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The districts of NCPSMA meet twice yearly.

District 1
January, July
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Pres. Kevin Sandlin
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Pres. Mark Letchworth
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District 6
April, October
Pres. Sam Watkins
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District 7
May, November
Pres. Jeff Adams
Phone: 336.679.3138

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.

43RD ANNUAL CONVENTION WORKSHOP

The 43rdAnnual NCPSMA Eastern Convention Workshop was held at Atlantic Beach, September 23-25, 2015. The theme for the convention/workshop this year was "What's Leadership Got to Do With It?" There were around 307 attendees registered for the event. We had more maintenance directors attend this year. There were 60 vendor display spaces sold. Those who participated in the event include the following: Advanced Electronic Services; All Seasons; American Leak Detection; Anderson Sanitary Maintenance Products; ASSA/Abloy; Atlantic Coastal Supply, Inc.; BIRS, Inc.; Bradford Sales; Brame Specialty Company; Brantley Electronics; CSS Boiler & Mechanical Supply; C. H. Edwards, Inc.; CMH-Flooring; Colonial Materials, Inc.; Cook and Boardman Group, LLC;

Ken Goforth

Bergie Speaks

Bergie Speaks and Michael Spillman

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JAY PALMER SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jay Palmer Scholarship is awarded annually to qualified recipients enrolled in institutions of higher learning.

Application must be postmarked by February 28, 2016. You must include an active NCPSMA Membership Card with the application. An application form is on page 6.

For more information contact Larry McClain, Jay Palmer Scholarship Chairman at 336.292.3083.

GRAFFITI IN OUR SCHOOLS

Trying to anticipate when and where we will be hit by graffiti is basically not going to happen with the exception of maybe a few areas. In the past there are a few areas here at Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) where we have put down an anti-graffiti product and those areas were almost never hit after we applied the coatings. I can only think of one area where they did hit after an anti-graffiti product was used and yes, it worked. Unfortunately it hardly ever works like that. Graffiti can be costly for school systems.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

DISTRICT 3 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: November 6, 2015; Place: Wedgewood Golf Course, 3201 Stantonsburg Road, Wilson, NC
Time: Sign-In & Lunch: noon / Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
For more information please contact Sue Farmer at 252.399.7823

DISTRICT 8 MEETING

November 17, 2015 at 6 pm. Place: Haywood County School Maintenance, 401 Farmview Dr. Waynesville, NC 28786
For more information contact Adam Robinson at 828.456.2402

DISTRICT 7 MEETING

November 19, 2015 at 6 pm. Place: William R. Davie Elementary 3437 US Hwy North, Mocksville, NC 27028
For more information contact Jeff Adams at 336.679.3138

DISTRICT 6 MEETING

November 24, 2015 at 6:30. Place: Troutman's Barbecue, Warren Coleman Blvd, Concord, NC,
For more information contact Ken Goforth at 704-245-3861

DISTRICT 3 MEETING

February 18, 2016 at 4:00.
Place: TBA-Edgecombe County to host
For more information contact Sue Farmer at 252.399.7823

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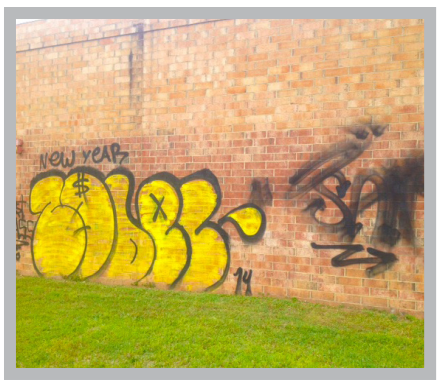

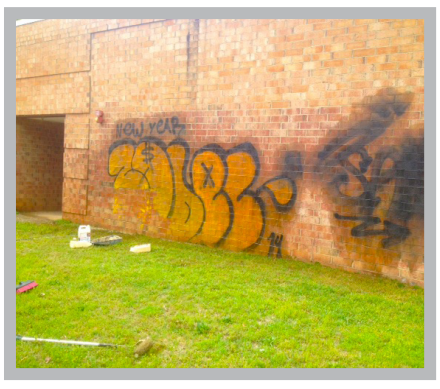

Our approach at CMS is to take care of it ASAP and there are reasons why we do this. We think the biggest factor that happens with graffiti, whether it is gang, foul language, or even sometimes it looks like really good art, is that it heightens fear in our students and our community. We don't want the students, parents, or members our community to feel like it is tolerated even if it looks creative so like I said getting to it ASAP is crucial. Sometimes the school staff has to help us if we cannot get to the graffiti as fast as the school officials would like. At CMS we have many schools that are aware of this and when they know we can't get there right away, they will do their best to cover it up with paper or something until we can address the issue.

