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Phil Woolard goes 'above and beyond'



Woolard

Riverside AD earns Adams Award

BY ANDRE' ALFRED
Sports Writer

WILLIAMSTON - Riverside High School Athletic Director Phil Woodard, has been selected to receive the Charlie Adams Distinguished Service

Award.

The Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Awards, named for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's late, long-time Executive Director, are given per region and go to a person with at

least 10 years of experience in education and athletics who is still active in the field and has regularly gone "above and beyond" the call of duty at both the local and the state level.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association

(NCHSAA) presented this special award at the virtual regional meeting on Oct. 5. The award was presented by Commissioner Que Tucker and Assistant Commissioner Tra Waters.

Phil Woolard grew up in Plymouth, North Carolina and graduated from Lawrence Academy. He graduated from

East Carolina University class of 1992 with a degree in history.

Woolard began coaching part time at North Pitt High School in 1995, assisting in football and baseball.

One of his early coaching mentors, Preston Bowers, and

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Tax change: Explain the why

Hardison responds to questions

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WILLIAMSTON - Explanation given.

The Martin County Commissioners and the public heard a presentation from the Martin County Tax Assessor Elisha Hardison giving an explanation to several citizen concerns from the September meeting.

The concerns were over the unexpected increases and decreases of the tax value of homes recently sold in Martin county.

Before Hardison's presentation, during the public comments, Martin County homeowner Bruce Turner questioned the recent changes to the tax value of his property.

According to Turner, the tax value of his home increased dramatically over the last six months without any major work being completed, and this not being a re-evaluation year.

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SARAH HODGES STALLS/MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Asim McGill takes to familiar territory, accompanied by volunteer coach Rick Hardison, during the football portion of Cougar Sports Camp.

Eliminating barriers

MCS expands opportunities for students in South Creek area

BY SARAH HODGES STALLS
Martin County Schools

ROBERSONVILLE - Once a coach, always a coach. And Asim McGill is just fine with that.

Last week, McGill found himself back on the football field, helping carry out his new mission in his new capacity as Martin County Schools' Director of Student and Family Involvement

As part of the strategic plans of

Martin County Schools and the MCS Board of Education, MCS looked for a way to provide extracurricular activities in the Robersonville area.

One of his first efforts out of the gate was to begin offering opportunities not readily available to students in the South Creek attendance area (Robersonville, Oak City, Hamilton, Gold Point, Parmele).

With a little help from volunteer coaches and the South Creek High School Varsity Cheerleaders,

an idea quickly became a reality.

The first Cougar Sports Camp was held at South Creek Elementary School in Robersonville Oct. 11-14. Activities were held daily immediately after school.

"We had 26 boys for football camp and 33 girls for cheerleading," an excited McGill explained.

The students, from grades two through five, spent four afternoons

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COVID claims 6 more lives

Overall positive cases drop

BY LESLIE BEACHBOARD
Managing Editor

WILLIAMSTON - Martin County lost six more lives to COVID-19 in the past week, despite the active case count dramatically decreasing to below 250 cases for the first time in weeks.

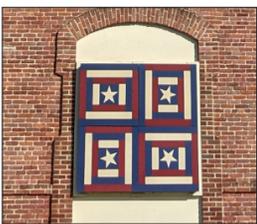
Martin County and the surrounding counties are finally seeing a decline in COVID-19 cases since the current spike in cases began over the summer.

According to a latest report from Martin-Tyrrell-Washington District Health Director Wes Gray before going to press Wednesday, there have been a total of 3,666 cases of COVID-19 in Martin County. There are currently 241 active cases in Martin County, which includes three new cases reported in the last 24 hours. Of the overall cases, there have been 114 breakthrough cases.

According to Gray, a

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Quilt block reinstalled at Old Martin Co. Courthouse



The quilt block has been reinstalled at the Old Martin County Courthouse.

BY BRANDICE HOGGARD
Staff Writer

WILLIAMSTON - The Quilt Block has been re-installed at Old Martin County Courthouse.

The Friends of the Old Martin County Courthouse are pleased to let the community know that the Quilt Block which is part of the

Quilt Trails of the Tar and Roanoke Rivers has been recently re-installed. The cultural and historical designated Quilt Block is sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council.

"It is exciting to be included in to Quilt Trails of the Tar and Roanoke Rivers. The Quilt Block was damaged by the weather and

it is exciting to be back up and running" stated John Brandon.

The Quilt trails is an arts council project that captures the history of the community through the display of quilt blocks on historic buildings and structures in Eastern North Carolina.

Brandon added, "The courthouse building is

maintained by a nonprofit organization that works hard to maintain the building and the quilt block."

Quilt Trails of the Tar and Roanoke Rivers is the only official quilt trail in Eastern North Carolina. It has a priority to bring tourist to the area to explore the rural heritage. Each block has a different story to tell about

the location and the owners.

The quilt rails in North Carolina originated in Franklin County. If a historical landmark would like to be a part of the Quilt Trails of the Tar and Roanoke Rivers all one has to do is apply at <http://fcacarts.org/quilt-trails.aspx>, once approved

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