



Members of the 2016 Class of Leadership Harnett stand in front of the Harnett County Animal Shelter where the class completed a beautification project and collected pet food and other items as part of their class project. Animal Services' partnership with Leadership Harnett is one of many the agency has with organizations in and around Harnett County.

## Animal Services Leverages Partnerships to Improve Outcomes for Sheltered Animals

When someone offers to lend a helping hand, Harnett County Animal Services Program Manager Steve Berube isn't one to turn them down. In fact, Berube has utilized a network of partnerships over the years to extend the department's reach and help as many of the county's stray animals as possible.

One of the more recent examples was when Leadership Harnett's 2016 Class voted to beautify the Harnett County Animal Shelter's exterior as their class project. Berube was a member of the 2016 class, but recused himself from voting. The result saw Leadership Harnett participants coming out to the Animal Shelter and landscaping

around the building's exterior, applying a fresh coat of paint to the outside benches and collecting food and supplies for the shelter's pets.

Berube used the opportunity to share with his classmates the work Harnett County Animal Services does alongside its partnerships in the community. He sees educating the public as

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a key function of Animal Services and its goal to reduce the county's unwanted animal population through spaying and neutering, and adoption.

### HAWC

One of Harnett County Animal Services' most successful partnerships is with Harnett Animal Welfare Coalition (HAWC) to reduce the county's unwanted animal population.

Animal Services partners with HAWC in a variety of ways, working to educate the public about the importance of having their pets spayed and neutered, providing vouchers for low income residents to get their pets spayed and neutered, and working with Harnett County fourth-graders through the SOAR (Students of Animal Responsibility) program to teach them how to be responsible pet owners. HAWC is also an advocate for Harnett County Animal Services and has assisted the department by providing much needed supplies and financial support.

### Fort Bragg

Berube has also partnered with the 248th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services Support at Fort Bragg, which has spent several weeks over the last two years at the Harnett County Animal Shelter training for overseas missions and providing much needed services to animals at the shelter.

During each training session, soldiers camp out near the Animal Shelter while spaying and neutering dozens of animals and performing other necessary medical procedures at no cost to the County. Those savings have been passed on to Harnett County residents who adopt the animals and do not have to pay to have them spayed or neutered.

### Campbell University

Animal Services partners with Campbell University Public Health students to allow them to complete their practicums with the department. Students work with Animal Services to promote spaying and neutering and adoptions, and have also attended festivals to assist with marketing and conducting rabies clinics throughout the County.

When it comes time for exams, Animal Services takes puppies and kittens to Campbell's campus to let students play with them as a way to relieve stress as they cram for their finals.

Additionally, Kaela McCoy, a Campbell University art major and vol-



**At top, members of the 2016 Class of Leadership Harnett work on landscaping outside of the Harnett County Animal Shelter as part of their class project.**

**Above, the result of the work included new landscaping and freshly painted benches in front of the facility.**

unteer at the Animal Shelter, painted three murals inside the shelter's lobby to create a more inviting and attractive environment for those coming in to consider adopting animals from the shelter. Many other Campbell students also volunteer their time to the Animal Shelter on a regular basis.

### Municipalities

Every fall, when Harnett County's municipalities hold their annual festivals, Harnett County Animal Services is there, hosting rabies vaccination clinics and distributing educational information to residents.

Additionally, the County has agreements with every municipality except for Dunn to provide municipal animal control services to the towns, which fund a municipal animal control officer.

In addition to these partnerships, Harnett County Animal Services is always looking for new ways to partner with community organizations and individuals to improve outcomes for the county's animals. For more information on Harnett County Animal Services, go to [www.harnett.org/ac/](http://www.harnett.org/ac/), and to get involved, contact Animal Services at (910) 814-2952 or visit them at 1100 McKay Place, Lillington.

## What's Happening in Harnett?

Are you looking for something to do over the weekend? Have you ever wanted to run your own business, but need some help getting started? Keep up with what's going on in Harnett County with the Community Calendar at [www.harnett.org/publicinfo](http://www.harnett.org/publicinfo).

The calendar compiles community events taking place throughout Harnett County — from all the town festivals and parades going on in the fall to community meetings and seminars at Triangle South Enterprise Center — and puts them in a single location. It also includes events held by partner organizations including area chambers of commerce, the Dunn Area Tourism Authority, Campbell University, Central Carolina Community College and Raven Rock State Park. See something that's missing from the calendar? Let us know and we'll add it! To submit an event for inclusion in the Harnett County Community Calendar, email [bhaney@harnett.org](mailto:bhaney@harnett.org).