From the standpoint of the person who removes graffiti, the longer it sits the harder it is to get off; especially if the sun is bearing down on it or it is on a porous surface. There are so many different substrates at the schools these days that once they are tagged with graffiti it can be almost impossible to remove without destroying the finish or integrity of the surface. We have tried just about every graffiti removal product on the market including sandblasting. Now we have started using one product that has a chemical for basically every situation. It took us years of trying different things for different situations, which was extremely time consuming and expensive.

By Michael Herrick
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools
District Six Advisory Member

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Banquet

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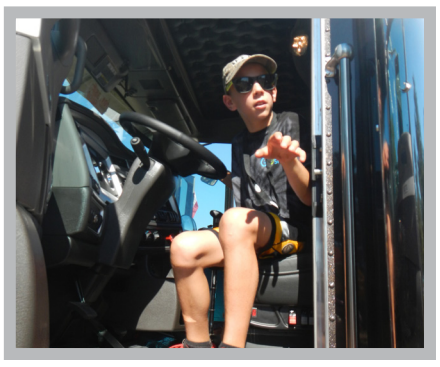
GUS

I've learned over the years that timing is crucial when planning special events with Gus. If I tell him too early about a big day, he can't understand why we have to wait weeks. If I don't prepare him a little ahead, he doesn't have time to process it. So for the big Logging Expo in Smithfield/Selma on September 19th, I kept quiet for as long as I could and Gus found out about two weeks ahead of time. So for two weeks, he told everyone he was going to the logging show and drive a big skidder. Gus had been to this before so he knew he was going to see some big skidders, feller bunchers, loaders, and 'lots' of people.



When the big day came Gus and I were both excited. Unfortunately, Gus woke up in a bad mood and it didn't improve much all day. We made the three hour drive, all the while thinking things would improve when he finally saw the equipment. He enjoyed climbing around on all the machines and trucks but his attitude didn't

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Bull buffalo taking a dirt bath

Hilltop view of steam rising up from hot spots

One of many limestone formations

Last month I left off with the 40 to 50 cow buffalo wandering all in the road. I guess they were doing one of their many photo shoots of the day, lol. About a half a mile down the road we started seeing bull buffalo. Some were walking right down the centerline of the road. The road we were on followed the Firehole River for a ways and we saw an Osprey hunting for a fish dinner on the river. That was a beautiful sight. It was getting late by this time so we headed back to the hotel for a good night's rest. The next morning, May 3, the third day of our travels, we got an early start and were back in the park headed to the Mammoth Hot Springs area hoping to see some Elk. The hot springs are the most common Hydro Thermal feature in Yellowstone. They are very different from the deep pools of water throughout the remainder of the park. The hot water flows down a terraced hillside much like a staircase. They are also different because the water flows through limestone instead of volcanic rock. They said this rock is from an ancient sea that once covered the park. Just think Noah could have sailed right through this area back in his time! Who knows? As the hot water and gases travel through the cracks and fissures to the surface, dissolved limestone is carried out and deposited as white travertine or calcium carbonate, which is in some antacids for heartburn. The water sculpts intercut patterns and designs, which then cause the staircase, look. In places bacteria and algae thrive which colors

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NC DPI PLANT OPERATION UPCOMING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The Plant Operation Section is offering the following workshops in November and December:

School Maintenance Electrician Exam & Review
November 3-6, 2015 First day begins at 9:00 a.m.
Fayetteville – Cumberland Co. Schools Maintenance Facility, 810 Gillespie Street
No Fee -To register for the class, please email registration information to Gayle Dietzel. To sit for the School Electrician exam you must have prior approval from the Office of State Fire Marshall. Application is attached to this email.

Wastewater Facility Operator's 6-hr. Certification
December 9, 2015
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Cumberland Co. Schools Maintenance Training Bldg. 810 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, NC
Basic refresher course on the design, operation, and maintenance of sandfilters, which includes basic theory of biological wastewater treatment and operator's responsibilities.

To register for these workshops please email Gayle.Dietzel@dpi.nc.gov with the workshop name, and correct spelling of those you wish to register. If you have questions, please contact Gayle.

