

# More Crosby Scholars receive college money

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Parkland High School's Ryan Thamm recently became the first recipient of the Les and Evelyn Riley Scholarship, which will be awarded each year to a graduating senior in Crosby Scholars, an educational enrichment program for local students. The student must be headed to a two-or-four-year college.

Les Riley chaired The Crosby National Celebrity Golf Tournament for four years prior to his retirement from Sara Lee. His wife of 55 years, Evelyn, strongly supported his work with The Crosby Scholars.

Thamm earned the \$1,200 scholarship by maintaining high academic standards, while actively participating in the community and in extracurricular activities.

Thamm is a member of the Odyssey of the Mind, the Key Club and the German Club. He was a Science Olympiad, a Junior Marshal and a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. He played varsity soccer and lacrosse, all while a student in the challenging International Baccalaureate Program.

Over the past four years, he has volunteered more than 500 hours in various community service activities. Thamm, the son of Joseph and Nadine Thamm, will enroll at Georgia Tech University this fall.

The 2008-2009 recipient of the Paul Fulton Carolina Medal is Adam Robinson of East Forsyth High School. The medal is awarded annually to a Crosby Scholar who has been admitted to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and who has shown an active and exemplary commitment to service to others. The Fulton Scholar is awarded a one-time \$1,500 college scholarship from Crosby Scholars.

The award was created to honor philanthropist and community leader Paul Fulton.

Robinson, the son of John

and Katherine Robinson, is a member of National Honor Society, Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band, Leo Club, Junior Civitan's Club, Kernersville Connections Council, Math Academic Team, Deans Council and the Environmentalist Club. He is the East Forsyth High School's Varsity Soccer team's goalkeeper.

Robinson is very involved with Sports Rebirth, a service organization created in 2006 as a civics project to collect used sports equipment to help impoverished children play sports. To date, he has collected over 1,140 pounds of equipment that has been shipped to Dominica, Zambia and Mexico.

The recipient of the Mommie J. Scholarship is Matthew Sides of East Forsyth High School. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating Crosby Scholar senior who will enroll in a two or four-year college or university this fall. This scholarship was established as a tribute to the special friendship of Kathryn Crosby and Jewel Fulton, better known as "Mommie J."

The \$1,200 scholarship is awarded to a Crosby Scholar senior who actively participates in extracurricular activities or part-time employment and clearly expresses in an essay how a special friendship has helped shape his/her life. Matt wrote about the "true friendship" he shares with his grandfather.

"Without my grandfather's advice and guidance throughout my life, I would not be the person that I am today. I give thanks for the role he has played in my life," he wrote.

He plays football, basketball and golf. Sides, the son of Randall and Gina Sides, is a member of the National Honor Society, Kernersville Connections Council, Senior Deans Club and Youth Bible Fellowship class. He will enroll at UNC Greensboro this fall.



Robinson



Sides



Thamm



Smart Start's Chuck Kraft, Natasha Gore and Karatha Scott discuss issues relevant to children with State Rep. Earline Parmon.

# Smart Start officials visit lawmakers

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Representatives from Smart Start of Forsyth County visited the North Carolina General Assembly on June 2 to lobby lawmakers on behalf of the children that benefit from the services provided by the agency, which is recognized nationally for its early childhood initiatives designed to ensure that young children enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

They were joined by Smart Start officials from across the state for the event, which was billed as the "Tuesdays for Tots" initiative.

Smart Start of Forsyth Board Chair Bob Donnan, Executive Director Chuck Kraft, Community Education



State Rep. Larry Womble with Chuck Kraft and Karatha Scott.

Coordinator Natasha Gore and Karatha Scott, a board member, met with the Forsyth legislative delegation to discuss important issues facing young children and working families in Forsyth.

"Smart Start of Forsyth County is committed to making sure all of our children start school healthy and ready to succeed. Doing so is critical for our children and our state to thrive," said Bob Donnan, chair of the Smart Start board. "Today's meeting was an important step in helping our local legislative leaders better understand the needs of young children and working families in our community."

Smart Start has experienced funding reductions over the past eight years of \$29.9

million, which amounts to a loss of \$87.8 million when combined with the effects of inflation.

These cuts are occurring at the same time that economists and other business leaders are advocating that investments in young children are one of the strongest investments not only for the short term but also for sustained growth and job creation.

In fact, the North Carolina General Assembly's Legislative Study Commission on Children and Youth concluded, "It is critical to ensure the healthy development of children in the State and improve outcomes for all children in order to ensure the future success of our State and our citizens."



Anne Starnes with her grandchildren.



Resha Brown as Annie Oakley.

## Museum

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fourth graders coming up are always asking us, 'Are we doing the Living Museum?'

While it is intended to be a fun activity for the students, the Living Museum is also meant to make them think, Delgado says.

"We wanted a way that we could let them know about the impact that different people had had," she related. "...We want them to just be inspired; we want them to walk away and say 'So many people have made a difference (in this country), and we can too.'"

Zachary Hawkins said the project is something he has looked forward to for some time.

"It was fun. I enjoyed doing this, and I really want to do it again next year, but I can't," related Hawkins, whose large, curled mustache completed his Orville Wright costume. "The best thing is that you get to learn the history of a lot of people, instead of just one."

Visitor Anne Starnes says



Chamberlain Russell (Mel Watt); Vester King (Ray Charles); and Jonathan Deatherage (Phil Mickelson).



Photos by Layla Farmer

she was pleased with the caliber of the project.

"I just came out to give support and I wanted to see what this Living Museum was like. I didn't expect anything like this ... I am very impressed at the

amount of information that they've taken in that they can quote back to you," said Starnes, whose two grandchildren Jasmine and DeAndre Starnes played Rosa Parks and Henry Ford, respectively. "These chil-

dren are doing such an amazing job ... I'm learning a lot, and I'm loving it."

For more information about Forsyth Academy, visit [www.forsythacademy.org](http://www.forsythacademy.org) or call 336-922-1121.

# Casting call for parts in musical, "Remus"

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The Flonnie Anderson Theatrical Association (FATA) is holding a casting call for the original musical comedy "Remus," written and directed by Flonnie Anderson.

Auditions will be held at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ at 3435 Carver School Road on Sunday, June 14 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Those interested in auditioning for a role in the musical are asked to bring their theatrical biography, to prepare a song, and to be prepared to read a part from the musical upon request. The cast will be comprised of male and female actors and actresses ranging in age from 12 to 65.

Anderson's musical fable is based on the famed "Uncle Remus Tales" by author Joel Chandler Harris.

The tales are taken from African folktales brought to the New World by slaves, who primarily settled in the Southeastern United States.

"I am looking for the young and young at heart to help bring this show to life once again," said Anderson. "It's a fun show with a series of serious messages that the young and the not so young can relate to."

For more information about the audition or to schedule an audition time slot, call 336-776-8046 or 336-724-7828.



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