# Moody's Investors Service Upgrades County's Bond Rating

## *New Rating Will Allow County to Attract More Competitive Interest Rate on Debt*

Harnett County Manager Joseph Jeffries announced that the bond rating agency Moody's Investors Service upgraded Harnett County's general obligation bond rating from Aa3 to Aa2. The upgraded bond rating will allow the County to attract a more competitive interest rate when issuing general obligation bonds in the future.

The upgrade comes following a review of the County's current financial outlook as well as a conference call with the County's management team and representatives of Davenport & Company LLC, the County's financial advisor.

In making the upgrade, Moody's stated the Aa2 GO rating "reflects the favorable location between Raleigh and Fayetteville, the sizable and growing tax base with below average wealth levels, healthy reserves and liquidity, and manageable fixed costs."

Moody's specifically noted the 2015 grand opening of the 1.45 million-square-foot Rooms To Go regional distribution and retail center along Interstate 95 in Dunn. The project resulted in a \$40 million investment and 250 full-time jobs along with additional trucking contracts.

Among Harnett County's strengths are a "sizable tax base with favorable location poised for further growth, healthy reserves and cash levels, and low pension cost."

"This is a demonstration of the fiscal responsibility the County has shown in recent years and how we've been able to turn things around fol-

lowing the economic downturn," said Harnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman Gordon Springle. "We've put some policies and procedures in place over the last few years that should really help the County moving forward."

"In making this decision, Moody's looked at the County's existing fiscal policies and they particularly liked that our Board of Commissioners is committed to adhering to those policies and that they're engaged," said Harnett County Finance Officer Kimberly Honeycutt.

Jeffries said the rating upgrade is just one of many positive things currently taking place in Harnett County.

"Since 2010, Harnett County is the fifth fastest growing county in North Carolina and one of the 100 fastest growing counties in the United States," he said. "We've got a lot of momentum in Harnett County and this announcement is part of that. We're also developing more parks and working to expand our trails and access along the Cape Fear River. We're focused on leveraging assets like Campbell University and Central Carolina Community College to attract new business and industry to the County, and we've increased teacher supplements to be more competitive in the region."

Moody's noted that the County could receive another upgrade in the future with a decreased debt burden, increase in reserve and liquidity levels, and significant economic expansion and diversification.





Harnett County Commissioners and officials gather with residents of western Harnett County, officials with the State of North Carolina and Republic Services, and children from Little Miracles Child Care as they cut the ribbon on the new Johnsonville Convenience Site. Harnett County Solid Waste will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new Campbell Convenience Site in Buies Creek on Friday, April 21.

## Harnett County Solid Waste Cuts Ribbon on New Johnsonville Convenience Site

Harnett County Solid Waste cut the ribbon on the new Johnsonville Convenience Site at 721 Ponderosa Road, Cameron, on March 24. County officials were joined by residents of western Harnett County, officials with the State of North Carolina and Republic Services, and children from Little Miracles Child Care as they cut the ribbon on the new convenience site.

The newly-constructed facility will provide a convenient location for residents to dispose of household trash, recyclable materials, electronics, tires, used oil, antifreeze and cooking oil. The Johnsonville site replaces the convenience center on Brooks Mangum Road. The new site includes self-contained compactors, which are more sanitary

and offer a more pleasant appearance than traditional open-top containers.

Harnett County Solid Waste currently operates four convenience sites across the county in addition to the county's two landfills, which are intended to curb litter and illegal dumping.

The County's newest convenience site near Campbell University is now open at 117 Kivett Road, Buies Creek. Harnett County Solid Waste will hold a grand opening for the Campbell Convenience Site on Friday, April 21 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. The event will include free giveaways and refreshments, along with plenty of fun activities for kids including exhibits, and ap-

pearances by Can Man and Campbell University mascot, Gaylord.

In addition to representatives from Harnett County and Campbell University, officials with the N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Services (DEACS), N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, and Republic Services will be on-hand. First grade students from Buies Creek Elementary will attend, as will Environmental Science Students from Campbell.

There is no cost for Harnett County residents to use convenience sites. When residents show proof of residency at any convenience site, they will be given a decal to use at all County convenience sites. For more information, go to [www.harnett.org/waste/](http://www.harnett.org/waste/).