Gayle Dietzel
Program Assistant
DPI-Plant Operation Section
Gayle.Dietzel@dpi.nc.gov
919-807-3541

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Kevin Sandlin

Ronald Moore

Gary Bell

ation of the Carolinas; TeamWORKS; Terracon Consultants, Inc.; Tremco Roofing and Building Maintenance; W.C. Rouse & Son, Inc.; Windsor Karcher North America; Weeks-Williams & DeVore. If you know of a company you do business with who did not participate, please encourage them to attend. Contact Roxie Mack, 336.366.4939 or roxiermack@gmail.com for more information.

The first morning of the convention/workshop started early. Workshops began at eight a.m. A workshop on "Door Hardware-Maintenance & Installation, Part One" was presented Alan Meyer, ASSA Abloy. "Wastewater, Part One" was presented Bob DeWeese, retired, NCDPI Plant Operation. More workshops began at 10 am including "Accessibility 101" presented by Robert Page and Seth Newman, Port City Elevator. "Structural Pest Control" was presented by Dr. Michael Waldvogel, Extension Professor & Specialist, NCSU. "Door Hardware – Maintenance and Installation, Part Two", was presented by Alan Meyer. "Wastewater, Part Two" was presented by Bob DeWeese. The NCPSMA Advisory Council met from noon to two p.m.

The opening session followed with NCPSMA State President Ken Goforth presiding. President Goforth gave the opening welcome and called the General Business Session to order. Rick Benton gave the invocation. State Vice President Michael Spillman recognized retired members and first time attendees. He also recognized those who had served in the military, those who are currently serving as well as those who currently have family members in service. He asked for a moment of silence for Shelton

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REGISTRATION FORM

GOLF TOURNAMENT
NCPSMA District III
Open to the Public, All are Welcome!

November 6, 2015

Wedgewood Golf Course,
3201 Stantonsburg Road, Wilson, NC

Entrance Fee: $50 per player – 4 players per team
Mulligans: $5 each (limit of 2)
Fees Include: Green Fees, Cart & Lunch

Sponsorship Opportunity $100 per hole

PRIZES -LOW SCORE/LONGEST DRIVE/CLOSEST TO PIN

Sign-In & Lunch: noon
Shotgun Start 1:00 pm

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

School Unit _____

Return to:
Sue Farmer
C/O Wilson County School Maintenance Department
PO Box 3878
Wilson, NC 27895

Registration due by September 19, 2015

Phone 252.399.7823
Fax 252.243.7197

Make checks payable to: NCPSMA District III

GUS

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change. He tugged and pulled and talked ugly all day. We lasted about an hour and a half and headed home, canceling our plans to stay the night with relatives. When we arrived home, Gus was a little calmer and less testy. The much anticipated day turned out to be one of the worst days Gus has had in a long time. I'm not sure what made the day so rough for Gus but that's the way it goes with a child who has special needs. We try things, knowing it may or may not work. Often times I have no explanation for the outcome, be it good or bad. To hear Gus talk about the logging show, he had a great time "driving" the skidders and big trucks. Sometimes I wish I could focus more on the fun and good in a day rather than dwelling on the bad and mistakes in a day.

Saturday, October 10th was another greatly anticipated day for Gus, Cider Makin'. For two weeks, Gus invited everyone he saw to our Annual Cider Makin'. It didn't matter if Gus knew them or not, he invited everyone; strangers at the grocery store, strangers at the gas station, anyone who would listen. The big day finally came and Gus had a blast. He greeted everyone who came in the driveway and tested the majority of car/truck horns. As soon as another vehicle came in the driveway, Gus was there when the door opened. In years past, it has been hard to keep up with where Gus is while we

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Graham, Maintenance Director, Duplin County Schools & District Four AC Member; who passed away since the 2014 Eastern Convention.

The minutes from the 2014 General Business Session were read by Reggie Long, NCPSMA State Secretary and were approved. Kristie Keener gave the Financial, Membership and Convention Reports. State officers (2015-2016) were elected. They are as follows: Ken Goforth of Rowan-Salisbury Schools, State President; Michael Spillman of Davie County Schools, State Vice President; Reggie Long of Moore County Schools, State Secretary and Bergie Speaks of Wilkes County Schools, Liaison Officer. Congratulations to our state officers! The dates for the Western Convention were announced as June 1 & 2, 2016 and the Eastern Convention dates were announced as September 21-23, 2016. President Goforth encouraged members to visit with the exhibitors. Michael Spillman noted there is an NCPSMA Vision Committee and members will be meeting to discuss the future of NCPSMA. Bergie Speaks encouraged members to use the NCDPI Plant Operation Section. Wes Lee encouraged attendance in the fishing tournament and President Goforth encouraged attendance in the golf tournament. Bryan Alligood of Beaufort County Schools won the preregistration ($50) drawing. President Goforth adjourned the meeting.

