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## FIND THE HIDDEN HAMMER

It is with sadness that we will discontinue the "Find the Hammer" contest due to lack of the response hoped for. I asked the NCPSMA Advisory Council to start this contest to encourage members to read the Beacon. Many of you do and the same faithful readers participate in the contest each month. I assume many others look for it, but just don't take the time to participate in the drawing. However, for some reason beyond me, the participation has not grown as I thought it would. It does sadden me that more were not interested. Thank you to all who have participated in the drawing in the past.

We have a sponsor for the March issue, Image Supply, so we will have one more drawing. The winner for the February issue is Rupard Mack. Yes, he is my son, but other than when he was away working in Alaska last summer, he's hunted for and found the hammer each month since we began the contest and he submitted his entry for the drawing each month. Congratulations Rupard and many thanks to Davidson Sash and Door for sponsoring the February Contest. Please see their ad on page 6.



Rupard Mack

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### DISTRICT 1

July 17, 2014 Place: Northeastern High School  
Elizabeth City/Paquotank to host  
Meeting begins at 6:00 pm

For more information contact Frank Stevens 252.793.5562

### DISTRICT 6

April 10, 2014: Cabarrus County School Maintenance Dept  
Meeting begins at 8:30 am continues until 3:30pm  
Lunch served 11:30-1:00

For more information contact: Ken Goforth at 704.639.3016

### DISTRICT 7

May 15, 2014: Shatley Springs  
407 Shatley Springs Road, Crumpler, NC 28617  
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

For more information contact: Robin Rudisill at 828.464.3191

## DISTRICT EIGHT CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

District Eight held a fundraiser on March 8, 2014 at Pisgah High School in Canton. This year they tried something new; a Cornhole Tournament. They also sold barbeque plates. As with most first time events, it was a learning experience and they did not raise as much money as they had hoped; but it was still successful. A good number of people turned out for the event and they have lots of new ideas to make the next one more financially successful. District Eight Advisory Council member, Wes Lee and NCPSMA Immediate Past State President, Kristie Keener worked hard during and spent many hours preparing for the event. David Earley of Haywood County School Maintenance and team member of "Fatso's Barbeque" prepared the barbeque for the event - and it was delicious! Kristie and Karen Sluder of Haywood County Schools prepared the fixings. Wes Lee prepared his famous hushpuppies. All the food was tasty!

Wes Lee constructs cornhole boards to sell and they are very nice. He donated a set to be raffled off during the tournament. Lots of participants wanted those boards, which contributed to ticket sales. John Bird won the raffle and he was very happy with his new boards.

Nathan Lowe of Blue Ridge Cornhole was in charge of the Cornhole Tournaments.

Two tournaments were held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. He set up a total of twelve boards for the players. There were a total of 19 teams with 37 participants for the first tournament and 17 teams with 34 participants for the second tournament. I was amazed at the distance some people traveled to participate.

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## DISTRICT THREE MEETS IN WILSON COUNTY

Wilson County School Maintenance (WCSM) served as host for district three meeting held February 20, 2014 at John W Jones Elementary School in Wilson. The meeting was well attended. District President Tony Hoffman called the meeting to order. Trevis Harris, assistant principal of John W Jones Elementary School welcomed everyone to the event. Mark Letchworth WCSM director introduced the guest speaker for the event, John Meeks, Jr. with Atlantic Coastal Supply. John spoke about many ways to conserve water using the correct fixtures. James Thurmond also gave a talk about plumbing safety issues.

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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  
Phone: 336.593.8146

### 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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING SIXTH ANNUAL WESTERN CONVENTION

May 27-29, 2014

### PLEASE READ

Please make sure you read the items below and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please call Roxie Mack at 336.366.4939 or e-mail roxiermack@gmail.com Please make plans to attend.

### On/Off Campus

There is a place on the registration form to check whether you will be staying overnight at Ridgecrest. We must know if you will be staying on campus at Ridgecrest or if you will be a daily commuter. This information is required by Ridgecrest. Please make sure you check the appropriate box.

