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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.

ASHE COUNTY HOSTS DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING AT SHATLEY SPRINGS RESTAURANT



Kenneth Richardson

As soon as Roxie told me that Kenneth Richardson called and said he was hosting the next District 7 meeting at Shatley Springs - I started looking forward to it. I've always enjoyed going to Shatley Springs to eat, especially breakfast. Since my retirement I am the "Prime Timers" van driver at church. Last Fall, before they closed for the season we loaded the van and headed up for breakfast. It was delicious!



Dr. Todd Holden

Mr. Martin Shatley discovered "the springs" (Shatley Springs) in 1890. He stopped for a drink and to dip his hands and face into the cool mountain spring water on a hot day. Later on he discovered that the skin disease he suffered from was disappearing. Rumors soon spread of the "miraculous curing water" of Shatley Springs and people from near and far began to travel to this miracle spring seeking relief from all types of ailments. Of course there were no room and board facilities at that time so visitors had



Robin Rudisill



Pat Annas

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SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR 42ND ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION

NCPSMA will hold their 42nd Annual Eastern Convention/Workshop September 24-26, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Atlantic Beach, N.C.

Last year we made some changes that seemed to please most folks. We have more changes in store this year. We have not increased the registration rate in many years, to the regular members or the vendors - even though our costs have increased each year. We are moving back to the DoubleTree (formerly the Sheraton) and our costs have increased again. Thus, we had to increase the registration cost this year. The cost will be \$70 each (\$80 if you wish to purchase a banquet ticket). When compared to other like events I see advertised, this is still a great deal for three days training. The hotel rates have also increased since we are moving back to the DoubleTree. Last year when we voted whether to continue to hold the convention at the Crystal Coast Civic Center or move to DoubleTree, the majority voted overwhelmingly to move to the DoubleTree. Thus, we trust you will stay at the

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

DISTRICT 2

July 14, 2014: Duplin County Cooperative Extension Office
 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349
 10-11 am Sign in and meet and greet vendors and fellow tradesmen
 11-12 am Begin Safety Workshop Presentation
 12 -12:30 pm Lunch
 12:30 pm Finalize Workshop Presentation;
 Business Session; Door Prizes

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

42nd Annual NCPSMA Eastern Convention

Sep. 24-26, 2014 Place: Double Tree (former Sheraton)
 Atlantic Beach, NC
 For more information contact Roxie Mack 336.366.4939

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GUIDELINES FOR TOP NCPSMA AWARDS

Nominations are being sought for the 2014 NCPSMA Maintenance Supervisor of the Year, Maintenance Employee of the Year and Superintendent of the Year. The Maintenance Supervisor of the Year and Maintenance Employee of the Year awards were established 27 years ago by Milt Saffelle and are sponsored annually by Saffelle, Inc. This is the 18th year the Superintendent of the Year award has been sponsored by Saffelle, Inc.

Should you wish to nominate a candidate, please supply the information outlined below and return to the chairman of the NCPSMA Awards Committee by Aug. 10, 2014. To qualify as a candidate for Superintendent of the Year, candidates may be superintendents, associate/assistant superintendents, who have the responsibilities for maintenance. They must be current members of NCPSMA.

Maintenance Supervisors are defined as those who serve as direct heads of maintenance departments. Maintenance Employees are defined as other members of maintenance staffs.

1. Nominees for Supervisor of the Year or Employee of the Year awards must be currently employed as a maintenance person in an educational system in the state of North Carolina.
2. The nominee must have been an active member of the NCPSMA for the last five consecutive years.
3. The nominee cannot be the current state president.
4. Nominations must be made by an active member of NCPSMA. There should be a letter of nomination signed by the active member. Only one nominee may be submitted from each LEA, not one per category, one period. If more than one nominee from an individual LEA is submitted, all nominations from said LEA will be disqualified. This decision was passed unanimously by the selection committee, August 2001.
5. Nominees must be from the school system making the nomination.
6. The following data must be supplied for each candidate:
 - A photograph of the nominee must be included and placed on a separate sheet of paper.
 - A biographical sketch, preferably in narrative form and no more than two pages in length, including the nominee's achievements that have contributed to success in NCPSMA and other professional involvement.
 - Two letters of recommendation—no more or less.
 - No other information on nominee will be accepted.