Later in the afternoon workshops were presented simultaneously. “Structural Pest Control, Part Two” was presented by Dr. Michael Waldvogel; “Preventative Maintenance for Roofing & Waterproofing Systems” was presented by Eddie Brock, REI Engineers Project Manager; “Mechanical Code Updates & Fuel Gas Code Updates” was presented by Rod Tripp, Heat Transfer Solutions; “Bleacher & Athletic Equipment Safety & Maintenance” was presented by Terence O’Hagan, President, Facili-Serv.; “School Security & Fire Doors” was presented by Scott Shipton, ASSA Abloy; “Wastewater, Part Three” was presented by Bob DeWeese.

The Vendor Association Pig Pickin’ got underway on Wednesday evening. There was plenty of pork and fixings for those who attended. Vendors sponsoring the affair included: Matt Marshall & Company; Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware; Hardware Distributors, Inc.; D H Bruch Marketing, Inc.; Forbo Flooring; REI Engineers; Nick Stewart (GAF/Hydro-Stop); BIRS, Inc., and The Garland Company. Many thanks to those who sponsored the event.

The weather for the fishing and golf tournaments held early Thursday morning was wet! The 32nd Annual Handi-Clean /Jay Palmer Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Star Hill Golf & Country Club. The tournament was sponsored by Handi-Clean Products, Inc. Several participated in the boat fishing tournament. The tournament was sponsored in part by Heat Transfer Solutions and NCPSMA District Six. Many thanks to the sponsors of these tournaments. Winners of the tournaments were recognized during the Awards Banquet.

Credit hour classes began early morning. Todd Mobley, NCDPI Plant Operation Section Engineer, presented the “Electrical, Part One” and Shawn Banks, Carteret County Extension Director, presented “Ornamental Pest Control, Part One.” Martin Giblin of Forbo Flooring presented “Floor Care-Sustainable Solutions” and “Proper Bleacher Care and Safe Operations” was presented by Stephen Bishop, Seating Safety Solutions. The exhibitor display selection was held and the exhibitors set up their displays. A “Superintendents and

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Yellowstone River

Road Construction

Elk grazing beside of the road

the springs yellow, orange and brown. These areas continue to grow daily as the hot water continues to flow depositing minerals as it flows. With the network of underground channels the hot water changes course, in many cases overnight, which completely changes the landscape into dry brittle surfaces. This is why they say the park changes its appearance each time you visit. Many steep slope areas like an underground cave turned inside out with all the stalactites hanging from the cliffs.

Yellowstone was the first National Park established in 1872. It also had a Military Fort, “Fort Yellowstone” that preserved the park. This was 40 years before the National Park Service was even created. With limited funds the park fell victim to poachers, vandals and squatters. In 1886 congress refused funding so the park turned to the army for help. The US Calvary arrived and restored order to the park. They were headquartered at Mammoth Hot Springs. Some soldiers were sent to outposts in the park so further regions could be patrolled. During the summers soldiers patrolled on horses and in winter they used skis. The soldiers lived in temporary buildings for five harsh winters before they realized they would be a there for a while and started building permanent posts. Many of the wood clapboard and stone buildings there today are the original offices and quarters. The National Park service was created in 1916. Two years later the Park Service took over Yellowstone and many of the soldiers continued to stay at the park as employees. After leaving the Fort area we learned why the bark was rubbed off many of the trees along the sides of the roads. They were Elk rubs. The bark had been rubbed off from one foot to ten feet off the ground. Just

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JAY PALMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Completed application should be mailed to Larry McClain,
Scholarship Chairman
C/O Handi-Clean Products
301 S Swing Road
Greensboro, NC 27409

A. Applicants Name _____
Address _____
Phone (___)_____ E-mail address _____
Date of Birth_____ Age _____ Social Security #_____
Applicant Employer _____
Approximate Salary ___ 0-$10,000 ___$10,001-$20,000
___ $20,001-$30,000 ___$30,001-$40,000 ___ $40,000-above
Current Member of NCPSMA ___ yes ___ no District # _____

***Please include a copy of current NCPSMA membership card with completed application**.

B. If applicable: Spouse _____
Address_____
Applicant Spouse Employer _____Work Phone Number _____
Approximate Salary ___ $0-$10,000 ___$10,001-$20,000 ___
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***Please include a copy of current NCPSMA membership card with completed application.**

