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## DISTRICT THREE MEETS IN WAKE COUNTY



Mark Letchworth



Sue Farmer and Kay Moore



Greg Clark



Dr. Dennis Osborne



Greg Woodard

Wake County School Maintenance served as host for district three meeting held August 21, 2014 at the Commons Building in Raleigh. District President Mark Letchworth of Wilson County Schools called the meeting to order. He thanked Sue Farmer of Wilson County Schools for all her hard work in preparing for the event. He thanked Wake County Schools for hosting the event.

Greg Clark, Senior Director of Maintenance and Operations for Wake County Public Schools welcomed everyone. Mr. Clark thanked all maintenance personnel present for their hard work and dedication. He said, "With all that's happened with budget cuts, it's a task to keep the doors open." He stated he has told his department the same thing for the past several years concerning the financial situation, "OK, we've hit bottom, we can only go up. However with the latest budget news, I had to say it again this year -we've hit bottom, we can only go up." He noted his appreciation for what NCPSMA does for public

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## NC LOCKSMITH LICENSING CLASS



On July 22, 2014 ASSA Abloy along with the NCPSMA and Guilford County Schools Maintenance Department hosted a free, full day, lock and door hardware training seminar for all interested persons from schools, colleges, local government as well as

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### DISTRICT 5

September 16, 2014 Place: Monroeton Elementary  
8081 Hwy 158, Reidsville, NC 27320  
Meeting begins at 5:30 pm

For more info contact E C Stophel at 336.634.3270

### 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

### DISTRICT 4

October 23, 2014 Place: TBA - Cumberland County to host  
Meeting begins at 6:00 pm

For more info contact Reggie Long at 910.947.2258

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## LIFE AND TIMES

I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy themselves sometime during this busy summer. Roxie and I were married 34 years this July. We decided to wait until after the convention to celebrate. My brother Roger came to visit us in July for ten days. He's my baby brother and he's been a PGA Golf Club Professional all his adult life. Believe it or not, even the golf business has suffered from the bad economy. In 2012 he lost his job at a club

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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.

## LIFE AND TIMES



became adults. We see each other at Christmas and that's about it. So it was good to get to spend time together.

For a project to keep us both busy, I decided to tackle our front porch, which needed a support beam replaced. We gathered 2x4s and a jack and we got the porch supported so we could remove the old rotted support beam that was approximately 12 feet long. To construct the beam of course we needed materials. I have an assortment of materials on hand, but I didn't have everything we needed so we headed to Lowe's Home Improvement. We purchased 2x6s and 3/4 inch plywood. That was our "first trip" to Lowe's. We constructed the beam on a nice level area of our driveway. Roger had never done anything like this before, or at least this accurate. When we were young we were always building clubhouses or tree houses of some shape or form. We never seemed to have enough materials so these projects were never finished. Anyway, Roger enjoyed fastening the beam together with screws. We got the beam installed pretty quickly that day and I was proud of our accomplishment. The next day we started on the roof. The roof is 30 feet long and 10 wide with a 4/12 pitch. In the early 90's we hired a contractor to shingle most of the steep parts of the roof, which are a 9/12 pitch. I have

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## DISTRICT THREE MEETS IN WAKE COUNTY

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*Ken Goforth*



*Attendees*



*Attendees*



*Alisa Salmon*

school maintenance. Mr. Clark introduced the guest speaker for the event, Dr. Dennis Osborne, Supervisor of Environmental and Grounds for Wake County Schools. Dr. Osborne stated that "pests" are in indicator that something is wrong in a facility. There's a hole, gap, opening, etc. that allows them to enter. He presented a slide show presentation on how Wake County Schools deals with pest issues. It was an informative presentation.

District president Letchworth presided over the business session. President Letchworth noted that he and district vice president Greg Woodard of Wilson County Schools plan to reach out to the LEA's in the district that are not participating. He noted that he began his career over twenty years ago as a maintenance employee. He is now the director, so he understands both sides of the department. He stated he became a member of NCPSMA his first year in school maintenance and has remained a faithful member ever since. He offered his support to members to reach out to those in their departments that are not current members. Greg Woodard read the minutes of the previous meeting, gave the treasurers report and called the roll. Sue Farmer of Wilson County Schools is the District Three Secretary Treasurer and she does an excellent job with the records, but she is not fond of public speaking so Greg filled in for her. 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 briefly. He encouraged members to attend the upcoming eastern convention. He asked members

to think about their commitment to NCPSMA. He encouraged members to get involved and support their officers and serve as officers when needed. He asked members to encourage their supervisors and fellow employees to attend meetings and be more involved in NCPSMA. He offered his support to members and asked them to contact him if he can assist them.