### Meal

You must purchase the meal ticket (\$64.00) if you plan to have meals on campus at Ridgecrest. The tickets are to be purchased in advance through Roxie and the meal tickets will be with your name tags when you arrive. Please do not purchase meal tickets from the Ridgecrest staff, only through Roxie, or NCPSMA could be charged double. The meal ticket includes lunch and dinner on Tuesday, breakfast and dinner on Wednesday (lunch will be provided at the Exhibitor Reception) and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. You will need to purchase a meal ticket for your guest/spouse as well if they plan to eat on campus.

### Hotel Reservations

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## DISTRICT THREE MEETS IN WILSON COUNTY

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Tommy Kirkman and Carlton Patterson



Attendees



Attendees



Bonnie Rowland and Donna Ritterpusch

District president Tony Hoffman presided over the business session. District secretary Bobbie Rowland read the minutes of the previous meeting, gave the treasurers report and called the roll. Ron Mack offered a prayer of thanks and a delicious meal prepared by Doug Saul's Barbeque was served.

State President Ken Goforth addressed the group. He encouraged members to attend the annual conventions. He noted how we need to band together and support NCPSMA. He asked, "If not NCPSMA, then who else is looking out for the best interest of school maintenance employees?" He encouraged members to send in nominations for the "Of the Year" awards that are awarded each year at the eastern convention.

The vendors present introduced themselves and door prizes were awarded. Thank you vendors for your continued and generous support. John Dunn of Wake County Schools won the cash drawing for the supervisor's attendance award. Doug Miller of

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING SIXTH ANNUAL WESTERN CONVENTION

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tration cost. When you make your reservations for a hotel room at Ridgecrest, you must tell them that you are a participant of the NCPSMA Convention/Workshop. Ridgecrest usually charges half of the total charges to individual credit cards upon making the reservation. NCPSMA has paid a good faith deposit so that this will not be the case for our participants. Please make sure you tell the Ridgecrest Reservations Clerk when you make your reservation that you are not to be charged fees upfront. The rooms that are blocked for our event are nice "hotel quality" rooms. Phones and wireless internet are provided in the hotel rooms. The room block for our event ends May 5, 2014. If you plan to stay at Ridgecrest you will need to make your reservations prior to that date. The room rates will be between \$90 and \$110 (no tax) depending on the room and occupancy number of each room. Reservations request will need to include group name and city along with the name, address, phone number and e-mail address if available for each attendee. Reservations are to be made by calling directly into the Ridgecrest reservations department (800.588.7222). All reservations are required to be guaranteed by a credit card number to "guarantee the room". Charges are not to be made to the card upon reservation. Appropriate charges will apply upon check-in or late cancellations or failure to cancel. Again, individuals will pay for rooms at the time of check-in. In the event a confirmed reservation must be canceled, the cancellation notice must be received 60 days or more prior to the event to receive a full refund. Cancellations made 30-59 days before the event will forfeit one-half of the deposit (NCPSMA has made a deposit). No refunds will be given for cancellation made less than 30 days prior to the event. Ridgecrest is not a "transient hotel." Thus re-scheduling of cancelled rooms requires greater advanced notice. Please keep this in mind and help avoid cancellation penalties. Check in time is 3 pm and check out time is 11 am. You need to let Ridgecrest know if you will need a handicap accessible room when you make your reservation.

### Ridgecrest Behavioral Standards

Ridgecrest is a Christian Conference Center. The following standards help to assume the comfort of all guests.

- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, firearms and fireworks are not permitted anywhere on the grounds. Ridgecrest is a tobacco-free environment.
- Immodest clothing, distasteful monograms, bare feet in public areas or any extreme styles of dress is prohibited.
- Pets are not permitted in any Ridgecrest facility.
- As a courtesy to all guests, quiet hours are to be observed between 11:30 pm and 6:30 am.

### Registration

LEA's sending one check for multiple registrations need not fill out individual registration forms. A single sheet listing the individual names of those they wish to register along with the LEA name, address, phone and fax numbers, contact persons name and e-mail address will be sufficient. Also, please list if they will be staying on campus or will be a daily commuter. Please contact Roxie Mack at 336.366.4939 or roxiermack@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Again, the officers of NCPSMA feel that you will enjoy the convention/workshop at Ridgecrest. Please remember that as a participant of the NCPSMA Convention/Workshop, your actions and speech reflect upon NCPSMA as a whole. We "need" only positive feedback to school systems to ensure we are able to continue to hold such events. If you experience any problems while at Ridgecrest, please see Roxie Mack or Ken Goforth concerning the matter. We will make every effort to solve the problem. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Roxie Mack, NCPSMA Executive Director 336 366 4939 or e-mail roxiermack@gmail.com.