C. Names/Addresses of Parents:
Father _____ Mother _____
Address _____ Address_____
Employer _____ Employer _____
Work Phone_____ Work Phone_____
Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____
E-mail address _____
Current Member of NCPSMA ___ yes ___ no District # _____
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D. If applicant Dependant Child or Adopted Child
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___$60,001-$70,000 ___$70,001-$80,000 ___$80,001-$90,000
___$90,001-$100,000 ___$100,001 and over

E. Please list other family members attending school/college, etc.
Name College or School Year to Graduate Age
Sibling (s) _____ _____

Father/Mother_____ _____ _____ _____
Dependent/Adopted Children_____ _____
F. High School Applicant Attended/Attends_____Year of Completion ____
G. College Attending or Applied to and Accepted_____
Years Attended _____ Year to Begin _____ Student ID# _____
Address* of college or university/accepted to _____
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***Where to send the check made out to the institution and applicant. Include a copy of acceptance letter.**

H. Financial assistance from all other sources_____
_____

I. *Include applicants extracurricular activities including, but not limited to academic, church, community, etc. Please list on separate sheet.

J. *Briefly convey in 200-500 words on a separate sheet your hopes, wishes and desires for your academic and professional future, along with why you chose the college you plan to attend. Please fill out completely and honestly. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Recipients will be announced or notified by the end of June each year. If awarded scholarship, check will be written to the university and applicant, mailed on or about the first week of August of award year.

***DENOTES REQUIRED INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON/OR WITH APPLICATION.**
Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2016 and mailed to:
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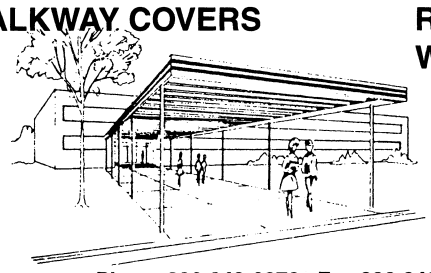
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North Yellowstone Park Entrance

driving through the park was beautiful, but seeing the hot water flowing down steep mountainsides and into icy cold, rushing rivers and the steam formations was really something. At times the road would top a hill and you could see for miles in many directions and what looked like campfires in hundreds of places. The steam was reaching into the sky for hundreds of feet.

Next we came upon some road construction where they were replacing the old galvanized culverts with terracotta culverts. I would have thought they would have used the heavy black PVC or concrete culvert pipes. I don't believe I've seen terracotta culvert pipes that large before. I guess it had something to do with the minerals in the hot water, which would have softened the PVC. While still in the Mammoth area we saw three cow Elk grazing alongside the road. We stopped and I got several pictures of them; they didn't seem to mind. While still in Yellowstone we left Wyoming and entered into Montana and we started seeing several houses. On the winding road leaving the park we saw a herd of elk grazing beside the Yellowstone River in a valley below us at an elevation of 5,314 feet. We exited the park through a beautiful stone entrance, which is the North Entrance to the park. We stopped in Gardiner Montana for a quick car wash because many of the roads through the park were not paved and the construction areas were very muddy.

Until next month, take care and God bless.

Ron Mack
Retired Elkin City Schools
District Seven News Coordinator

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Greg Woodard, Mark Letchworth and Lee Newcomb

Donna Fields

Directors" visitation was held when set up was complete. Workshops continued with "Electrical, Part Two" presented by Todd Mobley and "Ornamental Pest Control, Part Two" presented by Tom Glasgow, Craven County Extension Director. "Drain Cleaning and Pipe Inspection" was presented by Matt Hedrick, Spartan Tool.

Following a break for lunch, workshops continued. "Introduction to Leadership" was presented by Tom Fehlman, President/Founder of Bottom Line, Inc. Following the workshop, participants enjoyed a refreshment break and visitation with the exhibitors. The refreshment break was sponsored in part by Weeks, Williams, DeVore. Door prizes were provided during the event. Many thanks to Weeks Williams and DeVore for helping to sponsor the refreshment break and to the exhibitors who donated door prizes. Northwestern Carolina Distributors sponsored the Ladies Bingo. There were a lot of great prizes to win and a delicious refreshment break. Thank you NWCD for sponsoring the event and thank you to Kristie Keener, Immediate Past State President and Reggie Long, State Secretary for presiding over the event.

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NOVEMBER RECIPE

Our family loves Pecan Pie. We always have it on Thanksgiving Day. For years I used a recipe by the name of Adcocks's Pecan Pie, and it was good. Then I bought "Mama Dip's" cookbook and she has the best recipe for Pecan Pie. It's the only one I use now and its delicious! I hope you will give it a try.

