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Vinnon Williams, DCAF agriculture manager, said of the Kidde Kamps. "One boy was there a week and when we took him home, his daddy asked where he had been. The parents didn't even notice he was gone for a week. We asked one girl why she liked coming to the camp and she said "because you guys don't beat me out here." Those are the types of kids we're dealing with here."

This year's DCAF is expected to attract close to 30,000 visitors and will take place from Sept. 20 to Sept. 25, with a wide array of attractions. Tuesday will feature a dairy show, showcasing all five breeds of North Carolina dairy cows and there will be a goat show on Wednesday. The Miss Davidson County Pageant will highlight Thursday's festivities and babies will take center stage on Friday in the annual "Diaper Derby."

"We do all of this to provide those children the best experience possible," said Carl McKnight, director of livestock. "When you read something from a child who attended the camp say the best part was being able to eat three times a day, it hits home. We put in a lot

of work to make this happen. It is the only motivation we need."

In the 1920s, tuberculosis threatened the lives of children across the country, especially those who were underprivileged. Charter members of the Lexington Kiwanis Club recognized this problem and set out to help by sponsoring "Kiddie Kamps," where underprivileged kids could come and eat healthy in an effort to get them stronger to possibly ward off the disease. Following years of fundraising, a committee went to Davidson County Commissioners and requested the right to sponsor the annual fair. On July 20, 1945, the Davidson County Fair Association was incorporated. In 1953, the Lexington Kiwanis Club, with the help of its members, purchased the land for a permanent Kiddie Kamp.

"There are so many people involved from the community," Williams said. "For a small county, this is one big fair."

Gates open Monday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. The fair costs \$7 for adults and \$2 for children. The fairgrounds is located at 400 Greensboro St. in Lexington. For more information, visit davidson-countyagfair.com.

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end. Kindergarten students will begin the program later in the fall. TPS paid for the initiative through its parent involvement fund.

"These books are just the right text for their grade level," said Ceretha Mithcell, director of curriculum and instruction for Thomasville City Schools. "There's a parent connection that's part of the program that parents and children will read together. We have thousands of books and thought this would be a great way to use the funds that were available to us. The more time with text, the more comprehension students will have."

Mitchell said the plan is to extend the initiative through fifth grade. School systems across the state are increasing the amount of books available to students, but Mitchell said that parental involvement was missing in some of the other programs. The backpack program brings the home involvement element that TPS was looking for.

"We felt we wanted to involve the home setting," Mitchell said. "We thought the weekend time would be good, but we needed something organized. We put everything together and feel like this has the potential to be a great idea."

Parents will have a questioning sheet in the

backpack to use with any book title and there also will be a parent connection with some of the material.

"We're trying to get parents involved so they understand what the program entails," said second grade teacher Adrienne Barnes. "We're working on reading comprehension. If we can get the parents to understand how important reading comprehension is I think they will jump on board automatically. Not only do we want this to be fun and memorable, but also monitor the comprehension of the text. That's what we're seeing in the classroom that needs to be carried over into the home. This is just another tool we're giving them to feel more confident about what they're doing to help their child."

Barnes pointed out that many children don't have access to a lot of books at home, and the new program allows them to expand their reading horizons.

"You would be surprised at how many kids don't have an abundance of books," Barnes said. "It's something most of us take for granted. The backpack program makes sure the children always have something at home to read."

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James R. Bennett

LEXINGTON — James Robert Bennett, 68, of Simerson Road, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at his home after an extended illness.

Funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Piedmont Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Cox officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Piedmont Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.piedmontfuneralhome.com.

Addison Biesecker

LEXINGTON — Mr. Addison Biesecker, age 44, of Midway School Road, Winston-Salem, died Friday.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Davidson Funeral Home chapel.

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

Debra Burns

TRINITY — Mrs. Debra Sue Hutchins Burns, 48, a resident of Wedgewood Terrace, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, at High Point Regional Hospital.

She was born on Jan. 16, 1962, in Guilford County to the late Wayne Hutchins and Grace Phillips Hutchins.

In January 1977, she married Wayne Edward Burns, who survives of the home; also surviving is a daughter, Edreena Dawn Burns; sister, Sandra of Trinity; and four grandchildren.