The Awards Committee is comprised of the NCPSMA One Year Advisory Council Members and Milt Saffelle, chairman. Saffelle serves in an ex officio capacity and does not have voting privileges. In case of a tie the current state vice president will have voting privileges. All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 10, 2014 to: Milton Saffelle, Chairman, NCPSMA Awards Committee, PO Box 1499, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR 42ND ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION

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DoubleTree as we have a room block we must meet. As last year the golf and fishing awards will be given during the awards banquet and the raffle prize drawing will be held at the end of the Awards Banquet. The banquet will serve as the "closing session."

Another change is the exhibitors will not arrive until Thursday morning and will remain through noon Friday. This decision was made because exhibitors expressed their concern over excessive "down time" when members are in class. It's a hard balancing act to provide the classes needed for our members and give the exhibitors the visitation time they need to justify the money they spend to exhibit. We sincerely hope that you will visit the exhibitors every chance you get. We encourage you to visit with the exhibitors each chance you get. Please, don't visit with them just to "fill your bucket or bag with exhibitor gifts." Please take time to listen to what they provide and take the information you gain back to your LEA. Without their support we could not provide the successful conventions we are accustomed to. The money we make from our conventions each year is NCPSMA's "lifeline" and we need the continued strong support we've had in the past from our exhibitors.

Also, since the exhibitors will not be present for the opening session, the door prizes will be awarded during exhibitor visitation on September 25 from 2-5 pm and September 26 from 8-10 am.

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Jeff Adams



Tim Pruitt



Keith Holleman, Hannah Welborn and Dawn Holleman

to stay in tents or with nearby family living close to the spring. Many folks published their testimonials about the healing powers of the spring water.

Mr. Shatley moved to Wilkes County. He returned though each summer to bathe in the spring water. Later on he built a small bathhouse and the cool spring water was heated outside in a large black pot. When Mr. Shatley became too old to visit the spring each summer, he sold it to three men. The new owners refurbished the spring with a cement enclosure and new roof. In the 1920's some small cabins and a tearoom were built and the name was changed to Radium Springs as a result of a chemical analysis revealing the trace of radium that was present in the water. For a short time the water was bottled and sold. One truckload of 600 gallons sold for \$840.00 in 1927. One of the new owners bought out the other two and changed the name back to Shatley Springs. In 1958 he sold it to the present owner, Mr. Lee Q. McMillian.

Ever since Martin Shatley discovered the springs, thousands claim to have renewed their health by drinking or bathing in the water, which flows out of the Little Phoenix Mountain. The water contains numerous elements and is considered one of the purest springs in the world. The water of Shatley Springs is still used by many people for its curative properties. Even in the months when the resort is closed, people carry away



Attendees

Shatley Springs is located in a quiet, rustic atmosphere with ten comfortable cottages bordering a fishing pond. Shatley Springs has changed through the years however,

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LIFE AND TIMES OF A SEMI-RETIREE



The first of May I was asked at work if I would drive an articulated dump truck for a couple of weeks. I had already trained driving one at the Mt Airy landfill. Surry County has two Volvo articulating haulers, as they are called, one 30 ton and the other a 35 ton.

By around lunchtime that first morning I thought I was getting kidney stones or my insides were coming out. I told one of the

other workers about it and he laughed and said that was from all the shaking and I would get used to it. Fortunately I did. I was driving the Volvo A30C. I have never ridden an elephant before, but from watching someone on TV riding one I think driving the articulated dump truck feels like riding an elephant to me. It is rough, but it does have an air-cushioned seat, so that helped. The truck has heat, which I needed on a few mornings and air-conditioning for the afternoons (you know how NC weather can be). The upholstered cab was extra quiet but the radio had been removed for some reason so after a couple of days I brought my own portable one, which worked real nice. The truck has an adjustable steering wheel so that was helpful. Wow, after a few hours, and when I determined my body wasn't falling apart, I started enjoying the experience. What power, not to mention some of the roughest, steepest, and scariest terrain you have ever seen or driven something on. I didn't even drive my K5 1975 Chevrolet Blazer that I owned when I was young on trails that rough.