Mama Dip's Pecan Pie

Ingredients

1 stick butter or margarine (I use butter)
1 cup sugar
1 cup light Karo syrup
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup chopped pecans (I use about 1 1/3 cups)
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
(I add a teaspoon of vanilla)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a saucepan, melt the butter but don't let it brown. Mix in the sugar and Karo syrup and cook, stirring, over medium heat until the sugar dissolves. Set off heat and let cool slightly. Stir in the eggs. (I always temper the eggs by adding a small amount of the mixture to the eggs, a little at a time, and stirring so the eggs will not 'scramble'). Stir in the vanilla (if using). Mix well. Stir in the pecans. Pour into the pie shell and bake for 1 hour or until firm when shaken (I use a glass pie pan so I only bake around 55 minutes, it will continue to cook some after you take it out of the oven). Enjoy!

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Friday brought a full day of activities. The morning began with a Continental Breakfast sponsored in part by NCPSMA Districts Three, Seven and Eight. Many thanks to the district sponsors!

Credit hour classes for "Electrical, Part Three", presented by Todd Mobley. "IAQ and Energy Conservation Living in Harmony" was presented by Rod Tripp of Heat Transfer Solutions. "Generations in the Workforce" was presented by Tom Fehlman. After a short lunch break "Indoor Air Quality" was presented by Larry Curcio, President of The Solutious. Todd Mobley presented "Electrical, Part Four" and Tom Fehlman presented "Conflict/Confrontation in the Workplace."

After a short break it was time for the Annual NCPSMA Awards Banquet. State President Ken Goforth served as the Master of Ceremonies. Jeff Adams of Yadkin County Schools gave the invocation. A delicious meal consisting of bacon wrapped filet and chicken breast with Dijon cream sauce was served along with sautéed vegetables; herb and parmesan roasted red potatoes; salad; bread and dessert.

Tom Fehlman, President/Founder of Bottom Line, Inc. served as the guest speaker for the event. He gave a brief talk on "What's Leadership Got to Do With It?"

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GUS

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are grinding apples. This year was different. Every time I heard a horn blow, I knew where Gus was.

After we grind apples, we all gather and share a big meal. Gus found his favorite dessert as soon as he heard the “Amen” from the blessing. Before I could get him a plate fixed, he had already eaten four or five pieces of persimmon pudding. When I finally got his plate ready, he wanted to eat lunch with my great aunt, Inez. Gus and Inez hit it off last year and he has not forgotten her. Oddly enough, Inez just turned 94 years old and she was Gus’ sweetheart for the day. After Gus finished eating his plate of food, I realized he was eating off of Inez’s plate and she was feeding him. And that included more dessert. How do you tell a 94 year old lady that five pieces of pudding and two pieces of coconut pie is enough for an 11 year old boy? It was hard to stop those two, especially when Gus was saying, “I want more. I want more.” Thank goodness Gus played outside all day to get rid of some of that energy.

We had a great day making cider but the last event of the day was a kicker. Just before dark, after everyone had left, I was picking up and trying to wind Gus down a little. When I walked by my truck out in the pasture, I smelled peppermint. I thought that was very unusual until I looked in my truck. I had a very small bottle of peppermint oil in my truck because I had used a little on Gus a few days prior to see if it would help calm him. I reached for the bottle and realized it was empty, ‘completely’ empty. I knew it was almost full the last time I used it. I called for Gus and realized his breath smelled really fresh with ‘peppermint’! I immediately started reading the label. Highly concentrated flavoring, keep out of reach of children. I questioned Gus but his replies varied from “I drunk it all” to “I poured it out”. I concluded he had drunk some but I didn’t know how much. After a call to poison control, I was told he would have a stomach ache and probably throw up. Gus doesn’t feel pain like most people so I never know when he is hurting or sick except by observation. Fortunately he never seemed to get sick or even feel bad but his breathe smelled really good the rest of the night! As I’ve told my husband many times before, “It was just another day in the life of Gus!”

