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## TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF: September 2022

1. Employees from six schools in the Dallas area - North Gaston, W.C. Friday, Carr, Costner, Highland, and Woodhill - were treated to a back-to-school breakfast on August 16 at Rankin Lake Baptist Church. The breakfast served as the church's "thank you" to teachers and other school employees for their hard work and commitment to ensuring student success. Gaston County Board of Education members Dot Cherry, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Steve Hall, and Robbie Lovelace as well as Superintendent of Schools W. Jeffrey Booker attended the event. In addition to the opportunity to win one of 60 door prizes, each attendee received a treat bag.
2. The following students were selected as a College Board National Recognition Program award winner: Malasia Friday-Scales, Hunter Huss High School; Isabel Suarez, East Gaston High School; Dawson Brice, North Gaston High School; Ajah Harris, North Gaston High School; Jenna Mason, North Gaston High School; Nia Ulli, South Point High School; and Kierra Wilcox, South Point High School. The students earned the recognition because of their academic achievements in school and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or Advanced Placement (AP) exams.
3. The following high schools were recognized by Jostens as a National Yearbook Program of Excellence award winner: Forestview High School, Bronze; Highland School of Technology, Silver; and South Point High School; Silver.
4. Bessemer City Primary received several boxes of school supplies from the Bessemer City Church of God.
5. Carr Elementary received school supply donations from Dixon Quick Coupling.
6. Classroom Central provided a free mobile store for teachers in Gaston County Schools on August 22. The mobile store was set up at Carr Elementary and teachers were able to stop by to pick up supplies for their classroom.
7. The Charlotte Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi donated 120 book bags filled with school supplies to students in need at Chapel Grove Elementary. In addition, the school received school supply donations from Crowders Creek ARP Church and Southside Baptist Church.
8. East Gaston High School student Zoe Gambino represented Mount Holly in the Miss North Carolina's Outstanding Teen competition, which was held in J une in High Point.
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