It usually took me eight to ten minutes to make a complete round from the load site to the dumpsite so I could haul 39 loads per day. The Volvo A30C has the capabilities of hauling 30 tons or 16.9 yards and when the dirt is heaped up it can haul

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GUS

On May 2, 2014 Gus went to the Special Olympics. He always looks forward to that day because he gets to run and play all day. I like it because he can run and play and I don't have to be right behind him, his "buddy" follows him. Gus was signed up for the 50m run, long jump and soft-ball throw. He won ribbons for all three events. Somehow he got four ribbons and was only in three events. Leave it to Gus to sweet talk the ribbon ladies! I think he really just had to smile.



The next day was a big fundraiser for Sam I Am, Gus' service dog in training. We pre-sold pork tenderloins and seasoned and cooked them on that Saturday. We cooked over 1,000 lbs of pork that day and had a great time visiting with everyone as they came to pick up their pork. Gus enjoyed testing everyone's vehicle horn as they came thru. You would never know he has very sensitive ears. The highlight of the day was a visit by Sam I Am. The trainers from Highland Canine Training brought Sam I Am to visit for a few hours. Of course everyone was excited to meet the very special dog we've been talking about. Thanks to everyone who has helped, Sam I Am is now paid in full!! Purchasing a service dog is a God-sized task for us and God has provided abundantly thru many special friends.

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21.6 yards. The dump bed will dump straight up in order to remove the entire load at once. It has a 315-horse power turbocharged inline 6 cylinder diesel engine with retarded, or Jake brake. It has an electronically controlled, fully automatic 6-speed power shift transmission. It has air-hydraulic disc brakes on all axles. It has a 100% differential lock, in other words it has 6-wheel drive with lockouts. It has a 95-gallon fuel tank and it burned approximately a half a tank per day. It has high ground clearance thank goodness because some of the ruts I drove in were over three feet deep and the belly of the Volvo would drag and sometimes bulldoze its way through. Some of the hills I had to back down or drive up were over 40% grades. The truck weighs empty 105,600 pounds that's over 52 tons.

I worked those two weeks at the old Elkin Landfill, which was only nine miles from the house. That was nice too as I didn't have a 45-minute drive each way as I do to the Mt Airy Landfill. I will never forget those two weeks. It was an experience getting to drive something new and of such magnitude.

Well until next month. Be safe and have a wonderful June. God bless each of you.

Ron Mack, Retired Elkin City Schools

STEPPING OUT ON FAITH

Sometimes I wonder what I might have missed out on in life. Not the big things, I have a wonderful supportive husband, three loving children, a special little granddaughter, Gus my "adopted" grandson and I'm happy with my job. But I live a pretty ordinary life. I admire people who go on mission trips. I pray for them, but I also pray that God will not ask me to go. Some of the places my friends have been have been extremely hot or cold. Many have experienced extreme humidity, high elevations, miles of walking, scorpions, etc. I can't imagine. I sit day after day working in my climate controlled office, with my favorite music on Pandora playing. I think about how they "Step out on faith" that God will provide their financial travel needs to a foreign land as well as their emotional needs.

In late 2012 our son Rupard found himself without a job. I think I was more devastated than he was. He was able to secure different jobs to make ends meet and he's been a much happier person as he was not happy in his previous job. Ron and I had always encouraged him to stay where he was because of the good benefits, vacation days and insurance. Now that I look back on it though, I was being my usual "safe" self. Last year he took a risk and went to Alaska for the summer to work. He worked in a fish processing plant. He had a great salary, but it was very hard work and he worked many 16 hour days, seven days a week. It was a great experience for him though. He came back home in the fall and made plans to go to Colorado for the winter to drive a shuttle bus. But at the last minute that didn't work out. He began to worry about what he would do to earn an income. He had been driving and washing buses for a local tour bus company, but they didn't have anything scheduled for December and January. He'd also been working for a company called "Stops" where he picked up patients

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most things have remained the same and a visit there is like taking a step back in time. The cool, invigorating climate, the restful location and the sparkling spring water together make the perfect setting in which to enjoy the southern style food they serve.

