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## ROBERT PARRISH



*Robert Parrish*

### Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware, President

Robert Parrish was awarded the "NCPSMA Vendor of The Year Award" in 2017. He is most deserving. Robert is always willing to lend a hand. He's faithful to attend the NCPSMA District Meetings as well as the conventions. NCPSMA is fortunate to have him as an active member and supporter.

Robert was born in Raleigh in the old Rex Hospital. He attended Wake County Schools and graduated from East Wake County High School in 1983. He chose to attend Wingate University and graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. While attending Wingate he worked part time in the maintenance department where he performed general maintenance duties in the dorms. Upon graduation he accepted a full-time job offer in the Wingate Maintenance Department as the Warehouse and Inventory Manager. Robert said, "That is where I meet Forman Rushing of Seven Oaks Supply

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## MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS HOSTS DISTRICT FOUR MEETING



*Tracy Metcalf*



*Union Pines High School ROTC*

NCPSMA District Four met February 22 at New Century Middle School. The meeting was well attended. Tracy Metcalf, Principal of New Century Middle School, welcomed everyone to the event. Presentation of Colors was presented by the Union Pines High School ROTC. Tony Seawell of Moore County Schools gave the invocation and a delicious meal prepared by Reggie Long of Moore County Schools was served. Everything was so tasty! Several members of the Moore County School Maintenance Department prepared delicious homemade desserts.

Bradley Garner, Moore County Schools Maintenance Supervisor, introduced the guest speaker for the event, Dr. George Griffin. Dr. Griffin gave an interesting talk about how school maintenance has evolved. He said the "good old days" when a

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NCPSMA WESTERN CONVENTION/WORKSHOP

May 30 -31, 2018 at Ridgecrest Conference Center  
Black Mountain, NC  
For more information contact Roxie Mack at 336.366.4939

### DISTRICT THREE MEETING

August 2, 2018, 4PM at Aurelian Springs Institute of  
Global Learning, 10536 Hwy 48, Littleton, NC  
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### 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NCPSMA EASTERN CONVENTION/WORKSHOP

October 3-5, 2018 at DoubleTree by Hilton  
Atlantic Beach, NC  
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## MEETING DATES

The districts of NCPSMA meet twice yearly.

### District 1

January, July

### District 2

January, July  
Pres. Ronald Moore  
Phone: 910.296.1875

### District 3

February, August  
Pres. Greg Woodard  
Phone: 252.399.7822

### District 4

February, October  
Pres. Cynthia McCabe  
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### District 5

March, September  
Pres. EC Stophel  
Phone: 336.634.3270

### District 6

April, October  
Pres. Chris Adkins  
Phone: 980.343.4526

### District 7

May, November  
Pres. Jeff Adams  
Phone: 336.679.3138

### District 8

March, November  
Pres. David Earley  
Phone: 828.456.2402

## Meeting Dates & Locations

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## Deadlines

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# ROBERT PARRISH

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and Ed Shimpock of Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. They were vendors Wingate College purchased from. At that time, Forman and Ed had just started the hardware company and Ed was doing everything in Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. He was selling, ordering, checking the material in, shipping it, etc. The business was growing fast, and they needed more help and they offered me a position." Robert began as the 'inside man'. He wore many hats; customer service, figured quotes, placed orders as well as handled receiving and shipping. He said, "In the beginning I knew very little about, doors or door hardware so I learned as I went." Later on, Robert moved into sales with Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. In 2000 he went to work for, at the time, Essex Industries which was the Sargent manufactures reps and later became ASSAABLOY. In 2006 he returned to Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware to become the head of the Operations Department. Last year Robert became one of three new owners of Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. Robert along with David Hill and Phillip Floyd are the new owners of Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. Phillip said, "Robert and I have worked together for many years and he has become a good friend as well as a great co-worker. Over these last 25 years we have shared many adventures together and I look forward to the future and many more adventures to come. Robert is dedicated and passionate about his job, his customers, and our company. His experience and knowledge of our industry is second to none and it has been great working alongside him over the years. Robert has been, and continues to be, a mentor to many. He works hard for the success of our company, but also the success of everyone involved with Seven Oaks. I look forward to our new business partnership and all the opportunities we have in the years to come." David said, "Robert has dedicated his life to the door and hardware industry, but most importantly he has dedicated his knowledge and expertise to help provide door opening solutions to keep our schools safe and secure. I have worked with Robert for close to fifteen years and he is always quick to help out in any way. Not only do I consider Robert a mentor, but also like a brother."

During his spare time Robert enjoys hunting and fishing. Many of his trophies are displayed in his office at Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware. Robert and his wife Lisa have one daughter named Leigh. Robert said, "Leigh just had a little boy on December 20<sup>th</sup> so now I have a grandson."