## DISTRICT EIGHT CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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Cash prizes for both Cornhole Tournament winners were awarded. For the morning tournament prizes were awarded as follows: third place was awarded to Shane Ledford; second place was awarded to Chad Stroupe and Cody Buck; first place was awarded to Danny Williams and Thomas Smith. For the afternoon tournament prizes were awarded as follows: third place was awarded to Eddie Waters and Chad Stroupe; second place was awarded to Spencer Crawford and Cody Buck; first place was awarded to Jimmy Allegra and Brandon Jones.

Many thanks to Kristie Keener and her daughter Callie, Wes Lee and Karen Sluder for all their hard work on the tourna-

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## HUGE BERTIE COUNTY HOG EXCEEDS 500-POUND MARK

Under starry skies on Feb. 28, 2014 Jett Webb of Conetoe, NC ensured there will be one less mouth to feed in the Indian Woods section of Bertie County – and a real big mouth, too. Webb took down a massive wild boar that bottomed out a set of scales certified to 500 pounds that's used for weighing tobacco bales.



Jett Webb is the hunter that nabbed the massive hog

Michael Mansell, president of the White Oak Ranch Hunting Club, said he weighed well over 500 pounds. "He pegged the maximum weight capacity of the certified scales with his head and shoulders still on the skinning shed floor," Mansell said. "It was a true beast!"

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# SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation recently selected Clean School Bus NC: Kids Breathe Here, for its Clean Air Excellence Award in the Transportation Efficiency Innovations category. The project, which was a joint effort of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Transportation Services Section and the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Air Quality, was selected from among 70 applicants for its impact, innovation and replication. To read more, please visit [www.ncpublic-schools.org](http://www.ncpublic-schools.org) and click on the appropriate link under "News." On March 6, 2014

## GUS

At the end of January, we got a call from Highland and they said they had a few dogs for us to come see. Surprised to say the least. We were not expecting this call until mid summer. We told Gus we were going to look at a few dogs but we could not bring one home. When we arrived, there was a large, charcoal colored Shepadoodle (German shephard/standard poodle) laying in the floor. Immediately, Gus walked over to him, sat down and hugged the dog and proceeded to talk to him. Turns out, it was the dog they picked out for him to meet. Gus loved on him a while and then we took him for a walk. They put the first dog up and brought out a brown standard poodle. Gus gave him a hug, walked him a little and asked, "Where's black dog?" Gus saw several other dogs but was not very interested. They brought out the first dog again and it was obvious which dog Gus had chosen. Before we left, Gus named the new dog "Sam I Am". He actually named him a couple months before he ever met him. I had prayed for God to prepare a special dog for Gus and bring them together somehow. Those prayers were answered because we were all convinced this was "the" dog. Sam I Am is now eight months old and in training everyday. His intense training will take six to eight months, so Gus will have him around August. They encourage us to visit Sam I Am anytime and we are always excited to do so!



### Red Blanton

I am so happy Gus has found "the" dog. Many thanks to those who have already mailed donations for Gus' service dog. I appreciate it very much. Trained service dogs are very expensive, as you may know. It was a hard decision to make for Chris and Red to purchase a service dog, but they felt strongly it is in Gus' best interest. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Red Blanton and mail to Gus Blanton, PO Box 63, State Road, NC 28676. Gus loves to check "his" mail at the Post Office; the rest of their mail is delivered to their home mail box and the PO Box is just for him!

### Roxie

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## BLADEN COUNTY HOSTS DISTRICT FOUR MEETING



Adell Baldwin

District Four met February 27 at Elizabethtown Middle School in Elizabethtown. Bladen County School Maintenance (BCSM) served as host. Many thanks to David Lesane and Carol Jesup of BCSM for all the work they did to make the meeting successful.



Attendees

Mr. Adell Baldwin, Elizabethtown Middle School Principal, welcomed everyone to the event. The "Mighty Echoes", including David Lesane, provided the entertainment.