Back in the 1960's my parents took my maternal grandparents and me and my two brothers to Shatley Springs and we stayed in three of those cabins. It was the most rustic cabin I had ever spent the night in. I can still remember the steel spring beds and the tiny bathroom that was in each cabin. I still have the original brochure that my Dad picked up as he checked in.

On that brochure the breakfast prices are listed as \$1.35 with bacon and \$1.70 with country ham. The businessman's special lunch was \$1.25. Lunch and supper was \$3, served family style. The cabin rates were \$10.00 per person, which included 3 meals per person. Children under 10 were \$5.00. I can remember them loaning my brothers and I a cane pole for fishing, but I don't remember catching any fish. I don't think they furnished any bait. What a deal, my how things have changed and prices have gone up. But Kenneth Richard worked out a great deal for the meeting. We still were able to enjoy eating all we wanted, family style, at the meeting for under \$20.00 per person and this included desert! This was also the best place to meet and eat.

The meeting was held May 15. It got underway shortly after 6:30 and Kenneth Richardson; Ashe County Schools Maintenance Director welcomed everyone. He led us in the pledge of allegiance to our American Flag. Kenneth then introduced the guest speaker for the evening Dr. Todd Holden, Ashe County Schools Superintendent. Dr. Holden said he had worked in several schools systems and he believed Ashe County is the best and the maintenance crew is the best ever. He bragged on what a great job they do.

After the blessing was said, we all enjoyed country ham, fried chicken, green beans, baked apples, slaw, boiled cabbage, creamed style corn, mashed potatoes with gravy, pintos and "cathead" sized homemade biscuits. For desert (yes, most of us still had room) we had any type of cobbler you could wish for with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. It was all served by some of the friendliest ladies you ever want to meet.

Robin Rudisill, District 7 President and Newton Conover City Schools Director of Maintenance called the meeting to order and conducted the business of our district. Pat Anas, District 7 Secretary/Treasurer (Hickory City Schools) called the roll. The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed upon check in for all to read. The minutes were approved as read. There were around 100 people present including approximately 10 vendors. The vendors introduced themselves and District 7 Vice-President Jeff Adams of Yadkin County Schools awarded door prizes. His two lovely daughters, Savannah and Madison assisted him (they also worked the registration table). The vendors distributed the prizes as the numbers were called.

A big THANK YOU to all our vendors who made this district meeting one of the best and many thanks to Kenneth Richardson for planning and hosting the event. District seven has committed and dedicated officers and I am very grateful for all they do to support district seven and NCPMSA as a whole.

Ron Mack, District Seven News Coordinator

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Last month I told you that Ron and I are trying to eat healthier. It's a challenge as we both love bread and sweets and red meat. But we are doing much better. We are also trying to eat more "whole" foods and less processed foods. I have started making our on loaf bread. The recipe I found that we really like makes four loaves. Ron uses the electric knife to slice it up then I freeze a couple of loaves and give a loaf to family or friends. Everyone that has tried it so far really likes it. It is time consuming, but since it makes four loaves at a time, I only make once every two to three weeks.

Hope you'll give it a try.

Roxie

100% Whole Wheat Sandwich Bread

Makes 4 loaves

Ingredients:

- 12 cups whole wheat flour, divided in 2 (I use King Arthur)
- 1 1/2 cups seeds (optional) (ie. hemp, chia, flax, sunflower, sesame etc)
(I use 1 cup of flax and 1/2 cup of chia)
- 4 1/2 tsp. yeast
- 1/2 c. liquid honey, plus 1 tbsp.
- 6 tbsp. butter, melted, and cooled to room temperature
- 2 tsp. salt
- water (see below for amounts)

Directions:

