

# BB&T employees spruce-up shelter

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The Experiment in Self-Reliance's (ESR) Spring Street Shelter got a facelift last week thanks to the dedicated volunteers from the BB&T Lighthouse Project, a company-wide community service effort. Employee volunteers were able to live out BB&T's mission to make the community a better place to live by lending a helping hand at several local agencies.

ESR's Spring Street Shelter was selected from a number of applications that were submitted. The employee volunteers planted cypress trees and other plants and painted a deck and banister railings.

"We are happy to be able to help the community in this way, and we are thankful that there are agencies like ESR in the community to serve those in need year after year," said Shawn Cepko, BB&T assistant VP of Direct Retail Lending Lender Support.



BB&T volunteers (from left) Cravon Williams, Steve Jordan, Demetrius Jones, Shawn Cepko, Jake Crim and Bryant Hall.

ESR's Spring Street facility houses an average of 18 homeless families annually while they locate permanent housing and work through the process of obtaining it. Unlike most shelters, Spring

Street provides apartment living and is open to men, women and their children.

ESR says the facility enables families to live in a stable environment as they work to improve their lives. ESR's mission is to help working low-income and

chronically homeless individuals and families who are ready to help themselves achieve their full potential for functional, social and economic self-reliance through the design and application of cost-effective, individualized Client Success Plans.

# West students earn Lewisville Civic Club scholarships

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The Lewisville Civic Club has presented \$1,500 scholarships to three West Forsyth High School students.

The winners are Casey Kivett, Emma Gentry and Andrew Hawkins.

Kivett earned his Boy Scout Eagle by building a meditation garden at Lewisville United Methodist Church. Additionally, he has been in the German Student Exchange program as well as German Club, an officer in Students Against Destructive Decisions and participated in West Forsyth field hockey and LaCrosse. He will attend the North Carolina State University College of Engineering.

Gentry earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by starting a recycling program at Baltimore United Methodist Church. She has also created a pet sitting service, volunteers for the Salvation Army and provides upkeep to a neighbor's home and property. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Hawkins earned his Boy Scout Eagle by landscaping Morgan Elementary School on Harper Road next to the new Forsyth Medical Center being built in Clemmons. He has been in scouting since Cubs and enjoys mission trips, working at Ronald McDonald House and Bethania Homeless Shelter and playing baseball. He will attend Lenoir Rhyne on a baseball scholarship.

The Civic Club's scholarship is based on community service and students must have at least a 2.5 grade point average.



Scholarship winners (from left) Casey Kivett, Emma Gentry and Andrew Hawkins.

# Three earn Stratford Rotary Club scholarships

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The Stratford Rotary Club recently presented its annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

One nominee per school, selected by the school guidance counselors, submitted an application along with a letter of reference. Selection was based on academic scholarship; demonstrated leadership; dedication and commitment to community service; and financial need. Each scholarship award is \$2,500.

The three winners are: Rosemary K. Fischer of Ronald Reagan High School; Michael N. Sakano of East Forsyth High School; and Elizabeth E. Urbowicz of West Forsyth High School.

Fischer will be attending UNC-Asheville in the fall. Her academic interests are English and psychology. She has a 4.7 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Science Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She is an AP

Scholar and is very active in her youth group at Highland Presbyterian Church.



Fischer



Sakano




Urbowicz

Sakano will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill, where he intends to major in biomedical engineering. He is ranked fifth in his class and has earned a 4.8 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Crosby Scholars. He attended Governor's School and the Rotary Leadership Academy. He is an Eagle Scout and Co-Captain of the Varsity Swim Team. He is an active member of the Main St. United Methodist Church.

Urbowicz will be attending N.C. State University this fall. She has a 4.5 GPA and plans to pursue a career involving use of the Spanish language. She is a member of the Crosby Scholars and the National Honor Society. She is Captain of the Varsity Swim Team, has been a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters for the past four years, and teaches Sunday School at Holy Family Catholic Church.

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