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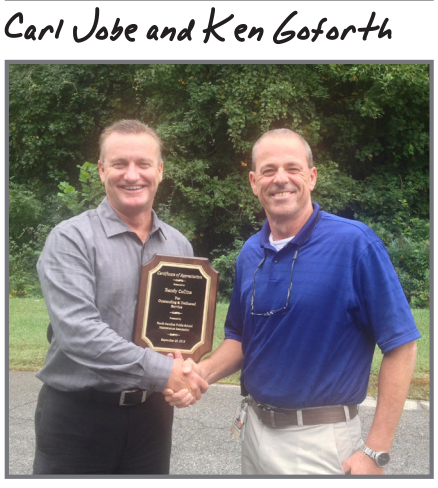

Randy Collins and Michael Spillman

President Goforth and State Vice President Michael Spillman conducted the membership drawing. Winners were drawn from each district, one through eight and each winner won a $100 donated by individual sponsors. District one was sponsored by Mickey’s Sales and Service and was won by Joe Kernan of Pitt County Schools. District Two was sponsored by SKY Enterprises and was won by Timmy Cannady of Duplin County Schools. District Three was sponsored by Heat Transfer Solutions and was won by Goins Sneed of Vance County Schools. District Four was sponsored by Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware and won by David Brisson of Bladen County Schools. District Five was sponsored by Bilger Engineering and won by Rene Brown of Rockingham County Schools. District Six was sponsored by Swicegood Supply Company and won by Tommy Laney of Union County Schools. District Seven was sponsored by Allen & Associates of Yadkin and won by Brian Stevens of Mooresville Graded School District. District Eight was sponsored by Brittany Supply and won by Jason Kelly of Jackson County Schools. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all the companies who sponsored this event.

Twenty-one school system maintenance departments received 100 Percent Membership Award Certificates. The certificates were presented by President Ken Goforth and State Vice President Michael Spillman. Certificates were presented to the following: District One - Edenton Chowan, 9 members; Washington County, 7 members. District Two - Carteret County Schools, 25 members; Clinton City, 10 members; Duplin County, 20 members. District Three – Franklin County 17 members; Northampton County, 7 members; Roanoke Rapids

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PVF Official Highlights Importance Of Active Shooter Drills

In the wake of the shootings at Columbine High School in 1999 -- 16 years ago -- and the school shootings that have followed, we have struggled to figure out how to keep students and teachers safe during such an attack.

Protective Measures

An approach to the problem that has grown controversial is armed assailant or active shooter drills. Six states including Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Tennessee have enacted laws mandating such drills. Other states recommend them.

While various police and security departments train to different standards, some prefer active shooter drills that are as realistic as possible. In a few cases, police departments, in the name of realism, have carried out drills at business sites or in schools without informing the business or school of the plan.

On some occasions, for instance, an officer dressed as a gunman has entered a facility and begun shooting blanks. Not knowing that it is a drill, civilians have been terrified and sometimes traumatized.

Last year, a teacher in Ohio sued the police and school officials after he was tackled and injured by a police officer during an active shooter drill.

Today, a number of school districts are saying no to these kinds of realistic active shooter drills -- and refuse to do them. "*Another reason schools resist active shooter drills is the time they take*," says Patrick V. Fiel Sr., a principal with **PVF Security Consulting LLC** in Wallace, NC. *"There is only a certain amount of time during the day that can be devoted to education. Administrators and faculty don't want to add activities that take away from education time."*

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Graded School District, 9 members; Vance County, 19 members; Wilson County, 24 members. District Four –Bladen County, 16 members; Cumberland County, 111 members; Hoke County Schools, 13 members; Moore County, 39 members; Scotland County, 14 members. District Five –Rockingham County, 29 members. District Seven - Ashe County, 5 members; Avery County, 5 members; Hickory City, 8 members; Mooresville Graded School District, 12 members. District Eight –Haywood County, 24 members.

President Goforth announced the winner of the "NCPSMA Member Appreciation Award." This award is awarded each year to a regular member who has displayed outstanding support of NCPSMA. Carl Jobe of Guilford County Schools won the Member Appreciation Award. President Goforth announced the winner of the "NCPSMA Vendor of the Year Award." This award is a given each year to a vendor who has displayed outstanding support of NCPSMA. Randy Collins of Hoffman and Hoffman won the Vendor Appreciation Award. Randy was unable to attend due to an illness in his family. Michael Spillman presented him with the award at a later date. Congratulations Carl and Randy. We sincerely appreciate your dedication!