1. Soak for 30 minutes or up to 2 hours: (I soak two hours)
6 cups whole wheat flour in 5 cups warm water
Up to 1 1/2 cups seeds (optional)
Flour/water mixture shouldn't be watery. Water should just mix into flour without any excess. Make sure there is no dry flour. Add water by the tbsp. if needed.
Cover with damp tea towel.
2. Melt 6 tbsp. butter. Cool to room temperature.
3. Start sponge (last half hour of soak time) in 1/2 c. warm water (not hot), gently mix 1 tbsp. honey until incorporated and then add 4 1/2 tsp. yeast. Mix until just mixed, do not over-mix. Set aside. (Sponge should be visibly active: bubbles forming etc. before adding to recipe).
4. After flour is soaked and sponge is bubbly add the following to soaked flour/seed mixture:
 - Melted butter at room temperature
 - Sponge (should be bubbly with yeast obviously active)
 - 1/2 cup liquid honey (room temperature)
 - 2 tsp. salt (sprinkled in)
5. Mix/ knead in 5-6 cups flour to right consistency (stir in until it is too hard to stir, then dump on lightly floured countertop and knead in). Dough should feel pliable and not dry. Sprinkle counter top with small amount of flour - as needed - to prevent sticking to the counter. Knead for 15 minutes (yeah your arms will get tired).
6. Place dough in large, greased bowl. Cover with a damp tea towel. Place in warm (not hot!) corner on counter top. Allow to rise until double -up to 2 hours.
7. Remove from bowl, punch down and knead for 2 minutes. Divide into 4 even sizes.
8. Knead each individual loaf. Roll with a rolling pin and then roll up dough. Pinch to make a loaf shape. Place in greased loaf pan. Repeat for all 4 loaves. Cover loaves with damp tea towel.
9. Allow to rise until double: up to 2 hours.
10. Bake at 350F for 40 minutes or until loaves are lightly browned .
11. Remove from oven and cool in loaf pans for 10 minutes on wire rack. Remove from loaf pans and cool completely on wire rack. Brush tops with butter if desired. It makes the loaf tops nice and soft.



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STEPPING OUT ON FAITH

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and took them to physical therapy sessions. He enjoyed that, but he didn't get many "runs." One day he called me and was so stressed out over what he was going to do. We prayed over the phone. We asked God to provide jobs for him until he could find a permanent job or go back to Alaska. We committed to each other that we would not worry and have faith that God would provide. Wow! Did God ever provide! Rupard got so many "stops" runs he had more than he could do and had to start turning them down. Beginning in March he was able to drive the tour bus way more than he'd hoped for and the bus washing job was steady. We thanked God for His provision and we continued to ask God to supply his financial needs. He decided to apply for a different job in Alaska for the upcoming summer months. He applied for a job with an ATV/Jeep Tour Company in Denali National Park and he got the job. He left for Alaska on May 4. He's been having a wonderful time and enjoying his job very much. He wakes up to a beautiful view every morning and he gets to enjoy the view everyday, all day long, as a tour guide. Of course his job is not totally without stress. He lives in a very small cabin. The cabins do not have running water, so he has to go to the main 'house' for showers and meals. One morning on the way back to his cabin from the main house he encountered a very large moose standing right in front of his cabin door. I asked him what he did and he said he just stood there for a second, frozen, waiting to see what the moose was going to do. He said it just "huffed" real loud at him and turned around and walked off. Moose have become regular sightings for him. He's not seen a bear yet, but he's on the look out for one all the time. I can't imagine what it would be like to have a job like that. I'm so glad he has a job that he's so happy in. I think about how Ron and I encouraged him to "play it safe" and keep the job he had, even though he was miserable in it. I wonder sometimes where my faith was in all that. Was my faith so small that I didn't think God could provide a job for him that he would be happy in? I must admit, sadly, that it was. What does God tell us in His word in Matthew? "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Matthew 17-20 KJV. Oh, to have that kind of faith! I thank God that my faith is growing. He has proved His faithfulness to me over and over again in so many ways. May your faith grow in Him as well.