## *Recycling Tips from Harnett County Solid Waste*

Harnett County Solid Waste encourages all citizens to participate in the many recycling opportunities available in the county. Recyclables should always be empty, clean and dry.

Household trash should be bagged for disposal, however you should not bag recyclables. Plastic films should not be included with recycling. Grocery store bags, shrink wrap and other films

should be recycled at your local retailer that collects plastic bags for recycling.

For more information on recycling in Harnett County, go to [www.harnett.org/waste/recycle.asp](http://www.harnett.org/waste/recycle.asp).

## County Staff Recognize Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month



Harnett County employees gathered with others in the community on April 3 in front of the Harnett County Department of Social Services to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month by planting Pinwheels for Prevention and releasing balloons in memory of children who have passed away as a result of abuse or neglect. The event was hosted by Harnett County Partnership for Children and Harnett County Child Welfare Services. The Harnett County Board of Commissioners also adopted a resolution designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

## RSVP Celebrates Volunteers with Luncheon



The Harnett County Division on Aging held an appreciation luncheon on April 4 to recognize volunteers who participate in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP Director LeAnn Blackmon noted that in 2015-16, 289 RSVP volunteers provided 30,928 hours of unpaid volunteer service throughout Harnett County. From left are Harnett County Commissioners Chairman Gordon Springle, Deputy County Manager Paula Stewart, County Health Director John Rouse, Local Public Health Administrator Mary Jane Sauls, Blackmon, Medicare Counselor Vicky Walden, Corporation for Natural Community Service Program Director Alexandria Cooley, and County Commissioner Barbara McKoy.

## Upcoming Events

- Raven Rock State Park will offer a Nature Designs Art Festival and Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The program is free. For more information, contact the park office at (910) 893-4888.
- Harnett County Human Resources will hold open enrollment for the 2017-18 benefits year May 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11. All full-time employees are required to attend an open enrollment session. Employees should have received an email with a link to sign up for an open enrollment session. Contact Human Resources at (910) 893-7567 with any questions.
- Harnett County Parks & Recreation is hosting numerous programs in the next several months including Movies in the Park showings of "Moana" on May 5 at the Angier Depot and "Sing" on May 20 at Lillington Park. The department will also begin holding Storytime in the Park on Fridays in May at Anderson Creek Park, and Preschool Storytime on Tuesdays at the Boone Trail Community Center and Library. Go to [www.harnett.org/parkrec/](http://www.harnett.org/parkrec/) for more information.

*If you know of any important events for future months that should be included in this newsletter, email information to [bhaney@harnett.org](mailto:bhaney@harnett.org).*



## Human Resources Corner

### Get Kids Off to a Good Start With Money

If you're a parent, you can bet your children will mirror your behavior and values, including how you manage money. As your children grow, create opportunities to make learning about money fun.

#### Challenge their imagination

Kids from pre-school to second grade learn from play. Have your children be the shopkeeper of an imaginary general store. Gather items from your pantry to stock the shelves of the store. You can use coins for buying and selling. This is a great time to introduce them to a piggy bank, as well.

#### Visit your bank or credit union

Your children's elementary school years are a prime time for learning the value of saving and working for the things they want. Introduce them to chores and an allowance.

Your children are going to need a place to keep the money they save, so take them to your bank or credit union to open an account. Tell them about when you opened your first account. Then visit the bank or credit union together every month to get them into the habit of consistent savings and to learn new things about money.

#### Conquer the supermarket

As your children move from elementary school to junior high, they're becoming more open to learning life lessons. Take them shopping and have them read price labels at the supermarket. Show them how to identify items on sale, find an item's price per ounce or quantity, and compare generic to brand name items. If you take them shopping frequently they may become your own personal shoppers.

#### Getting a better handle on money

Your teens can become sharper about money and savings by being managers-in-training. Have them clean out your basement, attic, and closets to manage a yard sale. Between handling inventory, pricing, haggling, and keeping up with the cashbox, their sense of responsibility and understanding of value will grow leaps and bounds. Put your children in charge of the table and have them deposit any money earned in a savings account where it can grow with dividends and additional deposits.

By sharing your experiences with your kids and engaging them with learning-by-doing, you can set the table for good choices and values as they grow.

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## Commissioners Approve Compensation Study Recommendation to Bring County to Market Rate

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a recommendation from Springsted Incorporated to adjust the County's grade table and classification system, bringing County salaries in line with those of other agencies in the region.