Bladen County Maintenance

Following a delicious meal of baby back ribs, barbecue chicken and lots of fixings; Dr. Patricia Faulk introduced the guest speaker for the event, Dr. Robert P. Taylor. Dr. Taylor gave a very good talk about the importance of school maintenance and the changing nature of school maintenance due to budget cuts, technology driven equipment, etc. He noted the increased demand for training to



Bonnie Johnson

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## DISTRICT THREE MEETS IN WILSON COUNTY

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Mark Letchworth and Doug Miller

Roanoke Rapids Schools won the member's attendance award and Tommy Kirkman of Saffelle, Inc. won the vendor attendance award (which he gave to Carlton Patterson of Halifax County Schools). Sebastian Williams of Wilson County Schools won the 50/50 drawing.



Mark Letchworth, Tony Hoffman and Greg Woodard

Thank you Sue Farmer, Mark Letchworth and all the WCSM staff for all the work the done to make the meeting successful.



John Meeks



Mark Letchworth and Sebastian Williams

Roxie



Trevis Harris



John Dunn and Mark Letchworth

## DISTRICT EIGHT CORNHOLE

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ment. Thank you to David Earley for preparing the barbeque. Many thanks to all the sponsors which include the following: Brittany Supply; Hardware Distributors; Smoky Mountain Coffee Roasters; Haywood Smokehouse; Custom Window Tinting; Starbucks; Blue Ridge Cornhole; Smoky Mountain Sub; Willy's Cornhole Emporium; A to Z Signs and Engraving; Environmental, Inc.; Bogart's Restaurant; Mast General Store and The Sweet Onion.

Roxie

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**Rare words:** Use the most uncommon word or words possible. Results are more likely to address the intended topic.

**Answer vs. question:** Search engines are more likely to share information in the form of answers than they are questions. So type the query in the form of an answer. Example: The phrase (with quotes) "What is red dye made from?" will refer you to nonsense pages. The phrase (with quotes) "red dye is made from" gets the answers you want.

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## APRIL RECIPE

My family loves chocolate and peanut butter. When I saw this recipe on Food Network I had to try it. But when I was gathering the ingredients I noticed it did not contain peanut butter. S'mores are not S'mores to me if you leave out peanut butter. So I "tweaked" it by adding a layer of melted peanut butter chips. It tasted good, but the melted peanut butter chips set up too hard and it was hard to slice and hard to eat. So I tried again using peanut butter. It is much better this way. If you like S'mores -I'm sure you will like this tart.

### Ingredients

1/4 cup whole milk (half and half is even better-but not necessary)  
1 cup milk good quality chocolate chips  
1/4 cup of good quality smooth peanut butter  
2 tablespoons butter melted  
1/3 to 1/2 cup of powdered sugar  
One 6-ounce prepared graham cracker crust, chilled  
3 egg whites, at room temperature  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup marshmallow cream

### Directions

In a small pan over medium heat, warm the milk until it just begins to bubble around the edges (do not boil). Turn off the heat and add 1 cup chocolate chips. Let sit for a few minutes to soften the chocolate, and then whisk to thoroughly combine. Pour into the piecrust and place in freezer until set, about

20 minutes. Combine the melted butter and peanut butter. Stir well to incorporate. Add enough powdered sugar to reach an icing consistency. Drop by tablespoons over the hardened chocolate mixture and spread gently over top of chocolate mixture. Place back in the refrigerator for another 20 minutes.

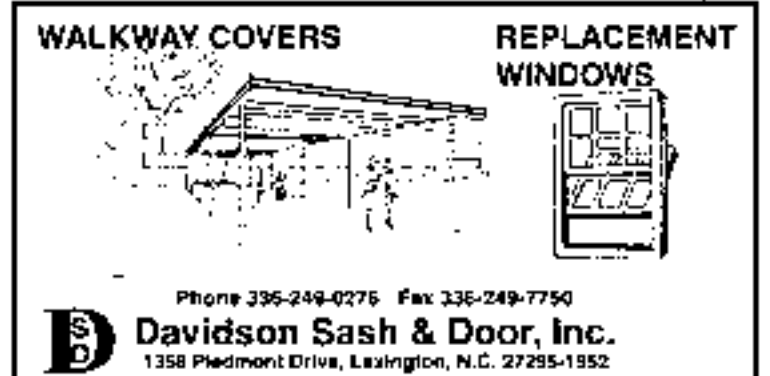
Preheat the broiler to high.