Roxie

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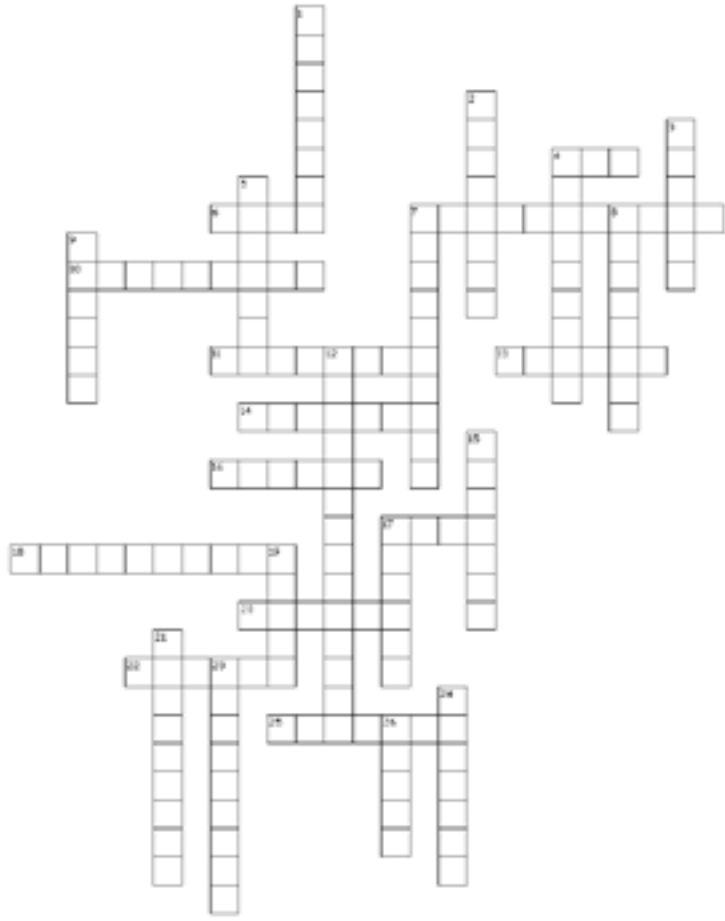
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- 5. Original name of Connelly Springs
- 7. Near what community is the main NC entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park?
- 11. What town is known as the "Rockfish Capital?"
- 12. What does the seated figure on the state seal represent?
- 13. Hanging Rock State Park is in what county?
- 15. Where is the "Coon Dog Barking Contest" held?
- 18. In what county is Bunker Hill Covered Bridge?
- 19. By 1950 what NC county led the nation in the number of textile mills?
- 21. Where 950 Indians lost their lives during a major battle northwest of Snow Hill during the Tuscarora War.
- 22. What was the last county created in NC in 1911?
- 24. Near what community was the farm of Lindsey Carson, father of Kit Carson?
- 25. Billy Graham was born and raised near this city.
- 26. What is the county seat of Edgecombe County?

Down

- 1. What NC mansion is know to be the largest private house in the world?
- 3. In what present-day town was Fort Dobbs situated?
- 6. Where is 1787 was Andrew Jackson admitted into the law profession?
- 8. Lord Cornwallis had the main streets in what town paved with cobblestones in 1781?
- 9. Roan Mountain is in what National Forest?
- 10. What is the name of the only highway that runs through Pamlico County?
- 14. What religious group settled Belvidere in the early 18th Century?
- 16. Duke University is in what City?
- 17. What county was the site of the nations first gold rush?
- 20. Where was Andrew Johnson, the seventeenth president of the United States born?
- 23. In 1728 an official survey established a hitherto disputed boundary between NC and what neighboring colony?

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Registration will begin on Wednesday, September 24, at 8 a.m. Please note the **Read Me** column in this issue concerning room reservations. Also included are the guidelines for the Superintendent, Maintenance Director and Maintenance Employee of The Year nominations. If you have a deserving fellow employee, director or superintendent, please take time to make a nomination. It will take a little time but the procedure is not complicated. To see your nominee win a top award is well worth the effort.

Please note the registration form included in this issue is for regular (employed by or retired from a NC Public School System) members only. Exhibitor registration forms were

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NCP SMA District Four is in the beginning stages of creating an education scholarship for the district. We recently held our first fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Randy Collins of Hoffman and Hoffman, Inc. donated a 40" LED TV. Members of District Four sold raffle tickets and we were able to raise \$1,081.00. Larry Pringle of Hoke County School Maintenance won the TV.