The vendors present introduced themselves and door prizes were awarded. Thank you vendors for your continued and generous support. Alisa Salmon of Vance County Schools won the 50/50 drawing.

Thank you Sue Farmer, Mark Letchworth, Greg Woodard and Tony Hoffman for all your work on the district meeting. Thank you Wake County Schools for hosting the event.

**Roxie**

## NC LOCKSMITH LICENSING CLASS

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others who could use continuing education credits. The class was held in the multi-purpose room at Hairston Middle School in Greensboro.

Topics covered included an "Introduction and Overview of the New NC Locksmith Law" presented by Greg Dobis of ASSA Abloy; "Fire Doors Inspection/Code Changes" presented by Scott Shipton; "Electronic Access Control" presented by Alan Meyer; "Safe Zone/Electrified Locks" presented by Caleb Alan.



The class was well attended by 62 participants from 25 different facilities. We were treated to a delicious lunch of Barbecue from Stamey's Barbecue Restaurant. After lunch the group broke up into four smaller groups for hands on experience at four different stations.

We adjourned after a full day of instruction and hands on experience. The class was well received and the participants were able to earn six hours of continuing education credits, which they will need for renewing their license, which are due every three years.

**Carl Jobe, District Five Advisory Council**

# LIFE AND TIMES

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assured Roxie that I'll never let a contractor use an pneumatic nail gun on our roof again because the roof is sheeted with oak boards and when they shot a nail between the boards they just kept going, whether they hit a board or not, which later resulted in the nails popping through the shingles. I called the roofer back several times and each time he would be in such a hurry that he would miss half of the nails that needed fixing so I just started repairing them myself. With most of the roof being a 9/12 pitch it wasn't fun trying to walk using foam two rubber squares but they do work. We will need a new roof soon. Roxie and I decided to install the old style 5-V roofing tin that was on our 1917 house years ago when we have to put on a new roof. The original roof was wood shingles and the second roof was 5-V tin. Since the porch needed roofing now we purchased the tin for the porch roof. It will be a good way to see if we really want the tin roof, but I feel sure we will both like it. Roger and got started on the new porch roof. We began by removing the old galvanized gutters and downspouts. Since the roof is a hip style roof it has gutters on three sides. The shingles removal was next and after a few minutes into the job Roger said he wasn't used to working on a roof and he would be the ground man and do the cleanup. That suited me just fine because I hate to do the cleanup and it didn't take long to strip it. After all the shingles and felt paper were removed we could see the almost 100-year-old solid oak boards and that some needed replacing. There was only about 30 square feet that needed replacing but it required a second trip to Lowes for the material. I had previously purchased the "Grace" brand "Bituthene3000" underlayment. For those of you that haven't worked

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# GUS

Gus had a busy summer. We are all still adjusting to our new family member and Sam I Am is adjusting well in our family. Sam and Gus had lots of outings in July. Gus attended two churches for Vacation Bible School this summer plus his camp at Caraway. Sam I Am tagged along for all the events and did a great job. One of Gus' favorite events in VBS is the 200-foot slip and slide. Sam lay in the grass and watched as all the kids slid down the hill.



Chris, Sam I am and I attended Happiness Retreat with Gus this year. This is a camp for folks with disabilities. Once again Gus was the youngest camper and the most active. Gus made several new friends including an older gentleman in a wheelchair, Glen. Gus is always drawn to folks with special needs, especially those in a wheelchair. Sam I Am became a therapy dog at Gus' camp. Many of the campers, especially Glen, loved Sam. Even though Glen was nonverbal, it was easy to see he enjoyed Gus' attention. Anytime he saw Sam, his face lit up and he couldn't resist patting Sam on the head. This camp is a real eye opener for first time visitors and an up-lifter for those of us who return every year. Folks with special needs don't tend to hide feelings. Everyone at camp is your friend and everyone is welcome to worship as they wish. "Praise and Worship Time" was always exciting and Gus really enjoyed dancing and clapping as we praised God. At Happiness Retreat, all the campers are very special people, just as God intends. We are all broken and disabled in some way but we are all very special creations to God.

