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CAR WASH

Wheatmore High School Marching Band will hold a car wash fundraiser today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NewBridge Bank on Randolph St.

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WellWatchers helps keep parents on the job

BY ERIN WILTGEN
Staff Writer

An only slowly rising economy can result in mounting pressure at work, and many parents who find themselves with a sick child also discover they're stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Thomasville Medical Center's new WellWatchers program hopes to alleviate some of that stress.

Open to the community and Novant Health employees from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, WellWatchers is a

WELLWATCHERS

- For 4 hours or less, cost is \$6
- For 5-8 hours, cost is \$12
- For more than 8 hours, cost is \$18
- For a no-show, cost is \$12

sick child care program operated by TMC's five-star child development center, The Learning Place.

"As a community hospital and on-site child development center, we recognized the need for such a service in our community and are really happy to make this service available," said Nancy Hollis, manager of The Learning Place and WellWatchers, in a press release.

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James Taylor holds a few of the many medals he received while in Chicago in June at the United States Achievement Academy.

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STAYING ON TRACK

THS student awarded for academic excellence in earth science

BY ELIOT DUKE
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James Nicholas Taylor is thinking of getting into journalism when he graduates from Thomasville High School in three years.

The rising sophomore worked with THS' newspaper, Mad Dog Dialogue, this past year, and is deciding between a career in media or the medical field. Considering Taylor's accomplishments in the classroom are already making news, he may have found his calling.

Taylor was recognized by the United States Achievement Academy (USAA) as a student

'I keep my goals straight and I know what I'm going for in life. I know what the right choices are so I keep my grades high.'

— James Taylor

of excellence in Earth Science, joining an elite club that welcomes less than 10 percent of all high school students in the country each year.

"I wasn't completely sure at the time what it was until I got

the papers," Taylor said. "When I read it, there was all this stuff about scholarships and everything. I received it from my health and physical education teacher, and she was the one who gave out the award because it also included academics."

Recognition for the United States Achievement Academy is based on recommendation from teachers, counselors and other qualified sponsors, and standards for selection include a 3.0 grade point average, academic performance, personal motivation, cooperative classroom attitude, dependability, enthusiasm for education, leadership quali-

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Benefit to support Victory Junction

BY ELIOT DUKE
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CV Products and Xcel-dyne Technologies are two Thomasville companies that believe in giving back to the community and supporting organizations who help those in need.

For the third year in a row, the two companies will be holding an annual benefit today where all proceeds will go towards the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a place where children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses go to see dreams become reality, and the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma.

"The proceeds this year will be split," Melissa Blackwell, marketing communication specialist for CV Products, said. "Half will go to Victory Junction and half to the institute. The Childress Institute is trying to build a pediatric trauma center that will work hand-in-hand with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. The closest pediatric trauma center to here is in Nashville."

Today's events will feature a 5K walk/run, car show and numerous activities for children, such as bounce houses, a petting zoo, a dunking booth, games and crafts. There also will be a live auction and raffle, and the day will wrap up with performances from two

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Lost and Found

Father, son face second round of distance

BY ERIN WILTGEN
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Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series. Look for the final installment in Tuesday's Times.

The fairy-tale reunion of the summer of 1982 didn't last.

Though Patrick White waved goodbye to 13-year-old JP, thinking that their 10-year absence had ended, his son flew off into oblivion, falling again into a black hole of names and addresses and phone numbers.

The U.S. Coast Guard veteran searched long and hard. He threw his efforts back into scouring the Internet, trying tactics he had re-

sorted to when JP first disappeared with his mother 10 years earlier. But to no avail.

In 1987, Patrick remarried. Joan White embraced her new husband's emotional attachment to the missing JP, hanging pictures of the boy in the house, and telling friends and family the sad story.

"I was hoping for another reunion," Patrick said. "I was hoping. But after this many years, I almost gave up hope and wondered if it was too late."

Across the country, JP ran into his own roadblocks — a mother who refused to answer any questions or help in his search for his father. So JP grew into adulthood, never quite forgetting about the man from North Carolina.

JP tried once in 2002 to find Patrick on his own. Locating a High Point man named Patrick E. White, JP called the number and a woman answered — Joan.

The young man asked for Patrick, but he didn't mention who he was, and, before his father took the call, he hung up.

"I hung up immediately because of the anxieties of not knowing what I was getting myself into," JP said. "I was thinking to myself then, 'I haven't had a father. Why start?'"

But still Patrick lingered on JP's mind and remained in his heart. The story of his long-lost father was a common one among JP's

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JP and Patrick White spent 28 years apart before locating each other again in 2010.

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