) package dry ranch salad dressing mix  
2 tablespoons butter  
6 hoagie rolls split lengthwise

#### Directions

Place the chicken breasts into a slow cooker, and pour in 3/4 of the wing sauce and the ranch dressing mix. Cover, and cook on Low for 6 to 7 hours. Once the chicken has cooked, add the butter, and shred the meat finely with two forks. Pile the meat onto the hoagie rolls, and splash with the remaining buffalo wing sauce to serve.

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*Wes Lee and Rupard Mack*



*Ralph Hines*

Credit hour classes for Electrical, presented by Will Hill continued along with credit hour classes for Wastewater presented by Bob DeWeese. A ladies bingo sponsored by Northwestern Carolina Distributors was presented by Reggie Long, State Secretary. After a short lunch break the Electrical, Structural Pest Control and Wastewater Classes continued as well as a workshop on "An Overview of Utility Savings, Initiative, Deferred Maintenance & Performance Contracting" which was presented by Lyn Martin, DENR and USI Team.

Members of NCPSMA again honored their own at the Annual Awards Banquet. State President Ken Goforth served as the Master of Ceremonies. David Earley of Haywood County Schools gave the invocation. A delicious meal consisting of bacon wrapped filet and chicken breast with Dijon cream sauce was served along with sautéed vegetables; herb and parmesan roasted red potatoes; salad; bread and strawberry shortcake or chocolate cake for dessert.

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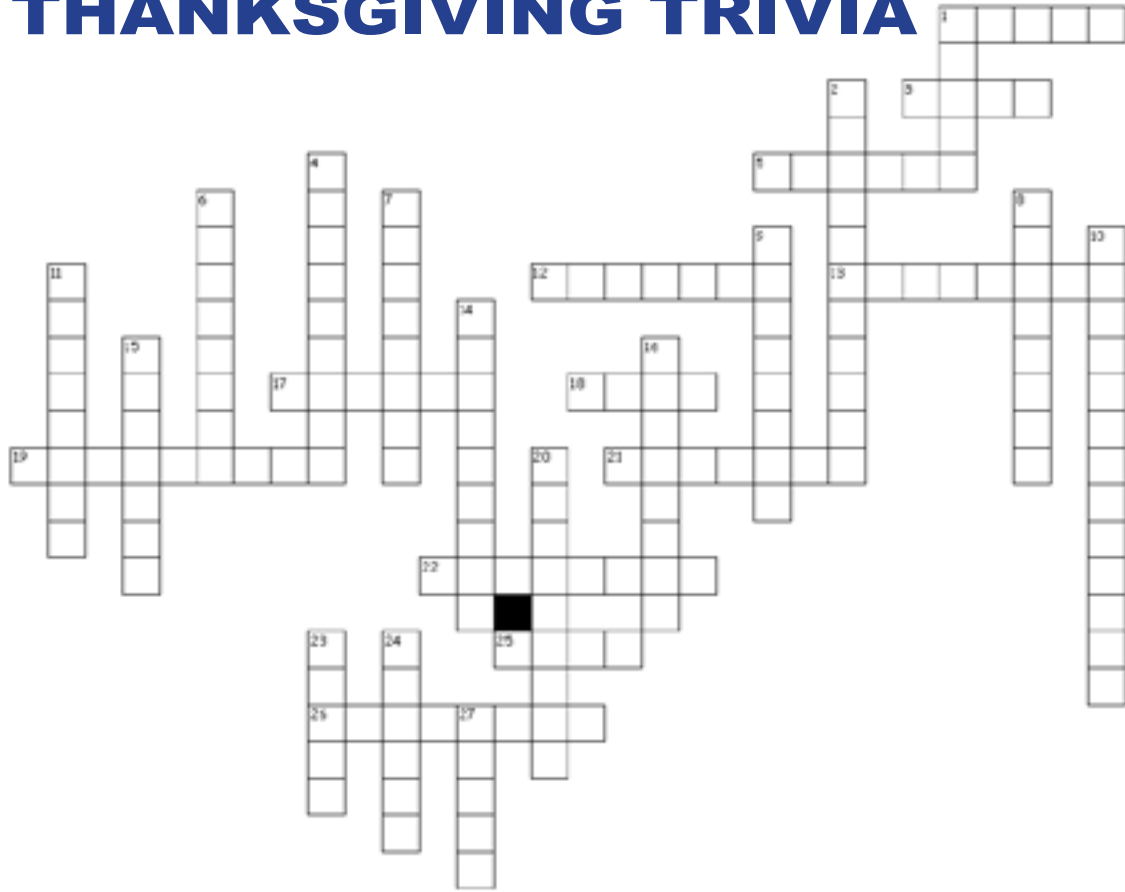