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## LIFE AND TIMES

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with this material before - it is "sticky" stuff. You have to be sure the sub straight is clean first, then spray a bonding agent on the area you want to cover and then after you have premeasured and cut the first piece, you peel off the back as you roll out the material. If you let it touch in the wrong place, or get a wrinkle in it, well to bad, it's stuck. We did pretty well keeping it all inline and wrinkle free, but we did ask Roxie to assist us one time. We heard a thunderstorm coming our way so we placed tarps on the uncovered areas, but when the storm arrived it was a real gully washer and rain leaked through onto the porch. After seeing how bad it was leaking I couldn't stand it so I went and rounded up more tarps and went back up on the roof in the pouring rain, thunder, lightning and wind and got it all covered better. However, by then a lot of rain had made it through the roof.

The heavy rain finished the project for the day so that evening after supper I decided to pick more blackberries. I had already picked a couple of gallons and they were the biggest berries I had seen in many summers. Roger was eager to pick and I asked him when was the last time he had picked blackberries. He could not remember. I reminded him of a trip we took back in the 60's with our parents. My dad's father and some of his uncles were tomato ranchers in Fort Pierce Florida. One of their buyers owned a farm and city home in Hendersonville N.C. We got to go and spend a week on that farm during the summers. I have always loved farms since I was a child and got to spend a big part of my summers with my grandparents on their farm in Pageland South Carolina. The mountain farm we visited was beautiful, located in a valley along the French Broad River. It was like one of those farms you see in pictures. It had several large red painted gambrel roofed barns for hay storage, which were all square bales back then and the main dairy barn had several concrete silos and two old glazed brick silos. Climbing those silos sure beat tree climbing any day. There was also a long feed/loafing barn that seemed to us to be a mile long. We three boys had a ball climbing those silos and making hay tunnels through the square bales of hay and playing hide and seek. My older brother Charles was very good at it and sometimes it took Roger and I a while to find him. Charles, Roger and I got to ride in a jeep with the top removed with the farm manager who was named Leroy. Leroy took us blackberry picking and we rode all over that valley picking blackberries. The road wasn't always smooth so one time Roger accidentally kicked over a bucket of berries. He must have been around four or five years old and he started crying. Leroy heard him crying and stopped the jeep. He saw what had happened and of course my older brother and I had nothing to do with the spilled berries. He assured Roger that it was OK, there was no harm done and we picked them up. Roger had forgotten about the blackberry picking experience. I don't think he enjoyed picking blackberries with me that evening as he got scratched and mosquito bit. But he did enjoy the blackberry pie and blackberry cobbler that Roxie made that week.

The next morning we got back on the roof and used a blower to help speed the drying process. As they say "Practice makes perfect." By the time we installed our last piece of underlayment we were getting pretty good. Right in the center of the roof is a dormer, which at the base of that dormer there is a small 9/12 pitch roof about 20 feet by two feet. It overhangs the porch roof so under it was a little difficult to see and work. We removed some of the sheeting on top and worked from the top. I quickly realized why we had some frozen pipes between the downstairs ceiling and the upstairs floor several winters ago. There were places that didn't have any insulation or even sheeting on the walls. This was going to be a time-consuming repair job, but since this was the cause of some frozen pipes I needed to repair it correctly, so we got started on it.

When we got up the next morning and it was raining so we decided to go to Crumpler, N.C. in Ashe County and eat breakfast at Shatley Springs. Roger hadn't been to

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## NOT HOME YET



mama discussed the Holy Bible and talked about Heaven.

Like most residents of assisted living facilities or nursing homes, mama has her "down days" when she wants to go home. What she really wants of course is to go back to the "old" days, the days when she was at home surrounded by her family and friends. If she could physically "go home" I feel sure she would not be happy like she thinks she would be. Daddy, her husband of 64 years, has gone to be with our Lord. Her children are grown and her daughters have children and grandchildren of their own.

Sometimes when I visit, she's especially sad and wants to go home. It's sad when I walk in the front door and she's sitting in the lobby and when she sees me she says, "Oh good, you are here, I've been waiting on you to come take me home." She's not sure who I am anymore, but she's knows I'm "family." I'll walk her back to her room and try to cheer her up. I used to try to encourage her by telling her that she doesn't have to do anything in the facility she's in. She does not have to cook or wash dishes anymore, she does not have to wash clothes or clean house. Sometimes that would cheer her up some, but I discovered a better way to cheer her up when I visit and she's sad and wants to go home. I tell her that one day she will go home, she'll go home to Heaven. She'll be with her Lord and Savior and will be with daddy again. We talk about what we imagine Heaven will be like. I remind her that in Heaven she'll not be in pain anymore. We both enjoy good food so I ask her what kind of food she thinks we will eat in Heaven. I remind her that we will forever be in the presence of our Lord.