We wish Robert much continued success with Seven Oaks Doors and Hardware and appreciate his support of NCPSMA.

**By Roxie Mack,**  
**NCPSMA Executive Director**

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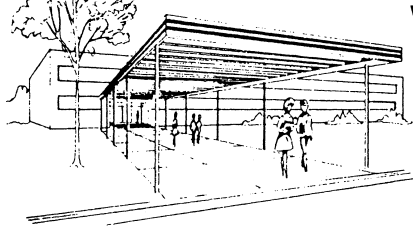
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 HOSTS DISTRICT FOUR MEETING**

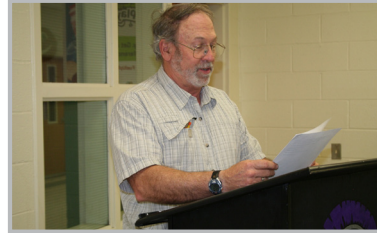
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Bradley Garner



Cynthia McCabe



William McNeill



Donna Fields



Attendees

maintenance person had the skills to work on pretty much anything is a thing of the past. With today's changing technology it takes people with specialized skills and requires continuous training updates. He encouraged members to attend the NCPSMA meetings and annual conventions to stay abreast of what is new in their fields.

District President, Cynthia McCabe, presided over the business session. She thanked Reggie Long and the Moore County Schools Maintenance Staff for the delicious meal. William McNeill, district secretary/treasurer, read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the financial report. Donna Fields, District Four Scholarship Chairman, spoke briefly about the district scholarship program. She stated they hoped to award two scholarships for the 2018-2019 year; one for financial need and one for academic merit. She encouraged qualifying members to submit applications and stated it is not just for children of members; it is also for members and or spouses who would like to further their education.

Tim Monroe of Moore County Schools won the 50/50 drawing. The vendors introduced themselves and door prizes were awarded. There were a large number of door prizes donated. Many thanks to our vendors for their continued and generous support. Thank you to Moore County Schools for hosting the event.

Roxie



Attendees



Dr. George Griffin

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You can meet some of the nicest and most helpful people in our NC Public School Maintenance Departments. Ron and I recently visited with Lee County Schools. We both thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

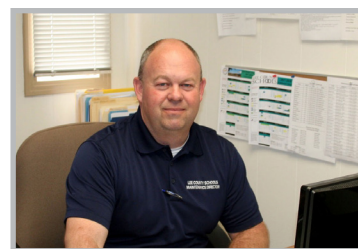
Lee County Schools has sixteen schools: two high schools; eight elementary



Charlene Green



Michelle White



Chris McNeill



schools; three middle schools, one children's center, one early college and one academy. We met with Chris McNeill, Maintenance Director. Chris has been with Lee County Schools for seven years. He was hired as the assistant director. Last year he became the director. He previously worked in heating and air for Cooper Mechanical. Chris is a native of Lee County and he enjoys his work in school maintenance. "In our maintenance department everyone works together as a team. We have a great group. We all get along well," Chris said. Chris introduced us to Charlene Green and Michelle White who both work in the office. Two supervisors work directly under Chris, Brent Measamer and Dennis Rock. The department staff also includes two plumbers, three electricians, three HVAC, one grounds keeper, one painter, one courier and five general maintenance employees. They average completing around 30 work orders a day along with performing preventative maintenance duties. Like all school maintenance departments there is always much to be done with limited funding. Chris enjoys his work. He said, "It is sometimes a challenge to stay in budget. You have to get the most you can for your money, so I do a lot of price checking." Chris and nine others from his staff are new members of NCPMSA.

Currently Chris is involved in the bidding process for a new elementary school. Hite Associates Architectural Firm was chosen to redesign the W.B. Wicker PK-5 S.T.E.M. School. The school was constructed in 1927 to serve Sanford and Lee County's African American students. Additions to the building were made in 1934 and 1949. Other buildings were constructed on the campus from the 1930's to the 1960's. In 1954 it was renamed W.B. Wicker High School after its first principal, William Bartelle Wicker. In 1969, public school integration resulted in Wicker's students being moved to Sanford High School. Wicker was used as a middle school and for other purposes until it was permanently closed in 1990. The school will be remodeled while keeping the 'historic' buildings as original as possible. One new building will be added along with an addition to the gym for the cafeteria and an auditorium renovation. The project is estimated to cost around twenty million dollars.

We got to meet a few more of the maintenance staff as they came in for lunch. Chris told us about a good place to eat in Sanford. If you are ever there around lunch time, you should check out "Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House. The food is delicious!

We appreciate Chris allowing us to visit and spending his valuable time with us.