Last fall, Harnett County engaged Springsted to conduct a compensation and benefits study at the instruction of the Board of Commissioners. The study was necessary because the County was experiencing a number of issues including turnover due to employees leaving to take higher paying jobs with other employers, difficulty hiring new personnel and the high cost of training new employees due to increased turnover.

The County's last compensation study was conducted 10 years ago. According to Springsted, most organizations conduct a comprehensive classification and compensation study every 5

to 7 years with compensation studies every one to two years.

Springsted surveyed 19 counties, towns and relevant organizations in the surrounding area, and made a recommendation to bring Harnett County's classifications to a competitive market rate. The study looked at positions, not the people in them, to determine where the positions should be graded based on the surrounding market.

Springsted's recommendation was presented to the Board of Commissioners during their annual planning retreat on February 28. On March 6, the Board approved the recommendation and directed staff to implement the study to be effective April 16, 2017.

Implementing Springsted's recommendations means adopting a new grade table, which was recommended

based on the market analysis; placing existing positions into their recommended grades in the new table based on the market analysis; and then placing employees in the new grade for their position at the same place they are in their current grade.

Implementation of Springsted's recommendations will help the County retain qualified employees while cutting down on the costs associated with frequent turnover, and will ensure new employees are recruited and hired at a more competitive wage.

We appreciate the Board of Commissioners' commitment to making sure Harnett County's employees are fairly compensated for the work they do for the county's citizens.

If you have any questions regarding your new grade and salary, contact Human Resources at (910) 893-7567.

# March Employee Birthdays

The following Harnett County employees and board members celebrate birthdays in March. Please join us in wishing these employees a happy birthday.

Mar. 1	Scott Tripp (Development Services)				Kimberly Hathcock (Social Services)
	Deshawn Peterkin (EMS)	16			Daniel Fleming (EMS)
	Clarence Gibson (Public Utilities)				Renea Warren-Ford (Finance)
	Ainsley Johnson (Health)				Deborah Wilson (Health)
	Kimberly Vanbeck (Library)				Angela McNeill (Register of Deeds)
	Nicole Kirk (Social Services)	19			Rodney Eason (Emergency Services)
	Terri Crisp (Social Services)				Marcellus Wright (Public Utilities)
2	Jackie Helton (Cooperative Extension)				Andrea Maness (Social Services)
	Allan O'Briant (Public Utilities)	20			Joshua Munn (EMS)
3	Sharon Williams (Cooperative Extension)				Kristian Stewart (Social Services)
	Randy Baker (Development Services)	21			Theresa Coupee (Sheriff's Office)
	Jaime Phelps (Public Utilities)	22			Graham Byrd (Health)
	Wayne Coats (Sheriff's Office)				Robert Burlock (Sheriff's Office)
4	Lisa Spencer (Sheriff's Office)				Charles Peele (Sheriff's Office)
	Shannon Warren (Social Services)	23			Zachary Pineiro (EMS)
5	Ayla Bryant (Communications)				Bradley Stevens (Sheriff's Office)
	Samantha Hetrick (EMS)	24			Patrick Holt (Sheriff's Office)
	Michael Morrison (Public Buildings)				Joan Shaw (Parks & Recreation)
7	Amanda Dawson (Health)				Hal Stroud (Sheriff's Office)
	Johnny Hawley (Sheriff's Office)	25			Elizabeth Beasley (Public Utilities)
	Beverly Nicholas (Social Services)				David Oakley (Sheriff's Office)
	Lianna Simmons (Social Services)				Stewart Parker (Sheriff's Office)
8	Donald Lucas (Sheriff's Office)	26			Amy Allen (Health)
	Neal Taylor (Public Utilities)				Franklin Carson (Sheriff's Office)
9	Jeb Shook (Public Utilities)				Kimberly Sirois (Library)
	Darius Purdie (Sheriff's Office)	27			Eileen Beeson (Animal Services)
	Sarah Beddingfield (Library)				Melanie Graham (Cooperative Extension)
10	Denise McLean (Transportation)				Tina Strickland (Finance)
11	Debra Byrd (Cooperative Extension)	28			Debra Hardison (Sheriff's Office)
	Robert Edmonds (Public Utilities)	29			Terrell Moore (Sheriff's Office)
	Sabrina Currin (Sheriff's Office)				Bobby Strickland (Sheriff's Office)
12	Walter Massey (Development Services)				Pamela Little (Social Services)
	Robin Sawyers (EMS)	30			Judy Holley (Administration)
	Audrey Mason (Public Utilities)				Kimberly Honeycutt (Finance)
	David Whittenton (Sheriff's Office)				Patricia Purvis (Health)
13	Lacey Segars (Legal Services)				Jiang Ouyang (IT)
14	Scott Phillips (EMS)				William Grady (Sheriff's Office)
	Robert Norris (Sheriff's Office)				Karen Blackmond (Social Services)
15	Lee Harris (Health)	31			Michele Temple (GIS)
	Kerri Davis (Health)				Tracy Tant (Public Utilities)
	John Knight (Sheriff's Office)				Michael Vanderpool (Sheriff's Office)
	Rodney Jackson (Sheriff's Office)				Catherine Taylor (Sheriff's Office)