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**Across**


1. What is the missing word in this quote from a Sir Walter Scott poem? "November sky is chill and ----, November leaf is red and sear"?
3. By 1690, what became the priority at Thanksgiving?
5. Who was the first president to pardon a turkey from Thanksgiving dinner?
12. What sign of the zodiac covers the first part of November?
13. On which day is Veteran's Day celebrated?
17. Baby turkeys are called?
18. Before being harvested and sold, an individual cranberry must bounce at least how many inches high to make sure they aren't too ripe?
19. Which state produces the most cranberries?
21. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving Parade
22. What part of the turkey is saved and snapped as a superstitious good luck custom?
25. It is believed that how many pilgrim women survived to celebrate the first Thanksgiving in 1621.
26. What vegetable did the pilgrims have available for thanksgiving but did not use because they thought it was poisonous?

**Down**

1. Turkeys can \_\_\_\_\_ if they look up in the rain.
2. What are unhappy cranberries called?
4. Captain John Smith founded what colony in Virginia?
6. The longest balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Most of us eat pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving besides turkey, So...An old wives tale says that pumpkins are a cure for \_\_\_\_\_?
8. November third is National \_\_\_\_\_ day?
9. 1705 a ship in Colchester, CT port was stuck frozen in the harbor and so the people delayed Thanksgiving one week so that what item on this ship (important to Thanksgiving) could be brought ashore?
10. What is the flower for November?
11. Back in the early Thanksgiving celebrations, they also liked sporting events and took bets. Of course it wasn't football back then, it was \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The Indians who were invited to the Thanksgiving feast were of the Wampanoag tribe. Who was their chief?
15. Who was the first president to make thanksgiving a national holiday?
16. What was the original name of the Pilgrims?
20. What disease is recognized in November?
23. What is the gemstone for November?
24. The dangling skin under a turkey's neck is called?
27. The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was believed to have lasted how many days?

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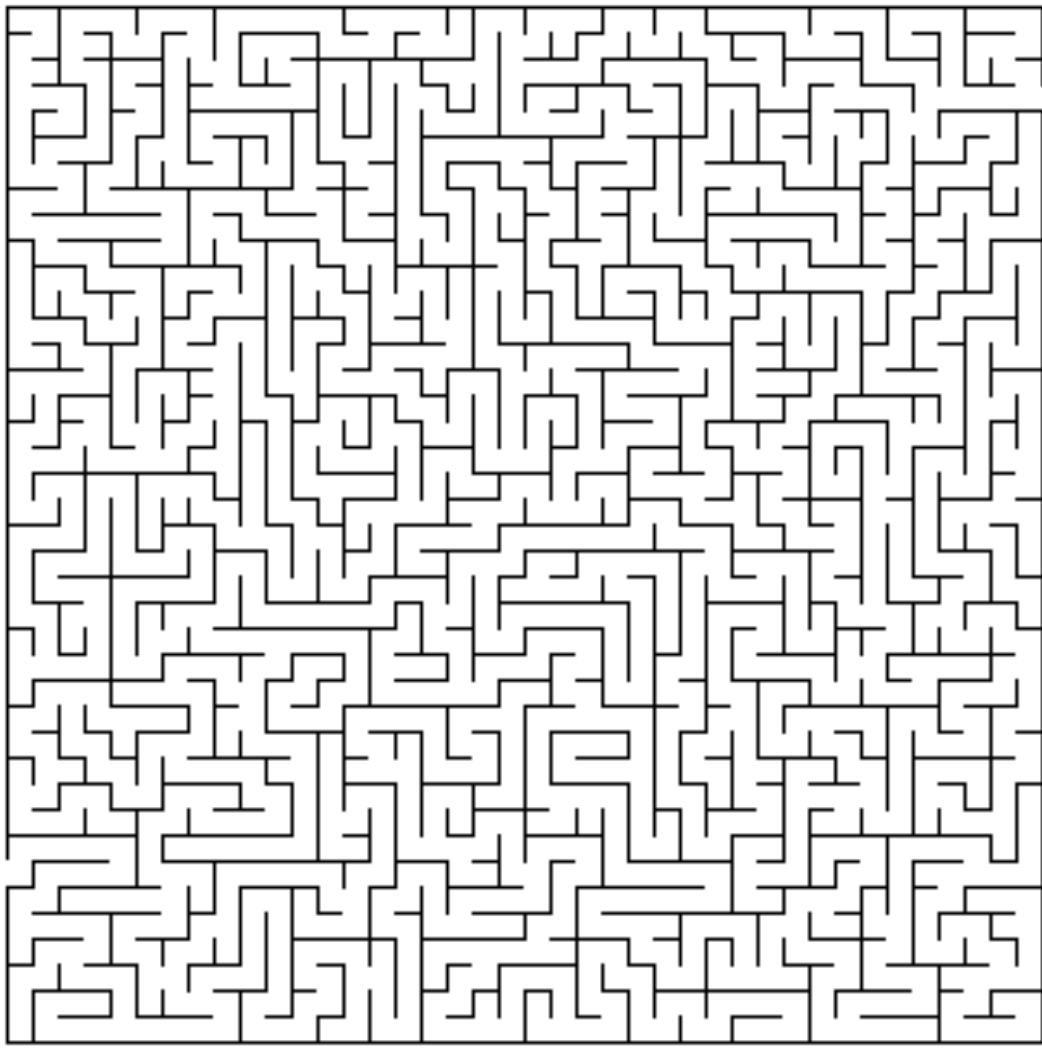
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This year for entertainment we did something a little different. The NCPSMA State Officers participated in a quiz game; Ken Goforth, State President; Michael Spillman, State Vice President; Reggie Long, State Secretary and Bergie Speaks, Liaison Officer. Even though a couple were somewhat reluctant to begin with, all did a great job! The winner of the quiz won \$300 for the charity of their choice. It was a close game point wise. Bergie Speaks won the quiz. He chose Hospice of Wilkes County for his charity.



