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on-site clearing brush Wednesday, said the effort to mobilize the students stems from an inner motivation shared by both Brewers.

"I think it's just the kind of people they are," Michalski said. "They care about the community."

Although Wednesday marked one of the team's normal practice days, Brewer still decided to bring the boys out to help. He said the service teaches an important lesson.

"It teaches them responsibility and just to not get rewarded back or anything, just to kind of help out," he said. "They're doing good, they're working hard. They seem to appreciate what they're doing."

The experience also shows the kids firsthand what devastation the storm brought. Some Wesleyan teachers and students had homes destroyed by the tornados, so the athletes had heard about the destruction, but Brewer says it's one thing to hear and another to see.

"You kind of have more respect for what people are going through," he said. "A lot of them were surprised once they got there and saw how much damage, how much work there was to be done."

Despite the daunting workload, the boys seemed to be enjoying themselves.

"They are having a ball," Michalski said. "They're a good group of kids, and they're happy to help. I think it's shown them life lessons off the field — the camaraderie

of being around their friends and helping people."

The athletes said that the message of service certainly had sunk in. Though they liked that Brewer promised them fewer sprints because of their help, the genuine desire to give showed in the boys' diligence with heavy lifting and polite interactions with homeowners Dot and Ray Whittington — especially since Ray is deaf.

"It's important because these people can't do it themselves," said Woody Cornwell, an athlete on the team.

The Whittingtons themselves say they are blown away by the amount of assistance they have received, not only from the baseball team but from Home Depot, the United Methodist Church, the Baptist Men and the High Point Police Department.

"It's just mind-boggling, really," Dot said. "We never expected so much help."

Though the Whittingtons' house remained mostly untouched — with only a little damage from a tree that crashed into a house corner — the tornado had wreaked havoc on the yard. Coaches and parents sawed the large trees into smaller pieces while the baseball players heaved them away into a pile for the city to pick up.

"We are very lucky and very blessed that we're still here and our house is still here," Dot said. "It's just been very heartwarming, what people will do. It shows what people are made of."

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POLICE REPORTS

March 4

• Christopher Michael Shepherd (BM, 38) arrested on charge of financial identity theft at 383 Tussy Road in Lexington.

• Donald Ray Moses (WM, 35) arrested on charge of obtaining property by false pretenses at 510 Decker Road.

• Melody Ann Irwin (WF, 30) arrested on charge of disorderly conduct at 1485 Liberty Drive.

• Joseph Eugene Hancock (WM, 23) arrested on charge of probation violation at 1311 Blair St.

• Michael Jeffrey Irwin (WM, 28) arrested on charge of larceny at 1589 Liberty Drive.

• Lonnie Dwayne Long (WM, 36) arrested on charge of larceny at 1589 Liberty Drive.

March 5

• Orederrius Kinte Huntley (BM, 31) arrested on charge of failure to appear at 301 James Ave.

• Tarrion Marchello Allen (BM, 28) arrested on charge of failure to support at Trinity Street.

• Brandon Michael Alexander (WM, 27) arrested on charge of failure to appear at 231 Arthur Drive.

• Ricardo Noyola Guzman (WM, 24) arrested on charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor at 406 Unity St.

• Jose Angel Garcia-Herrera (WM, 22) arrested on charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor at 3221 Zuider Zee Drive in Winston-Salem.

• Christopher Darin Routh (WM, 37) arrested on charge of injury to personal property at 473

Spring Grove Lane.

• Julie Brummett (WF, 28) arrested on charge of possessing stolen goods at 484 Old Raleigh Road.

• Christhel Velasco (WF, 16) arrested on charge of larceny 1585 Liberty Drive.

• Rodney Clay Brann (WM, 39) arrested on charge of failure to pay monies at 1399 National Highway.

• Timothy Allen Hamrick (WM, 38) arrested on charge of possessing a controlled substance at 195 Panther Lane.

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• James Reggie Towler (WM, 19) arrested on charge of possessing a controlled at 201 North Road.

• Anthony Shane Wood (WM, 23) arrested on charge of first degree trespass at 50 W. Holly Hill Road.

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Alice L. Belton

LEXINGTON — Alice Louise Belton, age 97, of Salisbury, formerly of Lexington, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Lexington City Cemetery. Arrangements by Davidson Funeral Home Lexington.

Rev. John D. Bratton

The Rev. John Dee Bratton passed away peacefully at High Point Regional Hospital surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Rev. Bratton was born in Thomasville to the late Waymon and Lucille Bratton. At an early age, he joined First Missionary Baptist Church, where he was very active. He graduated from Church Street High School. Rev. Bratton attended Fayetteville State University for two and one-half years and received his B.A. degree in theology from Shaw University.