In a large, clean glass or metal bowl, add the egg whites. Using an electric mixer, whisk the egg whites until frothy. With the mixer running, slowly beat in the sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form, around three to four minutes. Beat in the vanilla and marshmallow cream. Spoon the mixture over the peanut butter mixture. Make sure to cover all the way to the edges of the crust. Place on the middle rack of the oven and broil until the top is lightly browned, two to three minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before slicing. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

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The recent Target data breach made everyone sit up and take notice. Initially, news reports said about 40 million credit and debit cards may have been affected when hackers broke into the point-of-sale (PoS) systems and stole credit card information and PINs from the swipe pads in Target stores. The investigation later determined that the stolen information — acquired through malware in the PoS systems — included names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses for up to 100 million individuals. What's more, Target is not alone. Adobe and LivingSocial are among other businesses that also experienced major data breaches in 2013.

What's the takeaway from the Target data breach? Security experts suggest the following:

On a daily basis, go online to check your credit card statements for unfamiliar purchases as well as your bank account for fraudulent transactions. Report any problems immediately to your bank. (Your bank should contact you if your credit card was part of the Target breach. You'll get a new credit card account number and won't be held liable for unauthorized charges made using your credit card number.)

Check for suspicious activity by reviewing your free credit report at [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com). You should also report suspected fraud to law enforcement or to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft). Plan for the worst and take preventative steps. Create strong passwords that would be hard for hackers to guess should they steal your account numbers. Also, do not use the same password for every account.

Target says its guests will have zero liability for the cost of any fraudulent charges arising from the breach and is offering one year of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection to all guests who shopped its U.S. stores. More details are available at [www.target.com/databreach](http://www.target.com/databreach).

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## DISTRICT SEVEN HOSTS WORKSHOP



NCPSMA District 7 hosted a MIT Hardware Workshop presented by ASSA ABLOY. The workshop was held at Wilkes County Schools' Stone Center. There were 33 participants in attendance. The following counties in District 7 were represented: Ashe, Avery, Burke, Alleghany, Caldwell, Davie, Elkin City, Newton-Conover City, Wilkes and Yadkin. Also in attendance were representatives of NCCS, LNCS, Stokes County and WSSU. The workshop was very informative and well presented. The feedback from all in attendance was very positive. ASSA ABLOY is planning more detailed workshops in the future and District 7 will consider hosting those as well as any other workshops that our members show interest in attending. We were very excited in the interest of this workshop and look forward to hosting more in the future.

**Keith Holleman**  
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# BLADEN COUNTY HOSTS DISTRICT FOUR MEETING

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Dr. Patricia Faulk

stay abreast of all the changes taking place. He thanked the maintenance personnel present for all the work they do to make the schools comfortable and safe as well as keep them in good working order to save tax dollars. He noted the importance of belonging to and supporting professional organizations such as NCPSMA.



Mighty Echos

State President Ken Goforth thanked Dr. Taylor for his support and for serving as the guest speaker. President Goforth encouraged everyone to attend the yearly conventions and encouraged members to support the companies who support NCPSMA whenever possible. He also encourage members to read the Beacon online and use the website ([www.ncpsma.org](http://www.ncpsma.org)) to stay abreast of NCPSMA news.



Reggie Long and Gary Parker

District president Reggie Long presided over the business session. It was noted that Randy Collins of Hoffman and Hoffman donated a flat screen TV for a raffle to be held to begin funding for a District Four Scholarship Fund. Raffle Tickets were distributed to someone from each LEA present. Bonnie Johnson, district secretary/treasurer read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the financial report.

The vendors introduced themselves and door prizes were awarded. Gary Parker of Cumberland County Schools won the 50/50 drawing.



Dr. Robert Taylor

Thank you vendors for your continued and generous support. Thank you to Bladen County School Maintenance for hosting the event.