In His word our Lord tells us some things about Heaven. Following are a few: John 14:2 – "In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you;" Revelation 21:4 – "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away;" Revelation 21:23 – "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

Of course we can only speculate as to what Heaven will be like. 1 Corinthians 2:9 tells us: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Them that love Him, that's the key. We must accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Even with mama's confused state of mind, she can still remember that. She'll tell you "You must believe in and accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord, or you won't go to Heaven."

I'm sure mama will always miss her former earthly home. I know I'd miss mine. I always look forward to returning home, after long trips. I enjoy being at home with my husband and pets. But as I grow older, I find I am looking forward to my home in Heaven. All tears will be wiped away, no sorrow of death, no more pain. On days that are especially stressful, I like to walk outside, look up in the sky and say, "Today would be a good day Jesus." But His timing is not our timing and no one knows when He will return, but I believe He will and I'm looking for Him.

Recently I read a story about a missionary who was returning home after a lifetime of service. It goes like this: *An old missionary couple had been working in Africa for years, and they were returning to New York City to retire. They had*

My mother is ninety years old. She lives in an assisted living facility. She has Alzheimer's. She's been there for a few years now and has had several different roommates. She's been blessed that the majority of them have been good companions for her. One in particular was a real blessing. She and

## OBITUARY

Allen "Ray" Shrum



Allen "Ray" Shrum, age 58, formerly of Selma NC went home to be with His Lord on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Ray retired from the Johnston County School System as HVAC supervisor with Facility Services. He was active in NCPSMA and served as a District Three Advisory Council Member for several terms. He was the son of the late Allen Hurst and Mary Capps Shrum. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Teresa Eason Shrum; son, Laurent Shrum of Four Oaks; sister, Diane Shrum Mitchell and husband, Billy of Garner; special companion, "Button". Also surviving include several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Allen "Ray" Shrum. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.parrishfh.com](http://www.parrishfh.com).

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Shatley Springs since the sixty's when we went with our parents. After a hearty breakfast we went and visited the Fresco's that are in two small churches in Ashe County. He hadn't seen them before and he enjoyed the visit. If you haven't seen them, I recommend that you do on your next trip to this part of the Blue Ridge. You'll be blessed by what you see.

We worked on the roof the next couple of days and then Roger was on his way to Ohio. I would miss him, as he was a big help in doing the cutting on the ground while I was on the roof installing the pieces. We all three worked very hard that week. Roger and I on the roof project and Roxie on her job and in the kitchen preparing some of the best meals you have ever tasted, which is usual for me.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention this month. God bless.

Ron Mack

## NCPSSMA DISTRICT III ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 10, 2014

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# SEPTEMBER RECIPE

My mother always made a great chocolate pie. I don't have her recipe for chocolate pie, but I have one that we really like. Rheannon brought it home from school when she was in home economics (or Teen Living as they called it). The recipe was named "Flossie Johnson's Chocolate Pie." The recipe called for margarine, but we changed that to butter and we added the meringue. It has become our favorite chocolate pie. Rheannon makes one occasionally for her daddy. He's been waiting for her to surprise him with one. She has become a great cook since she got married. For someone who lived off frozen pizza, grilled cheese sandwiches and Easy Mac while in college, she's really come a long way! We always enjoy a meal at her house.

## Flossie Johnson's Chocolate Pie

### Ingredients

1/4-cup plain flour  
1/8-cup cocoa  
1-cup sugar  
1/8-teaspoon salt  
1/2 can evaporated milk  
1-cup whole milk  
2 eggs –separated  
1/2-teaspoon vanilla  
1 1/2 Tablespoons butter  
Prebaked pie shell

### Directions

Mix together in a medium saucepan, flour, cocoa, sugar and salt. In a blender place evaporated milk, whole milk and two egg yolks. Blend until incorporated. Pour liquid mixture into dry ingredients, stirring with a wire whisk. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly and boil for one minute. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter. Pour into baked pie shell and refrigerate until chilled. (We usually let it come to room temperature and eat it-lol!

