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as opposed to the 4,581 people who voted in the Democratic Senate primary alone on May 4.

Cunningham, a Lexington attorney, was quick to endorse Marshall after her victory, keeping a strong and united front for the Democratic ticket going into the General Election.

"I commend her for running an extremely impressive campaign, one that has shown tenacity and grit," the Davidson County native said. "She has overcome some tremendous odds to show North Carolinians the type of character that we would expect of our next U.S. Senator."

Cunningham called on Democrats to come together to focus on the party's true opponent - Sen. Burr.

"Any differences she and I might have had in this campaign pale in comparison to our differences with Richard Burr," Cunningham said.

Burr himself extended his congratulations to Marshall and acknowledged the differences between him and the Democratic candidate.

"The Democrat's primary has shown that North Carolina voters will have a clear choice in November between two vastly different directions for our country," Burr said. "I am proud of

GRACIOUS IN DEFEAT

After a hard-fought campaign, Davidson County native Cal Cunningham conceded to opponent Elaine Marshall, who won the Democratic primary runoff election for U.S. Senate with 60 percent of the votes.

After endorsing his former opponent, Cunningham turned to thank his supporters for their help in the long journey.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the incredible work we've done together," he said. "Thank you to the voters of North Carolina. Thank you for the opportunity to come in front of you, to offer up this choice."

A family man to the end, Cunningham also acknowledged the sacrifices — and the support — of his wife and children. The Lexington family has traveled together throughout the state during the campaign.

"This has been a family endeavor, this has been something we've done together," Cunningham said. "From my family to yours, thank you, thank you, thank you."

my record of less spending and smaller federal government, and I trust the voters of North Carolina to pick a Senator that reflects their vision for our state and nation."

Leaders of the North Carolina Democratic Party also highlighted how Marshall differs from Burr and feel confident that their candidate is the better one, calling Burr one of the more vulnerable Republican candidates in the country.

"Elaine Marshall is not afraid to stand up to powerful special interests," Young said. "As North Carolina's first female Secretary of State, she cracked down on fraud and abuse and held Wall Street banks accountable

for misleading North Carolina investors. Elaine will continue to fight for middle class families in the U.S. Senate and promote job creation."

With one victory behind her, Marshall turns her focus to the bigger election in November, setting her sights on a very different opponent, this time with Cal Cunningham by her side.

"Let's rally behind Elaine Marshall," Cunningham said, "and go on to the fall campaign and make sure she's successful replacing Richard Burr in the U.S. Senate and putting this Senate seat back to work for the people of North Carolina."

SOUNDS

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started more than eight years ago as a way to keep the arts alive in the area.

"This program had been promoted in other communities and we decided that Thomasville was a great place to try this," said Brown.

An expression of culture, arts keeps people in touch with elements of the world around them, Brown said.

"I think art identifies a community and it goes to the quality of life that anyone has in their particular area, be it a city or a community. I think it defines who we are," Brown said.

Arts United for Davidson County also is participating with Uptown Lexington and artist and teacher, Melinda Hedrick, in their annual Summer Strolls. The remaining Summer Strolls will be Friday, June 25, and Friday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. in uptown Lexington.

Performing in the Conrad and Hinkle side of the square will be the popular Lexington musical group, Marble Alley Band. West Second Avenue will host SandyCreek Farm from the Lexington Farmers Market, craft vendors, a children's activity area and the music of Dustin Crouch and Christy Koelling, who together are "Simple Song." Classic car enthusiasts



COURTESY PHOTO

Children create chalk art during a recent Summer Stroll in Uptown Lexington.

can visit each quadrant of the square where classic owners will show off their cars and restoration talents. All events are free.

Since its inception, Arts United from Davidson County has been a key to promoting artists in the area. Funded through donations, the organization depends on the community to continue its programs. The national recession and a sluggish local economy has brought trying times for Arts United, forcing numerous cutbacks, as well as a move from its

former location.

"So many businesses have gone from Davidson County, and with the economy the way it is, we've lost a lot of our funding," Brown said. "We're hopeful that the economy will turn around. We're doing our best to operate on the budget we have."

Those wishing to contribute to the organization in its efforts to highlight local artists, can send donations to Arts United for Davidson County, 220 N. Main St., Lexington, N.C. 27292. For more information, call 249-2742.

Man dies in freak accident

TIMES STAFF REPORT



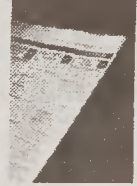

Hai Bin Hu, 38, of Flushing, New York, was killed after being run over by his own vehicle Tuesday.

Lexington Police Department received a call of a traffic crash at Business 29-70 North and the city limits at 4:58 a.m. Tuesday. The crash was originally reported as a hit and run, however, the investigation revealed that the operator died as a result of being run over by his own vehicle.

Hu was operating his 2000 Ford Box Truck north on Hwy 29-70 and pulled off to the side of the highway for a break. He got out of truck and failed to place it in park, causing the truck to roll forward over Hu. Hu was fatally injured. A passenger in the vehicle was able to get the vehicle stopped. Despite a language barrier, the passenger was able to provide the facts to investigators.

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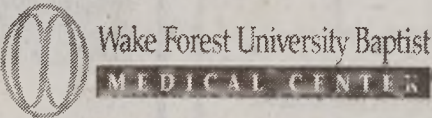
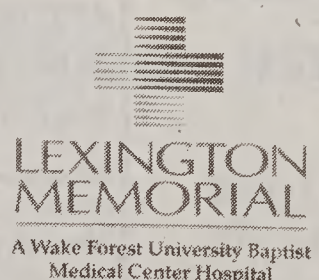
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