## Employment Anniversaries

The following Harnett County employees celebrate employment anniversaries in March 2017. Please join us in congratulating them on reaching this public service milestone.

5 years	Sheila Bennett (GIS)				Nicole Kirk (Social Services)
	William Herring (Sheriff's Office)	15 years			Joseph Jeffries (Administration)
	Eddie Jagers (Sheriff's Office)				Bobby Strickland (Sheriff's Office)
	Sandra Boykins (Social Services)				Harriette Coley (Social Services)
	Amy Bain (Tax)	20 years			John Tadlock (EMS)
10 years	Jeff Armstrong (Sheriff's Office)	25 years			Terri Crisp (Social Services)
	Traci Haire (Social Services)				

## April Employee Birthdays

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Apr. 1	Brandy Champion (Public Utilities)				Grace Frenzel (Library)
2	Hubert Ellison (Sheriff's Office)	17			Darleen Miller (Sheriff's Office)
	Angela McLean (Transportation)				David Abney (Sheriff's Office)
	Jeanette Grady (Transportation)				Martha Allen (Social Services)
3	Larry Smith (Emergency Services)				April Fowler (Social Services)
	John Tadlock (EMS)	18			Calla Godwin (Emergency Services)
	Letitia Maynor (Finance)				Donda Blake (Social Services)
	April Gale (Joblink)	19			Vicky Walden (Division on Aging)
4	Cherie Shaw (Public Utilities)				Mary Atkinson (Library)
	Morris Damato (Sheriff's Office)	20			Spencer Elmore (Sheriff's Office)
5	James Williams (GIS)				Jason Lee (Sheriff's Office)
	Jean Kidd (Sheriff's Office)				Rebecca Coleman (Social Services)
	Asya Matthews (Social Services)	21			Michael Knodel (Sheriff's Office)
	Kimberly Lockamy (Tax)				Jennifer Owen (EMS)
	Theresa Satterfield (Tax)				Jenna Ammons (EMS)
6	Brandon Purvis (EMS)				Wesley Roberson (Public Utilities)
	Donna Smith (Social Services)	22			Yolanda Parker (Health)
	Gary McNeill (Social Services)	23			Sonia Vela (EMS)
	Randall Smith (Solid Waste)	24			Kelley Hinson (Health)
7	David Thompson (EMS)				Allison Beam (Health)
	Scot Ward (EMS)				Haley Edwards (Social Services)
	Bradley Mazingo (Public Utilities)				Kay Wilson (Social Services)
	LeeAnn Champion (Health)	25			Christopher Elledge (Public Utilities)
	Brad Truelove (Sheriff's Office)				Tamara Hill (IT)
	Jerry White (Transportation)	26			Walt Temple (IT)
8	Joanna Cox (Library)				Kim Hargrove (Register of Deeds)
	Timothy Vernon (Transportation)				Britta Nipper (Social Services)
	Amy Noel (Veterans Services)				Debra Chance (Social Services)
9	Erin Wirths (EMS)	27			Kami Jackson (Division on Aging)
10	Kelly Clark (Public Buildings)				Jerry Jones (Public Utilities)
	Anita Lynn (Social Services)				Laura Smith (Health)
11	Justin Saunders (EMS)				Chris Strahan (IT)
12	Alexander Bennett (Sheriff's Office)				Verna Thibodeaux (Transportation)
13	Jonathan Stone (Fleet Maintenance)	28			Melissa Page (Public Utilities)
	Jason McNeill (Public Utilities)				Joshua Woods (Sheriff's Office)
15	Ricky Denning (EMS)	29			Beth Petrick (Development Services)
	Angela Edwards (Public Utilities)				Ronald Lackey (Sheriff's Office)
16	Joseph Bowden (Development Services)	30			Jill Mangum (Public Utilities)
	April Hammond (EMS)				Glenisha Faison (Health)
	Sheila Bennett (GIS)				Jocelyn Ramirez (Health)
	Robert Kimbrough (Sheriff's Office)				David Baker (Solid Waste)