Roxie

## ANSWERS FOR MARCH CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| 2. Ram         | 24. Byte                | 1. Browser    |
| 4. Screen      | 25. Bus                 | 3. Mouse      |
| 5. Antivirus   | 26. Refresh             | 7. Apple      |
| 6. Webmaster   |                         | 8. Keyboard   |
| 10. Backbone   |                         | 9. Booting    |
| 12. Javascript |                         | 10. Bitmap    |
| 13. Firewall   |                         | 11. Compile   |
| 14. Data       |                         | 15. Debugger  |
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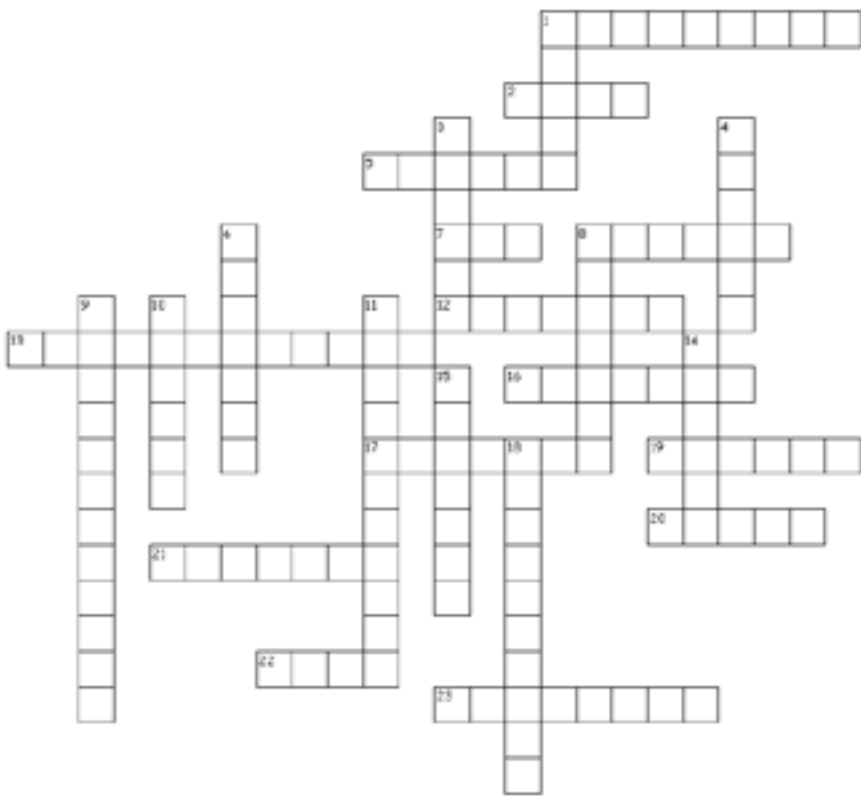
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2. in the US, a school for children between the ages of 14 and 18
5. a school that is connected with a church and gets some of its money from the church
7. a private school for students who live at home instead of at the school
8. a school that is controlled and paid for by the government
12. a school for Jewish boys that teaches both religious and other subjects
13. a school where students study to become professional musicians and actors
16. a school where students are taught a lot of information in a short time, usually to help them to pass exams
17. in the US, a private school that prepares students for college
19. a school in the US for children between the ages of 11 and 14, after they leave elementary school
20. a primary school
21. a school for girls where all the teachers are nuns
22. in NC there are county schools and \_\_\_\_ schools
23. a school in which most or all of the students live during the part of the year that they go to lessons

## Down

1. a school, started or paid for by a religious group, that gives children a general education
3. religious lessons for children that are given in a church on Sundays
4. a \_\_\_\_\_ high school in the US for children between the ages of twelve and fifteen
6. a school providing education that the children's parents pay for directly
8. a school for children between the ages of four or five and eleven.
9. a middle school or a junior high school
10. a school from which students go to a bigger school when they are older
11. in the US, a private school for children over the age of 11 that prepares them for college
14. a \_\_\_\_\_ high school in the US for children between the ages of 14 and 18
15. a primary school
18. in the US, a school for children between the ages of five and about eleven.