Debbie's wishes were to be cremated, and her ashes will be scattered in the ocean near Little River, S.C.

Online condolences may be sent to www.jcgreenandsons.com.

OBITUARIES

Betty G. Crotts

LEXINGTON — Betty JoAnn Gills Crotts, age 75, of Crotts Drive, Lexington, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, in Hinkle Hospice House after a four-month illness.

Memorial service will be held at a later date. The family received friends from 1 until 4 p.m. Sunday at the home on Crotts Drive.

Born June 3, 1935, in Princeton, W.Va., to Robert Gills and Minnie Gills, she was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God.

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

Elizabeth Dotson

CLEMMONS — Elizabeth Gertrude Warren Dotson, age 78, of Plumstead Lane, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at her home.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. today at National Cemetery of Salisbury with Chaplain Ryan Wagers officiating. No formal visitation will be held.

Davidson Funeral Home, Hickory Tree Chapel is serving the family.

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

Joe D. Goss

LEXINGTON — Joe Donald Goss, 78, of Riverwood Road, Lexington, died Friday, Sept. 10, at Hinkle Hospice House.

No funeral services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to Hinkle Hospice House, 202 Hospice Way, in Lexington. Piedmont Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.piedmontfuneralhome.com.

James E. Hobgood

Mr. James Edward Hobgood, 87, a resident of Cold Spring, N.Y., and formerly of Thomasville, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Born in Thomasville, Oct. 15, 1922, a son of the late Dr. James E. Hobgood and Maude Weaver Hobgood, he joined the U.S. Navy, went to Japanese language school in Stillwell, Okla., and then to Occupied Japan to be an interpreter.

Memorial graveside service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Thomasville City Cemetery with the Rev. Peggy A. Finch officiating.

Online condolences may be made to the Hobgood family at www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Ola S. Lookabill

LEXINGTON — Ola Smith Lookabill, 92, of Lexington Health Care, Lexington, formerly of N.C. 150 South, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, after declining health.

Graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sandy Creek Cemetery, in Lexington, with the Rev. Howard Baker officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 4299 South N.C. Hwy 150, in Lexington. Piedmont Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.piedmontfuneralhome.com.

Mary Moore

LEXINGTON — Mary Jane Alford Moore, 74, of Lexington, died Friday at the Hinkle Hospice Home.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Forest Hill Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Davidson Funeral Home Lexington Chapel will be serving the family.

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

Henry W. Myers

Mr. Henry Willard Myers, 87, a resident of Thomasville, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at the Hinkle Hospice House of Davidson County.

Willard was born in Davidson County on Aug. 13, 1923, a son of Henry Bradley Myers and Monnie Lou Kirk Myers. He was a lifelong resident of Davidson County, a former maintenance supervisor for the Baptist's Children Home in Thomasville and was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy. Willard loved fishing and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Willard married Colleen Whitlock, who survives, of Thomasville.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his sons, Rick Myers and wife, Lynn, of Lexington, Lynn Myers and Kenneth Myers and wife, Diane, all of Thomasville; brothers, Bradford Myers and wife, Linda, and Dale Myers and wife, Becky, all of Thomasville; sisters, Nell Morris and Margaret Edwards, both of Thomasville, Martha Ann Crickmore, of Shallote and Brenda Moore, of Charlotte; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Liberty Baptist Church with the Rev. David Bowman and the Rev. Ken Miller officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Mr. Myers will remain at J.C. Green and Sons Funeral Home until placed in the church 30 minutes prior to the service. The family received friends at the funeral home Monday from 6 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Liberty Baptist Church, 225 Liberty Ave., or Hospice of Davidson, 200 Hospice Way, in Lexington. Online condolences may be sent to the Myers family at www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Pete Wilson

LEXINGTON — Hobert Ed "Pete" Wilson, 74, of Michael Alley, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at Hinkle Hospice House, following an extended illness.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lexington City Cemetery with the Revs. Kenneth Deal and Allen Smith officiating. The family will receive friends at Davidson Funeral Home Lexington Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. today. At other times they will be at the home of the sister, Sally Leonard, on Michael Alley.

Any memorials may be directed to Hinkle Hospice House, 200 Hospice Way, in Lexington. Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

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