*Bill Holcomb and Milt Saffelle*



*Carl Jobe and Milt Saffelle*



*Kevin Sandlin and Milt Saffelle*



*Micheal Spillman - not fond of surprises!*



*Michael Spillman and Reggie Long*



*State Officers Quiz Game*



*Michael Spillman and Jeremy Mason*



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*Michael Spillman and Mark Letchworth*

President Goforth and State Vice President Michael Spillman conducted the membership drawing. Winners were drawn from each district, one through eight and each winner won a \$100 donated by individual sponsors. District one was sponsored by SchoolDude.com and was won by Lisa Cantrell of Washington County Schools. District Two was sponsored by J & J Floors and was won by Stephen Lane of Duplin County Schools. District Three was sponsored by The Garland Company and was won by Jeremy Mason of Nash Rocky Mount Schools. District Four was sponsored by NCPSMA and won by Willie McGirt of Scotland County Schools. District Five was sponsored by Bilger Engineering and won by Jerry Strader of Rockingham County Schools. District Six was sponsored by NCPSMA and won by Bobby Coggins of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. District Seven was sponsored by ACR Supply and won by Heath Brookshire of Avery County Schools. District Eight was sponsored by Brittany Supply and won by Mike Smith of Swain County Schools. Many thanks to all the companies who sponsored this event.

Twenty-three school system maintenance departments received 100 Percent Membership Award Certificates. The certificates were presented by President Goforth and State Vice President Michael Spillman. Certificates were presented to the following: District One - Edenton Chowan, 9 members; Washington County - 7 members. District two - Clinton City, 10 members; Duplin County, 20 members. District three - Franklin County, 17 members; Northampton County, 9 members; Roanoke Rapids Graded School District, 11 members; Vance County, 19 members; Wilson County, 19 members. District four - Bladen County, 15

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*Donna Ritterpusch*

members; Cumberland County, 104 members; Moore County, 39 members; Scotland County, 16 members. District five – Lexington City, 7 members; Rockingham County, 29 members. District seven - Ashe County, 5 members; Avery County, 5 members; Caldwell County, 13 members; Elkin City Schools, 3 members; Hickory City, 9 members; Newton Conover, 5 members. District eight –Haywood County, 28 members; Swain County, 8 members.