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	Corey Taylor (EMS)		Tony Allen Jr. (Public Utilities)
	James Lowery (Public Utilities)		Christopher Tyler (Public Utilities)
	Robert Edmonds (Public Utilities)		Amanda Duntz (Library)
	Mark McLeod (Public Utilities)		Chase Banker (Sheriff's Office)
	Debra Weis (Public Buildings)	15 years	Gina McKinney (Public Utilities)
	Judith Kelly (Social Services)		Benjamin Nuesmeyer (Public Utilities)
	Angela Montgomery (Social Services)		Thomas Parker (Sheriff's Office)



## *Parks & Recreation Reopens Old Boone Trail Gymnasium to Community*



Harnett County Parks & Recreation officially opened the gym at the Old Boone Trail School for residents to play basketball and other sports on February 20. The opening was just one phase in a plan to bring a community park and library to the former school site on Old U.S. 421. In December, Parks & Recreation announced plans to develop a new park and community center at the property. The park will incorporate the former school's media center, gymnasium and ball fields, and will also include a picnic shelter, small outdoor basketball court and a walking trail. Beginning in May, the site will also serve as a satellite location for the Harnett County Public Library. Additional programs to be held from May through August include Yoga, POUND, Zumba, Tai Chi for Arthritis, CPR/AED courses, Paint your Dog/Cat, and summer camp for ages 6 to 12. Preschool storytime will be held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for children age 3 to 5 beginning May 2. Parks & Recreation holds open gym at the site Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost to use the facility is \$1 per day, \$30 for a 6-month pass or \$50 for an annual pass. Participants must provide government-issued identification at check-in. Participants under the age of 18 who do not have an ID must have a parent or guardian sign a permission form in order to participate. Contact Harnett County Parks & Recreation with any questions at (910) 893-7418 or go to [www.harnett.org/parkrec/](http://www.harnett.org/parkrec/).

### **March/April 2017 Commissioners Meetings and Closings**

Mar. 6 — Commissioners Meeting, 9 a.m.  
Mar. 14 — Commissioners Work Session, 9 a.m.  
Mar. 20 — Commissioners Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Mar. 28 — Commissioners Work Session, 9 a.m.

Apr. 3 — Commissioners Meeting, 9 a.m.  
Apr. 11 — Commissioners Work Session, 9 a.m.  
Apr. 14 — County Offices Closed  
Apr. 17 — Commissioners Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 25 — Commissioners Work Session, 9 a.m.

## Commissioners Host State and Federal Legislators



The Harnett County Board of Commissioners held its annual Legislative Luncheon on February 6. During the luncheon, commissioners and County officials met with members of the county's federal and state legislative delegation and shared the County's legislative priorities for 2017. From left are County Manager Joseph Jeffries; N.C. Rep. David Lewis; Commissioner Barbara McKoy; Commissioners Chairman Gordon Springle; Alice McCall, District Director for U.S. Rep. George Holding; Commissioner Abe Elmore; N.C. Rep. John Sauls; Commissioner Howard Penny; Austen Shearer, Triangle Region Representative for U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis; Commissioners Vice Chairman Joe Miller; and Josh Ward, South Region Field Representative for U.S. Sen. Richard Burr.

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## *County Meets with Campbell Leadership Team*



The Harnett County Board of Commissioners joined Campbell University's leadership team on February 14 for lunch, and to provide updates on the two organizations and discuss opportunities for future partnerships to benefit Harnett County's residents and Campbell's student body.



# County Breaks Ground on Benhaven Elementary



The Harnett County Board of Commissioners and County staff joined officials with Harnett County Schools and the Harnett County Board of Education, and area residents as they broke ground on the new Benhaven Elementary School on April 6. The new school will be located in Western Harnett Industrial Park on Olive Farm Road off of N.C. 87 in western Harnett County.

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## *Commissioners Host Boy Scout Troop*



Boy Scout Troop 902 attended the February 20, 2017, Harnett County Board of Commissioners meeting. The scouts, who were working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badges, attended the meeting to see how government works and to interview local government leaders. The troop also led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.