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FEMA surveys tornado damage

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Staff Writer

With local residents still trying to pick up the pieces of broken homes, representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) came Thursday to assess the damage caused by the March 28 tornadoes.

FEMA visited the Valley Mobile Home Park,

the Chestnut Grove Mobile Home Park and the Countryside Mobile Home Park — the areas hit hardest by the storm — as well as some remote damage sites in Davidson County and High Point. The assessment will determine whether or not local governments will receive federal money to help pay for damage repair and cleanup.

“At the earliest, next week we’ll know if the damage was wide-spread enough to qualify from assistance from FEMA, the small business administration or the state of North Carolina,” said High Point City Manager Strib Boynton, who said he expects to hear from the federal agency by Monday. “If we do not qualify for FEMA assis-

tance, there’s a chance that we could get some assistance from the state.”

Though Doug Lowe, director of emergency services for Davidson County, estimated storm damages between \$1.5 and \$1.7 million, Boynton said it was premature to put numbers on the damage and that he would have a better idea by

next week. Both governments will have to submit a damage estimate to qualify for FEMA funds.

Once FEMA concludes its report — a compilation of assessment figures from all of the sites in the region — the agency will pass on its findings to Gov. Bev Perdue.

Damage in High Point has affected 649 buildings, according to the city.

About 320 of those were seriously damaged, and 25 were condemned. In Davidson County, about 18 mobile homes were completely destroyed and about 41 were damaged between the various sites. The Associated Press reported six tornadoes in North Carolina Sunday — the worst of

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BEARING THE CROSS

David Albertson carries a replica cross up Randolph Street as part of Friday’s crosswalk. The walk started at Memorial United Methodist Church and ended at Brown New Calvary Baptist Church. Those in attendance were able to participate in the walk by carrying the cross, symbolizing Jesus’ sacrifice at Calvary. The walk made stops at local churches along the route where Bible verses were read by participating pastors.

Pastor winds down 65 years of service

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

Those close to pastor D.W. Long affectionately call him “Poppy.”

As the founding father of several Thomasville churches, it’s easy to see why. On Easter Sunday, “Poppy” will start winding down a career that has spanned more than six decades when he presides over service at the Shepherd’s Inn at 310 Hinkle St.

“Never in my life did I think I would accomplish what I have,” Long said. “I have preached all over the United States and have been on 30 radio stations. I can’t say it’s my last service, but we’re getting close.”

While his love of preaching still exists, 62 years of speaking some 350 days a year have taken its toll on Long. His voice lacks the stamina of a young man, but the impact Long has left on Thomasville for future generations is time-

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THS trio chosen to attend Governor’s School



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THS students Mary Jasperse, Gleb Chupakhin and Walker Williams became the first trio to be selected for Governor’s School in the same year.

BY ELIOT DUKE
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Thomasville High School is used to sending at least two rising seniors to Governor’s School every summer. This year, two just wasn’t enough.

Three THS juniors have been selected to attend Governor’s School and will join 800 other students from around the state in a six-week residential program for intellectually gifted youngsters. Governor’s School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide residential program in the nation.

Juniors Gleb Chupak-

hin, Mary Jasperse and Walker Williams Jr. were selected as three of the top minds at THS and will use the experience to help them get ready for college next year. The top two high school students are normally selected, but names also can be submitted under the proper criteria based on grade point average and percentile scores. Jasperse was picked due to her academic prowess and her selection marks the first time THS has ever sent three students to the school.

“This is a prestigious award,” Karen Harris, a THS guidance counselor, said. “They will be inter-

acting and involved with some of the top students in the state. For us, this symbolizes what we’ve always known at Thomasville that we have some of the best and brightest students in the state. We’re excited to have this kind of representation. With this opportunity comes great responsibility.”

Chupakhin also received the Oscar Merit scholarship from the American Freedom Association (AFA) for winning a school-wide essay contest on how the United Nations should enforce treaty laws on the seas.

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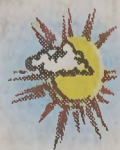
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Pastor D.W. “Poppy” Long will preside over Easter Sunday service at the Shepherd’s Inn at 8:30 a.m.

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