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Engagement



Joli McMillian and Timothy Blanks

McMillian - Blanks

Phillip and Kay McMillian of Raeford announce the engagement of their daughter Joli Christine McMillian of Concord to Timothy Ray Blanks of Concord.

The prospective groom is the son of B. Ray and Sandra Blanks of Raleigh.

A June wedding is planned for Raeford Presbyterian Church.



Some assembly required

First grade students in Brandi Small's class at Don Steed Elementary School grew part of their lunch in an AERO garden, provided by a grant obtained by Melissa Thomas, a student's parent. Students grew lettuce and monitored its progress, and then each brought a salad bar item to add to the lettuce. The project integrated math, science and nutrition education.



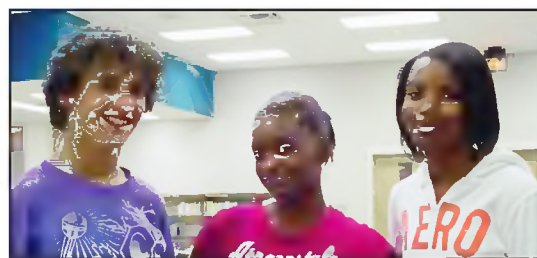
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Bring home medals

East Hoke Middle School Band Students traveled to UNC-P for the Southeastern District Solo and Ensemble Competition April 17. Out of 16 events, the students earned 11 ratings of superior and five ratings of excellent. Figuring in multi-numbered ensembles, a total of 14 superior medals were earned by the East Hoke students. Denise Wallace, director of bands at EHMS, prepared the students and accompanied each event on the piano. Ratings in the brass and percussion room were as follows (left photo): Marq Everett, 1 sup; Kyle Lewis, 1 sup; Victor Tavera, 1 sup; Daimon Monroe, 1 sup; Stephan Purcell, 1 sup; Mike Thompson, 1 sup; Michael Chatman, 1 sup; Cody Holcomb, 1 sup. Ratings in the woodwind room were: Elizabeth Grimsley, 1 sup; Rebecca Edmiston, 1 ex; Angela Watson, 1 sup; Elizabeth Vella, 1 ex; LeKeisha Wardlaw, 2 ex; Kayla Smith, 2 ex; Taylor Dudley, 1 ex; Mikayla Tyler, 1 ex; Jazmyne Davis, 1 sup, 1 ex; Zakyree Wallace, 2 sup; Porchia High, 1 ex; Carlos Rimerex, 1 sup, 2 ex; Eboni Bain, 1 ex.



Honors band

Three East Hoke Middle School students traveled to UNC-Pembroke to participate with the UNC-P Honors Band March 27. The students were selected by Pembroke officials from lists submitted by area band directors. Chosen to sit with the band were Jazmyne Davis, bass clarinet, Carlos Ramirez, clarinet and Zakyree Wallace, clarinet. The students are taught by EHMS band director Denise Wallace. The students spent the day in rehearsals with guest conductors, preparing music they had never seen before, and performed in a public concert.



End-of-grade prep

Upchurch Elementary School got some help for end-of-grade test preparation from Charles Fipps (center) of Charles K. Fipps Insurance Agency. Also shown are Shannon Southerland and Michelle Creamer.

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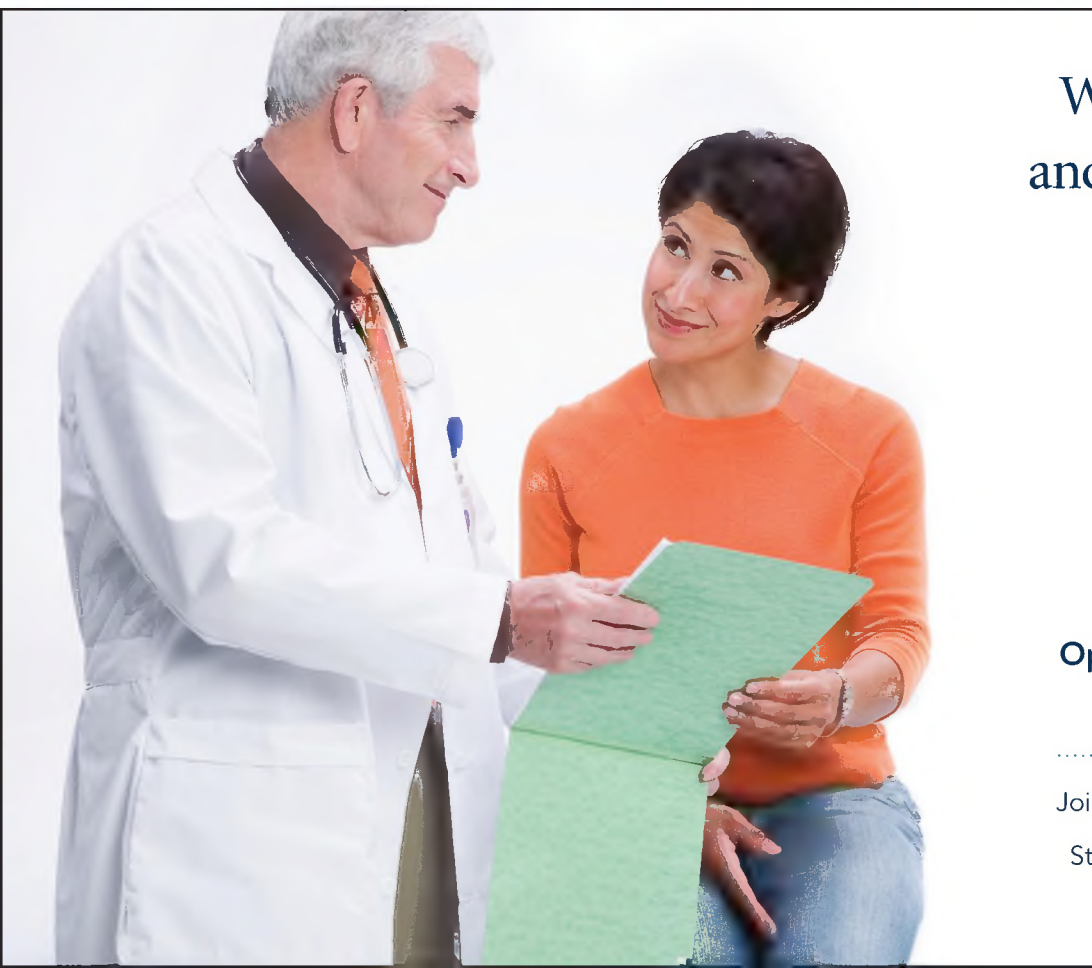
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