President Goforth announced the winner of the “NCPSMA Member Appreciation Award.” This award is awarded each year to a regular member who has displayed outstanding support of NCPSMA. Bergie Speaks of Wilkes County Schools and NCPSMA Liaison Officer won the Member Appreciation Award. President Goforth announced the winner of the “NCPSMA Vendor of the Year Award” This award is a given each year to a vendor who has displayed outstanding support of NCPSMA. Drayton Stott of All Seasons HVAC won the Vendor Appreciation Award. Drayton was unable to attend the convention/workshop this year. Congratulations Bergie and

Drayton. We sincerely appreciate your dedication.

Milt Saffelle of Saffelle, Inc. presented the “Of the Year Awards”. This was the 27th year Saffelle, Inc. sponsored these awards. The winner of the “Maintenance Employee of the Year” was Carl Jobe of Guilford County Schools. The winner of the “Maintenance Supervisor of the Year” was Kevin Sandlin of Clinton City Schools. The winner of the “Superintendent of the Year” was won by Bill Holcomb recently retired from Rockingham County Schools. Congratulations to Carl, Kevin and Bill. Many thanks to Saffelle, Inc. for sponsoring the awards.

Fishing Tournament Awards were presented to winners by Wes Lee, Retired Haywood County Schools. The event was sponsored in part by Ken Staley Ltd./Facili-Serv. There were no submissions for the surf or pier so first, second and third place awards were presented for the boat. First place was won by Rupard Mack. Second place was won by Donald Connor, Retired Randolph County Schools. Third Place was won by Jason Carter of Wilkes County Schools.

Golf Tournament awards were presented Larry McClain of Handi-Clean Products. Handi-Clean sponsors the event. The winners are as follows: Closest to the Pin, Phillip Boles of Moore County Schools; Longest Drive, Jeff Reep of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; First Place Low Net, Danny Clark of Avery County Schools; Second Place Low Net, Heath Brookshire of Avery County Schools; First Place Low Gross, Michael Spillman of Davie County Schools and Second Place Low Gross, Phillip Boles of Moore County Schools.

President Goforth presided over the raffle prize drawing. We had a lot of nice prizes donated for the drawing. Many thanks to those who donated prizes. They are as follows: Ken & Jan Goforth; Tony & Sharon Hoffman; Milt Saffelle; Jimmy & Elaine Pickler; Ron & Roxie Mack and Carl and Bobbie Jobe. Thank you also to all the members and vendors who volunteered their time to work the raffle table. Through the generous donations of the door prizes and the volunteers who worked the table we raised \$1,250. 00. President Goforth devised a game for the event in which attendees could earn points unawares. The attendee with the most points won a couple nights stay at the DoubleTree. Ralph Hines of Bladen County Schools won first place and Donna Ritterpusch of Nash Rocky Mount Schools won second place. Adam Robinson of Haywood County Schools gave the benediction.

Many thanks to all those who helped out with the registration table, raffle table, workshops, etc. We could not do it without you. Many people volunteered at the last minute, so if I leave someone out, I apologize. Volunteers include the following: Ken & Jan Goforth of Rowan-Salisbury Schools; Kristie Keener of Haywood County Schools; Ron and Rupard Mack; Jimmy & Elaine Pickler of Rowan Salisbury Schools (retired); Tony Hoffman of Wake County Schools; Wes Lee of Haywood County Schools, retired; Reggie Long of Moore County Schools; Adam Robinson of Haywood County Schools; David Boyles of Stokes County Schools; Mike Herrick of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; Carl Jobe of Guilford County Schools; Jerod Davis of Randolph County Schools; Cecil, Evelyn & Scott Arthur; Bergie Speaks of Wilkes County Schools; William Key of Wilkes County Schools; Gary Burdiss of Wilkes County Schools; Keith Holleman of Wilkes County Schools; Richard Shephard of Wilkes County Schools and Jason Carter of Wilkes County Schools.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of another convention/workshop. It takes a lot of planning and a lot of work, from many different individuals to make the convention the success it is year after year. Thank you again to everyone who gave of their time, energy and money.

Please remember the companies who presented the workshops, those who were exhibitors as well as those who sponsored events. We certainly appreciate their support. Please remember them when making purchases.

If participants have concerns, questions, recommendations for improvement, or other comments concerning the convention, please contact Roxie Mack at 336 366 4939 or roxiermack@gmail.com

The dates for the 2015 Eastern Convention/Workshop will be September 23-25, 2015 scheduled to be held at the DoubleTree, Atlantic Beach. The tentative dates for the Western Convention will be May 27 & 28, 2015 and is scheduled to be held at Ridgecrest, NC.

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Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Melody Beattie

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:1-5