Fishing Tournament Awards were presented to winners by Wes Lee, Retired Haywood County Schools. The event was sponsored in part by Heat Transfer Solutions and NCPSMA District Six. Biggest Fish from the Surf was won by Rick Buday of Craven County Schools. Biggest Fish from the Pier

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Chris Malone

Milt Saffelle, Mark Letchworth, Kelly Pink

was won by Jim Hall, retired Swain County Schools. Biggest Fish from the Boat was won by Zack Jones of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Golf Tournament awards were presented Larry McClain of Handi-Clean Products. Handi-Clean Products sponsors the event. The winners are as follows: Closest to the Pin, Adam Huckabee of Hickory City Schools; Longest Drive, Michael Spillman of Davie County Schools; First Place Low Net, Pete Lee of Beaufort County Schools; Second Place Low Net, Steve Crabtree of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; First Place Low Gross, Michael Spillman of Davie County Schools and Second Place Low Gross, Chris Malone of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Milt Saffelle of Saffelle, Inc. presented the "Of the Year Awards". This was the 28th year Saffelle, Inc. sponsored these awards. The winner of the "Maintenance Director of the Year" was Mark Letchworth of Wilson County Schools. Congratulations Mark! Many thanks to Saffelle, Inc. for sponsoring the awards.

President Goforth presided over the raffle prize drawing. We had a lot of nice prizes donated for the drawing. Many thanks to those who donated prizes. Wes Lee, retired, Haywood County School donated a beautiful set of cornhole boards and bags (made by Willy's Cornhole Emporium); Chris Harper of Lewis Boiler Supply won the boards. Randy Collins of Hoffman and Hoffman donated a $50 Gift Card; Jay Smith of DoubleTree won the card. Tony Hoffman of Wake County Schools and his wife Sharon donated eight knife sets; won by, Colton Locklear, David Buchanan, Mike Herrick, William Bone, Bennie Townsend, Jerod Davis, Chris Harper and Eddie Brock. Milt Saffelle of Saffelle, Inc. donated a Blu Ray DVD Player; won by Lynn Warren. Carl and Bobbie Jobe donated a handmade necklace and earrings; won by Greg Dobis of ASSA Abloy, I'm sure his wife will enjoy that. Ron Mack donated a $25 VISA Gift Card; won by Larry McClain of Handi-Clean Products . Thank you also to all the members and vendors who volunteered their time to work the raffle table. Through the generous donations of the door prizes and the volunteers who worked the table we raised $1,367.00.

Many thanks to all those who helped out with the registration table, raffle table, workshops, etc. We could not do it without you. Many people volunteered at the last minute, so if I leave someone out, I apologize. Volunteers include the following: Donna Fields of Cumberland County Schools; Anna Scott of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; Ken & Jan Goforth of Rowan-Salisbury Schools; Greg Woodard of Wilson County Schools; Jeff Adams of Yadkin County Schools; Kristie Keener of Haywood County Schools; Ron Mack; Tony Hoffman of Wake County Schools; Wes Lee of Haywood County Schools, retired; Rick Benton of Union County Schools; Leonard Caudill of Yadkin County Schools; Reggie Long of Moore County Schools; David Earley of Haywood County Schools; Adam Robinson of Haywood County Schools; Bergie Speaks of Wilkes County Schools; Sandra Ganus of Saffelle, Inc.; Justin Hall of Cumberland County Schools; Marcus Harris of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools; Ron Burch of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

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

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

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Challenges

Fiel adds "*Do schools need to do these kinds of drills? Yes. I believe in training. The more you train the more proficient you become. But you have to get security drills into the schedule in the right way."*

"Active shooter drills are important so that, in case of a real emergency, first responders, administrators, faculty and staff all know what they need to do in order to best protect students.

"To be as effective as possible, drills need to closely replicate a real event. However, since armed police are in full protective gear may be very frightening to young children, [schools should] consider conducting drills late in the afternoon, on weekends or during the summer when students aren't present."

Fiel goes on to say that if students are going to be involved in these drills -- or other kinds of drills -- first responders should fully brief school administration and parents or guardians about the drill. What are they planning? What will the students be expected to do?

After the briefing, parents must give explicit approval that their sons and daughters may participate in the exercise.

Issuing Alerts

Schools should also inform the local community about the drill, using newsletters, emails and the news media, says Fiel. Otherwise, area residents might not understand that the event is only a drill.

"Minimizing injury and property damage in an emergency situation is all about careful, meticulous planning -- and a lot of practice," Fiel says.

"The main ingredients of an emergency plan are prevention preparedness, repsonse and recovery," he continues. "Every school should create a safety advisory committee that includes administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents and local emergency responders."

"I would also recommend an all-hazards assessment review by a professional security consultant. The assessment would identify the security strengths of the school or campus as well as any security weakenesses that must be addressed."

"Policies and procedures should be reviewed and, if necessary, modified regularly. And finally, training and drills are crucial."

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