

# THOMASVILLE TIMES

**SUNSET  
SOUNDS**  
Gospel band 'New Wine' to perform at 7 p.m. today at the bandstand.  
119th Year - No. 109 50 Cents



**MUSICALLY SPEAKING**  
Josef Walker reveals some embarrassing moments from the church choir.  
See Page 4

Thursday, July 8, 2010

THOMASVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
14 RANDOLPH STREET  
THOMASVILLE, NC 27360

www.tvilletimes.com

## Site makes ticket payment easier

BY ELIOT DUKE  
Staff Writer

Getting a traffic ticket is never fun.

If the sting to the wallet isn't bad enough, finding the time to go and take care of the citation turns the matter into more of a hassle and inconvenience than anything else. A new online system implemented by the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) is making the process a little more tolerable.

PayNcticket gives people who

### GET A TICKET? PAY ONLINE!

North Carolina residents who have a waivable traffic citation, such as speeding or seat belt violation can pay fines online at [www.payNcticket.org](http://www.payNcticket.org)

receive a waivable traffic citation the chance to settle their debt to society online without ever having to step into a courtroom or clerks office.

"The payNcticket system is a major step forward toward increasing the North Carolina court system's online capacities and meeting the technological

needs of citizens as well as court officials and staff," Judge John W. Smith, NCAOC director, said. "It provides a more convenient payment option for citizens, and it allows for quicker disposition of cases due to automatic updates of case records."

Launched as a pilot program in March, payNcticket is pro-

cessing an average of around \$24,000 a day, keeping more than 4,000 people out of already congested courtrooms across the state. North Carolina handles more than half a million waivable offense citations per year, and before the introduction of the new system, payment had to be made in person or by mail, costing court systems key man hours during a time where financial restraints due to the poor economy are forcing state agencies to do more with less.

See TICKET, Page 6

## County Hospice plans 'Ride for Angels'

BY ERIN WILTGEN  
Staff Writer

Flocks of motorcycles — be it Harley Davidson or otherwise — don't exactly scream warm and fuzzy.

But growling engines and the occasional metal-studded leather jacket aside, the groups of bikers parading from Denton Farmpark on July 17 will ride solely for the sake of charity.

Hospice of Davidson County will hold its third annual Ride for Angels on Saturday, July 17, to raise money for the non-

### WANT TO HELP?

What: Ride for Angels motorcycle benefit  
When: Saturday, July 17 — registration at 8:30 a.m., ride begins at 10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Hot dog lunch included

profit end-of-life facility. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. for registration and the ride begins at 10:30 a.m.

"It just makes you feel good to know that you're helping others," said Kathy Miller, Hospice receptionist who has played a crucial role in the ride since its start three years ago and is a rider herself. "I know from experience. You talk to the other motorcycle riders that go to fundraisers — they love to turn out and help others."

See RIDE, Page 6

## MODEL PLAYER

HiToms staff and team welcomed a new member to the squad Tuesday — a 5-foot, 9-inch wooden chainsaw carving of a HiToms player. The sculpture, carved by Randy Everette of Colfax, was created to help promote the team and the annual Chainsaw Carving Competition sponsored by the Thomasville Tourism Commission.

TIMES PHOTO/ZACH KEPLER



## Fundraiser born out of longtime friendship

BY ERIN WILTGEN  
Staff Writer

They say that loves come and go but friends last forever.

Jenny Mullins fits that phrase to a tee. Despite whatever hardships faced her during her life, the friendships Mullins formed over those 38 years have staid strong, even after her death to bladder cancer on June 9.

A single mother of a 4-year-

old girl, Josie, the Lexington resident struggled in her final months to make ends meet, leaving a stack of medical bills and her young daughter when she passed. A group of close-knit friends stepped to the plate.

Mullins friends have planned a chicken pie dinner and raffle fundraiser for Saturday, July 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Second Reformed Church, 330 N. Church St. in Lexington. Proceeds will

go towards medical bills and Josie's care.

"I think it's wonderful," said Butch Gibson, Mullins' father. "I think if everyone had friends like she has that are willing to put their days aside and help her or someone in any way — I think it's wonderful that people will do that."

The dinner, which costs \$7 for eat-in or take-out, includes chicken pie, beans, cole slaw,

a roll and dessert. The event also will include a drop buffet, meaning that guests can buy as many tickets as they want upon entering the ticket and can then place their tickets towards whichever items they choose.

Raffle items include gift cards, a Vera Bradley bag, a Bob Timberlake print, RCR Museum

See BORN, Page 6

## TPD launches new website

BY ELIOT DUKE  
Staff Writer

Thomasville Police Department has launched a new website that will give citizens more access to crime statistics, personnel and upcoming events.

Since coming to the Chair City last year, TPD chief Jeff Insley's vision of a transparent department has unfolded on numerous fronts, and the new website is a continuation of his open-book policy.

"We want to make sure the citizens know what it is we're doing as an agency," Insley said. "We

**TPD ONLINE**  
Find news, events, districts and crime statistics at [www.ci.thomasville.nc.us](http://www.ci.thomasville.nc.us)

feel this a good way to keep them informed because people are becoming a whole lot more reliant on the computer than they are on regular mail or print. We're hoping this will keep them informed on what's going and who to call if they have an issue."

Designed by Davidson County Community College student Andy

Wolfe, the site's home page follows the traditional black and white color scheme being implemented on new TPD squad cars with logos of the department's badge and memorial statue. The site can be easily accessed through the City of Thomasville's website at [www.ci.thomasville.nc.us](http://www.ci.thomasville.nc.us).

"That's the design the chief liked best, using the design from the new police cars," said Wolfe. "They just kind of told me they wanted this, this and this on it, and I went from there. They left the look of it up to me."

See WEBSITE, Page 6



TIMES PHOTO/ELIOT DUKE

Thomasville Police Chief Jeff Insley looks at the new website for the department Wednesday.

### Community Sponsor

**Thomasville MEDICAL CENTER**  
Remarkable People. Remarkable Medicine.

### Today's Weather



Mostly Sunny  
95/73

Full Forecast Page 2

### What's Inside

- Weather 2
- Focus 3
- Opinion 5
- Obituaries 6
- Sports 7
- Comics 8
- Classifieds 10