Rev. Bratton served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge. Part of his time in the army was spent in Germany. After leaving the army, he spent many years in New York employed by the Mobil Oil Company. While in New York, he attended and became a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. There, he was ordained and became the associate pastor. The late Rev. Sam R. Johnson, a Salisbury native, was his pastor and mentor.

Rev. Bratton has served as pastor of the following churches: Liberty Grove Baptist Church, Trinity; Mount Zion Baptist Church, Drexel; Covington Missionary Baptist Church, Troy; and Clark's Grove Baptist Church, Mount Gilead. After retiring from his pulpit, he returned to First Missionary Baptist Church to work with the late Dr. W. E. Banks.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Mrs. Kathryn B. Small and a brother, James Bratton. Survivors include his wife, Velma

Adams Bratton; daughter, Tasha Bratton Rooks (Tracey); grand-daughter, Taylor Madison Rooks; Siblings Mrs. Johnnye M. Bratton Hill Aubrey and Frank Bratton (Annie Willie); Sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Bratton. He also leaves to cherish his memories several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be held at First Missionary Baptist Church, 103 Church St., on Saturday at 1 p.m. Family visitation will be one-half hour before the service.

S.E. Thomas Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Etta J. Hill

DENTON — Mrs. Etta Johnson Hill, age 88, of Denton, died Monday, April 5, at Hinkle Hospice House in Lexington.

Born Sept. 18, 1921, in Chatham County to Allen Bingham Johnson and Ola Estelle Brown Johnson, she was a former owner of the Park-In Grill and made pies for Denton area restaurants. She was a foster parent for over 20 children.

Service for Mrs. Hill will be held at 4 p.m. today at Lineberry United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 3:30 p.m. today at the church prior to the service.

Memorials may be sent to Lineberry United Methodist Church, c/o Linda Pearce, 2222 Piedmont School Road, in Denton.

Charles G. Hilton

Mr. Charles Grady Hilton, 85, formerly of Wright Road, Lexington, died on April 7, 2010, at Triad Care and Rehabilitation in High Point.

Born on May 2, 1924, in Guilford County to Emaskie Marvin Hilton and Leslie Morgan Hilton, he was a World War II Veteran serving in the U.S. Army in France, England, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

The family will receive friends on Friday prior to the funeral service from noon until 2 p.m. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Thomasville Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Bowman officiating. Burial will follow at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the Piedmont, 1801 Westchester Drive, in High Point, or to Liberty Baptist Church, 225 Liberty Ave. Audio and written condolences may be made through www.thomasvillefh.com.

Jerry P. Lambeth

Mr. Jerry Paul Lambeth, 66, a resident of 419 Mt. Zion Church Road, died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born on Oct. 20, 1943, in Davidson County to Austin Lambeth and Mary Summey Myers, he was a graduate of Fair Grove High School and owner and operator of Lambeth Electric.

Funeral service will be held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Daniel Downing, the Rev. Charles Stephenson, and Mr. John Walker officiating. Interment will follow in Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the service begins.

Memorials may be directed to Christ Bible Conference, c/o Ray Buckner, 418 Heitman Road. Online condolences may be sent to www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Pat Lambeth

Mrs. Pat Elaine Norris Lambeth, 64, a resident of 419 Mt. Zion Church Road, died Saturday, April 3, 2010, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born on Sept. 9, 1945, in Columbus County, to Ray Norris and Chellie Nobles Norris, she was a retired health and services department teacher from North Davidson High School.

Funeral service will be held on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Daniel Downing, the Rev. Charles Stephenson, and Mr. John Walker officiating. Interment will follow in Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the service begins.

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Johnny W. Martin

LEXINGTON — Johnny Wayne Martin, age 59, of Avenue K, Lexington, died Monday, April 5, 2010, in Forsyth Medical Center.

Born April 14, 1950, in Davidson County to Rufus Martin and Lillie Bertha Martin Martin, he was a former employee of Furniture Land South and was of the Methodist faith.

Funeral service will be

held at 2 p.m. Friday in Davidson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clyde Akers officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to Carolina Cancer Services, 25 W. 6th Ave., in Lexington. Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

Ruby W. Zelnak

LEXINGTON — Ruby Wilson Zelnak, 90, of Idlewild Drive, died Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at Abbotts Creek Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, where she was a member, with Father Al Gondok officiating. Burial will follow in Lexington City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Davidson Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

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