### For meringue

### Ingredients

2 egg whites  
1/8-teaspoon cream of tartar  
6 Tablespoons sugar

### Directions

In a small bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on medium speed until soft peaks form. On high speed, gradually beat in sugar, one tablespoon at a time, until stiff glossy peaks form and sugar is dissolved. Spread meringue over hot filling, sealing edges to crust. Bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes or until meringue is golden brown. (I usually just place the pie under broiler and watch until browned). When mama made meringue she'd fold in marshmallow cream to the meringue mixture after beating. That makes for a nice "high" tasty meringue.

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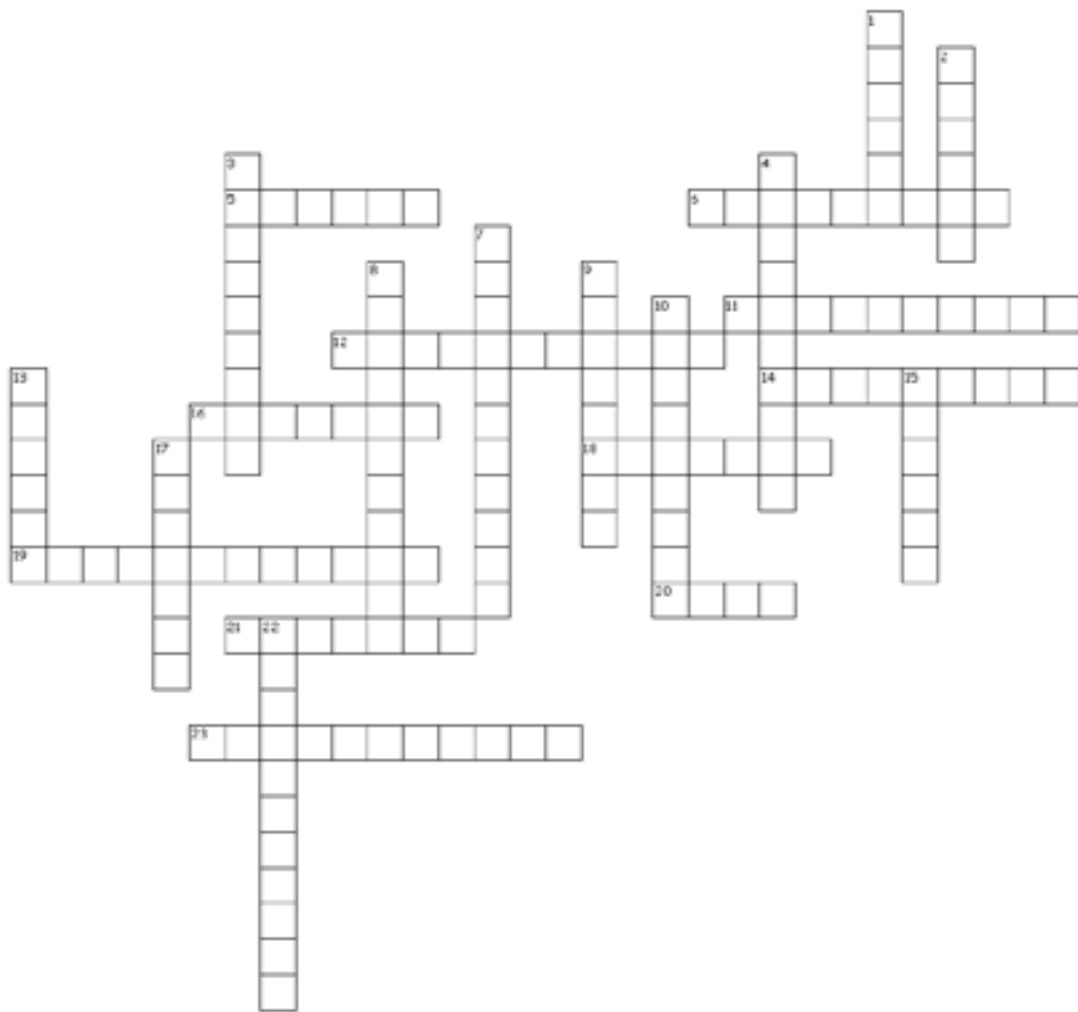
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3. Blackbeard's Revenge, an outdoor drama depicting Blackbeard's life before becoming the infamous pirate, is preformed in what community?
4. Where was the great motion picture director and producer Cecil B. DeMille born?
7. What creek community in the western part of Mitchell County was named for the now-extinct passenger pigeon?
8. The television movies A Stoning in Fulham County and The Ryan White Story were shot in what town?
9. The Croaker Queen contest is held in what community?
10. Entertainer Earl Scruggs was born in what county?
13. What county is Surf City situated?
15. What is the only county in the US to have a complete range of mountains within the county?
17. In what community is the 1808-build Sally-Billy House part of the historical district?
22. The NC Rhododendron Festival, complete with beauty pageants and street square dancing, is held in what town?