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Johnson Springs Convention Center at Ridgecrest,  
Black Mountain, NC  
May 30 & 31, 2018

## Wednesday, May 30

7:30-4:30	<b>Registration</b>
8:00-10:00	<p><b>“Electrical”</b> (JS 5 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 1 of 4 - Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – Danny R. McManus Jr., Union County Schools Facilities Assistant Director</i></p> <p><b>“Plumbing/HVAC Credit Renewal”</b> (JS 3 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 1 of 3 - Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – James M. Pleasants Company</i></p> <p><b>“Pesticide Ornamental”</b> (JS 4 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s –Class 1 of 2 (Structural) - Must attend both classes <i>Presenter – TBA</i></p> <p><b>“Small Engine Repair”</b> (JS 2 B / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) <i>Presenters Stihl Representatives Keith Bender and Mark Harrison</i></p>
8:00-10:00	<p><b>“NC Locksmith Renewal”</b> (JS 1 D &amp; H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 1 of 4 - Must attend all classes for 8 hours renewal credit <i>Presenter – ASSA Abloy/DSS Carolinas</i></p>
8:00-9:00	Coffee Break for Exhibitors
8:30-9:00	Exhibitor Display Selection (JS 1 A / 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
9:00-10:00	Exhibitor Display Setup (JS 1 A, B, C, E, F, G / 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
10:00-11:00	Opening Session and Vendor Recognition (JS 2 C / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
11:00	Visit with Exhibitors/Door Prizes
Noon	Luncheon with Exhibitors (JS 2 A&B / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
1:00-2:30	Visit with Exhibitors/Door Prizes
2:30	Exhibitor Display Breakdown
2:30-4:30	<p><b>“Electrical”</b> (JS 5 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s –Class 2 of 4 - Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – Danny R. McManus Jr., Union County Schools Facilities Assistant Director</i></p> <p><b>“Plumbing/HVAC Credit Renewal”</b> (JS 3 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 2 of 3 - Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – James M. Pleasants Company</i></p> <p><b>“Pesticide Ornamental”</b> (JS 4 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 2 of 2 (Structural) - Must attend both classes <i>Presenter – TBA</i></p> <p><b>“NC Locksmith Renewal”</b> (JS 1 D &amp; H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s –Class 2 of 4 - Must attend all classes for 8 hours renewal credit <i>Presenter – ASSA Abloy/DSS Carolinas</i></p> <p><b>“Ice Machine Cleaning”</b> (JS 2 B / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) <i>Presenter – Whaley Food Service</i></p> <p><b>“OSHA Safety”</b> (JS 2 A / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) <i>Presenter – Paul Sullivan, NCDOL Bureau Chief, Safety and Health Compliance West</i></p>
4:45 until	Cornhole Tournament
5:30-6:30	Dinner-Meal Ticket Required (Cafeteria)

## Thursday, May 31

7:00-8:00	Breakfast-Meal Ticket Required (Cafeteria)
7:30-11:45	<b>Registration</b>
7:45-9:45	<p><b>“Electrical/Low Voltage”</b> (JS 5 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 3 of 4 - Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – Danny R. McManus Jr., Union County Schools Facilities Assistant Director</i></p> <p><b>“Plumbing/HVAC Credit Renewal”</b> (JS 3 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s –Class 3 of 3 Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – James M. Pleasants Co.</i></p> <p><b>“Pesticide Structural”</b> (JS 4 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 1 of 2 (Ornamental) Must attend both classes <i>Presenter Patty Alder, NC State University</i></p> <p><b>“NC Locksmith Renewal”</b> (JS 1 D &amp; H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s –Class 3 of 4 - Must attend all classes for 8 hours renewal credit <i>Presenter – ASSA Abloy DSS Carolinas</i></p>
8:00-10:00	<p><b>“Cutting Tool Safety”</b> (hands on type) (JS 1 A &amp; E) <i>Presenter – Nate Waddell, Kimbell-Midwest</i></p> <p><b>“Freezer Troubleshooting &amp; Refrigerant”</b> (JS 1 C &amp; G) <i>Presenter – Whaley Food Service</i></p>
10:00 -12:00	<p><b>“Electrical/Low Voltage”</b> (JS 5 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 4 of 4 Must attend all classes <i>Presenter – Danny R. McManus Jr., Union County Schools Facilities Assistant Director</i></p> <p><b>“Pesticide Structural”</b> (JS 4 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s – Class 2 of 2 Must attend both classes <i>Presenter Patty Alder, NC State University</i></p> <p><b>“NC Locksmith Renewal”</b> (JS 1 D &amp; H / 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) 2 CEU’s –Class 4 of 4 - Must attend all classes for 8 hours renewal credit <i>Presenter - ASSA/Abloy DSS Carolinas</i></p> <p><b>“Roofing” (Membrane Troubleshooting and Repair)</b> (JS 1 C &amp; G) <i>Presenter – Duro-Last Roofing, Inc.</i></p>
12:15-1:30	Luncheon with Exhibitors (JS A/E & B/F 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
1:30-2:30	Closing Session (JS C/G & D/H 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
2:45-until	Advisory Council Meeting (JS C/G & D/H 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THE 10TH ANNUAL  
WESTERN CONVENTION WORKSHOP**