Thank you to all who participated in the event. Thank you Randy for the generous donation. Congratulations Larry, we hope you will enjoy your new TV.

Reggie Long
District Four President

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The funeral services were held at McGill Avenue Baptist Church in Concord. Burial followed at Carolina Memorial Park, Kannapolis

Charles lived in Germany several years while he served his country in the US army. He retired from Handi-Clean products where he was a sales manager for over 25 years.

He loved his grandchildren and his family. Survivors include son, Charles "Chuck" Propst, Jr. and wife Gwyn of Concord; daughter Kelly Propst Doherty and husband Matt of Mooresville; son, Jimmy Dale and wife Lisa of Gastonia; six grandchildren, Tucker and Hattie Doherty, Lara and Dylan Propst, and Jason and Andy Dale; and sister, Sue Propst Ritchie of Concord.

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THURSDAY 25TH

7:00	"31ST ANNUAL HANDI-CLEAN JAY PALMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT" "FISHING TOURNAMENT"	
7:00-9:00	"ELECTRICAL" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES "STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL" 2 CEU'S	SANDCASTLES BOGUE SOUND
8:00-5:00	REGISTRATION	FOYER
8:00-9:00	"METIS MASS NOTIFICATION"	CAPE FEAR
9:00-9:30	EXHIBITOR DISPLAY SELECTION	ATLANTIC
9:30-11:00	EXHIBITOR DISPLAY SETUP	ATLANTIC
9:30-11:30	"ELECTRICAL" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES "STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL" 2 CEU'S "WASTEWATER" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES	SANDCASTLES BOGUE SOUND GIFT SHOP
11:00-NOON	SUPERINTENDENTS & DIRECTORS VISIT WITH EXHIBITORS	
NOON-1:00	STATE OFFICERS, SUPERINTENDENTS AND DIRECTORS LUNCHEON	SANDCASTLES
1:00-2:30	"SCHOOL SECURITY"	SANDCASTLES
2:00-5:00	VISIT WITH EXHIBITORS -DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS	ATLANTIC

FRIDAY 26TH

8:00-4:00	REGISTRATION	FOYER
8:00:10:00	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS-DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS	ATLANTIC
10:00-NOON	"ELECTRICAL" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES "WASTEWATER" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES EXHIBITOR DISPLAY BREAKDOWN	SANDCASTLES GIFT SHOP
1:30-2:30	OVERVIEW OF USI DEFERRED MAINTENANCE	BOGUE SOUND
1:30-3:30	"ELECTRICAL" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES "WASTEWATER" 2 CEU'S, MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES	SANDCASTLES GIFT SHOP
6:00	AWARDS BANQUET (GOLF & FISHING AWARDS ALSO) RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING	ATLANTIC

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mailed. If you know a company who did not receive registration forms and would like to participate, please contact Roxie Mack.

When completing the registration form, please print neatly as the information for nametags and certificates will be taken from this form. LEA's who send in registration for several employees at once need not fill out individual forms. They may send in a sheet listing the names of attendees. Please include LEA address, phone number and contact person.

The deadline for preregistration is August 15, 2014. Registrations not received before that date may be subject to late fee registration and will not be included in the \$50 pre-registration drawing to be held at the opening session. Please encourage your LEA to send in the registrations early. Hopefully this will be one of the best NCPSMA Convention/Workshops ever.

We trust you are making plans to attend. If you have any questions please contact Roxie Mack at 336.366.4939 or e-mail roxiermack@gmail.com.

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Room Reservations

Do not forget to make your own reservations for the eastern convention/workshop. We have a contract DoubleTree by Hilton. The rate is \$119.00 per night. You can make your reservations at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/OAJDTDT-NCP-20140924/index.jhtml>.

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Banquet Meal

If you want to attend the banquet, a banquet ticket will be an additional \$10 each. Spouse/ Guests will not have to register as in the past at \$50 each. However if they want to attend the banquet they must purchase a banquet ticket (\$10). Please note the vendors will most likely not purchase banquet meal tickets unless they plan to attend themselves.

*"It is easier for a
father to have children
than for children to have
a real father."
Pope John XXIII*