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PLEASE SEE THE "ENTRY FORMS" PAGE ON THE NCPSMA.ORG WEBSITE TO FIND THE PRINTABLE ENTRY/SPONSOR FORMS. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Ken Goforth with any questions  
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# DISTRICT EIGHT

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



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Wes Lee



John Bird and Wes Lee



1st place winner of Morning Match:  
 Thomas Smith and Danny Williams



2nd place winner of Morning Match:  
 Chad Stroupe and Cody Buck



3rd place winner of Morning Match:  
 Shane Ledford



1st place winner of Afternoon Match:  
 Brandon Jones and Jimmy Allegra



2nd place winner of Afternoon Match:  
 Spencer Crawford and Cody Buck



3rd place winner of Afternoon Match:  
 Eddie Waters and Chad Stroupe



Players

*Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing.*

*Albert Laighton*

**SIXTH ANNUAL NCPSMA WESTERN CONVENTION/WORKSHOP  
JOHNSON SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER AT RIDGECREST,  
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC**

May 27 through 29, 2014  
Tentative Agenda

**Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00-5:00 Registration  
8:00-10:00 Coffee Break for Exhibitors  
9:00-10:00 Exhibitor Display Selection (Holly A / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
10:00-noon Exhibitor Display Setup (Holly A thru H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
noon-1:00 Lunch (Advanced Purchase of Meal Ticket Required for Ridgecrest)  
1:00- 5:00 Exhibits Open  
1:00-2:00 Opening Session (Azalea-Room C / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Guest Speaker  
2:00-3:00 Visit With Exhibitors -Refreshments Provided (Holly A thru H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
3:00-5:00 Workshop/Wastewater (Azalea-Room B/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Advisory Council Meeting (Azalea-Room C/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Indoor Air Quality (1 A-D/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Pesticide Structural (2 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Electrical (3 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
5:30-6:30 Dinner (Advanced Purchase of Meal Ticket Required for Ridgecrest)

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-8:00 Breakfast (Advanced Purchase of Meal Ticket Required for Ridgecrest)  
8:00-5:00 Registration  
8:45 -10:45 Workshop/Asbestos Refresher (1 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Pesticide Structural (2 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Electrical (3 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Wastewater (Azalea-Room B/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Bard Workshop (Azalea-Room C/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
9:45 -5:00 Exhibits Open  
11:00-1:00 Exhibitor Reception – Lunch Provided (Holly A thru H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
1:00-2:00 Workshop/811 (Call Before You Dig) (1 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Janitorial Floor Cleaning (2 A-D) / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/ open (3 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
2:00-4:00 Workshop/Asbestos Refresher (1 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/10 Pesticide-Ornamental (2 A-D) / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/11 Electrical (3 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/12 Wastewater (Azalea-Room B/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Workshop/Bleacher Safety and Liability (Azalea-Room C / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
3:00:4:00 Visit with Exhibitors –Refreshments Provided (Holly A thru H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
4:00-5:30 Exhibitor Breakdown  
4:15-5:30 Corn Hole Tournament (Cash Awards)  
5:30-6:30 Dinner (Advanced Purchase of Meal Ticket Required for Ridgecrest)

**Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-8:00 Breakfast (Advanced Purchase of Meal Ticket Required for Ridgecrest)  
8:00-10:00 Workshop/Safety and Security (Closers & Locks) (1 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> F)  
Workshop/Pesticide Ornamental (2 A-D) / 2<sup>nd</sup> F)  
Workshop/Electrical (3 A-D / 2<sup>nd</sup> F)  
Workshop/ Food Service Equipment (Azalea-Room B / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
10:30-noon Closing Session (Azalea-Room C / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Noon Adjourn  
Noon to 1:00 Lunch (Advanced Purchase of Meal Ticket Required for Ridgecrest)

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*John Stott*

# OBITUARY



John Edward Winters, 55, of Hardware Distributors, passed away unexpectedly, Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Carolinas Medical Center Main Campus in Charlotte. John was born June 9, 1958, in Mitchell County, to the late Brownlow McDonald Winters and Doris Ann Bowman Winters. He is survived his

wife, Donna Pitman Winters, of Hudson and their beloved puppy, Lexy. Funeral services were held March 24 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Morganton. An online guestbook and obituary is available at [www.heritagefuneral services.com](http://www.heritagefuneral services.com).

I will certainly miss seeing John at the conventions and district meetings. He always had an encouraging word to say. I am sure he will be deeply missed by his customers and NCPSMA family as well. Our prayers go out to his wife Donna.

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