**Across**

5. Listen and Remember, an outdoor drama telling the story of early pioneers, including the parents of Andrew Jackson, is presented in what community?
6. Department store magnate John Montgomery Belk served as mayor of which city from 1969-1977?
11. Fiddler Charlie Daniels was born in what NC City?
12. The Bright Leaf Hoedown is a fall event in what town?
14. In what community was actress Anne Jeffreys born?
16. Laurinburg born Woody Shaw acquired fame playing what instrument?
18. What town developed around Brock Mill Pond?
19. Where was country music star Ronnie Milsap born?
20. What coastal county was formed in 1870 from Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell counties?
21. NC born George Hamilton IV recorded what 1963 hit song?
23. What community is known for its New Year's Shooters festivities in which the firing of black powder muskets ushers in the New Year?

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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

**NOT HOME YET**

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*no pension; their health was broken; they were defeated, discouraged, and afraid. They discovered they were booked on the same ship as President Teddy Roosevelt, who was returning from one of his big-game hunting expeditions. No one paid much attention to them. They watched the fanfare that accompanied the President's entourage, with passengers trying to catch a glimpse of the great man. As the ship moved across the ocean, the old missionary said to his wife, "Something is wrong. Why should we have given our lives in faithful service for God in Africa all these many years and have no one care a thing about us? Here this man comes back from a hunting trip and everybody makes much over him, but nobody gives two hoots about us." "Dear, you shouldn't feel that way," his wife said. "I can't help it; it doesn't seem right." When the ship docked in New York, a band was waiting to greet the President. The mayor and other dignitaries were there. The papers were full of the President's arrival, but no one noticed this missionary couple. They slipped off the ship and found a cheap flat on the East side, hoping the next day to see what they could do to make a living in the city. That night, the man's spirit broke. He said to his wife, "I can't take this; God is not treating us fairly." His wife replied, "Why don't you go into the bedroom and tell that to the Lord?" A short time later he came out from the bedroom, but now his face was completely different. His wife asked, "Dear, what happened?" "The Lord settled it with me," he said. "I told him how bitter I was that the President should receive this tremendous homecoming, when no one met us as we returned home. And when I finished, it seemed as though the Lord put his hand on my shoulder and simply said, 'But you're not home yet!'" Someday mama will be "home" and someday I'll be with her and daddy there. What a 'homecoming' that will be.*

**Roxie**

**ACT NOW**

Please send in your registration for the 42nd Annual NCPSMA Eastern Convention Workshop. We have a great agenda lined up for you. We will be back at the former Sheraton which is now DoubleTree. I know many of you wanted to return to that hotel and our state president Ken Goforth worked hard to secure a contract with DoubleTree that we could work with. I know everyone is so busy. I am too. Seems my life gets busier and busier. I thought when our children were grown and on their own that our lives would slow down, but that has not been the case. But we need to take time to learn, rest and relax, and socialize with our peers. The Eastern Convention provides all of this. The classes are taught by professionals and I'm sure you will learn from them, there is time after class to rest and relax and there is time to meet with others who share your profession and discuss current work issues or problems.

If you have never attended before, this will be a great year to check out the event. If it's been a while since you have attended, we welcome you back. If you are a regular attendee, we look forward to seeing you again.

We need a good attendance more than ever. Our exhibitors are counting on being able to meet with a good number of regular members. We need to do our best to keep our exhibitors happy and looking forward to attending each year. Our exhibitors are such an asset to our yearly conventions as well as NCPSMA in general.

A tentative agenda and registration form are available in this issue of the Beacon as well as online at [www.ncpsma.org](http://www.ncpsma.org). If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact me at 336.366.4939 or [roxiermack@gmail.com](mailto:roxiermack@gmail.com). I will be happy to assist you.

I hope to see you there.

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