**Hotel Reservations**

Our reservation block with Ridgecrest **ends May 10, 2018**, after which date rooms are not guaranteed. Ridgecrest hotel room reservations are to be made on an individual basis. When you make your reservations for a hotel room at Ridgecrest, you **must** tell them that you are a participant of the NCPSMA Convention/Workshop. The room rates will be between \$79 and \$129 (no tax) depending on the room and occupancy number of each room. Reservations request will need to include group name and city along with the name, address, phone number and e-mail address if available for each attendee. Reservations are to be made by calling directly into the Ridgecrest reservations department (800.588.7222). All reservations are required to be guaranteed by a credit card number to "guarantee the room." Individual reservation deposit required is one night's room rental. This deposit is refundable less a \$10/ room processing fee if canceling 60 or more days prior to arrival, one-half refundable if canceling 30-59 days prior to arrival, and non-refundable if cancelling less than 30 days prior to arrival. Ridgecrest is not a "transient hotel", thus rescheduling of cancelled rooms requires greater advanced notice. Please keep this in mind and help avoid cancellation penalties. **Check in time is 4:00 pm and check out time is 10:00 am.** You need to let Ridgecrest know if you will need a handicap accessible room when you make your reservation.

**Meal Tickets**

Meal tickets need to be purchased along with the registration (if you plan to eat meals at Ridgecrest). The following meals will be available on the meal ticket: Wednesday breakfast and dinner and Thursday breakfast, at a cost of \$32.00. Wednesday and Thursday luncheons will be provided by NCPSMA. Meal tickets must be purchased through Roxie Mack. Please purchase before May 15.

**Ridgecrest Behavioral Standards**

Ridgecrest is a Christian Conference Center. In keeping with our mission, the following standards help to assume the comfort of our guests.

- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, firearms, and fireworks are **not** permitted anywhere on the grounds.
- The use of tobacco and tobacco related products are prohibited.
- Immodest clothing, distasteful monograms, bare feet in public areas, or any extreme styles of dress is prohibited.
- Pets are not permitted in any Ridgecrest facility. However, service animals as defined by ADA regulations are permitted. ADA regulations define a service animal as "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability." Per the US Department of Justice, "The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition." Such animals are not service animals and are therefore not permitted in any Ridgecrest facility.
- As a courtesy to all guests, please observe noise curfew from 1a1:30 pm and 6:30 am.
- Ridgecrest is not responsible for lost or stolen possessions. Ridgecrest does not assume responsibility for damage or loss of any material articles prior to, during or following events.

Use of Ridgecrest, a LifeWay conference center, for this convention does not imply alignment with or endorsement by any Southern Baptist group."

**Delivery Fees:**

A delivery fee will apply to all boxes and pallets received by Ridgecrest. Delivery fees vary. If you need to have materials delivered to Ridgecrest, you must contact Ridgecrest to set up payment for the delivery fee.

Please remember that as a participant of the NCPSMA Convention/Workshop, your actions and speech reflect upon NCPSMA as a whole. We "need" only positive feedback to school systems to ensure we are able to continue to hold such events. If you experience any problems during the convention, please come to the NCPSMA registration desk and see Roxie Mack, Ron Mack, Michael Spillman or Kristie Keener and we will try our best to resolve your problem. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Roxie Mack, NCPSMA Executive Director 336.366.4939 or e-mail at [roxiermack@gmail.com](mailto:roxiermack@gmail.com).

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May 30-31, 2018**

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**Important Needed Information**

Will you be staying overnight at Ridgecrest or will you be a daily commuter?

**Please check one.**

Staying at Ridgecrest \_\_\_\_\_ Daily Commuter \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Tickets**

**Includes Breakfast and Dinner on Wednesday and Breakfast on Thursday. Wednesday and Thursday lunch is provided as part of registration fee. Meal tickets for Ridgecrest must be purchased with registration through Roxie Mack. Meal tickets must not be purchased from the Ridgecrest staff. There will be no refunds for missed meals.**

**Preregistration deadline is May 15, 2018 - \$50 before May 15 and possibly \$75 after. There will be no refunds after May 15.**

**Please fill out the following as applicable.**

Regular Member\* Registration:

Cash or Check (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit/Debit Card (\$52) \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Tickets:

Cash or check (\$32.00) **each** \_\_\_\_\_

Credit/Debit Card (\$33.00) **each** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee (if not current member):

Cash or Check (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit/Debit Card (\$21) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Cards:**

**Please call Roxie Mack, 336.366.4939 with Credit Card information.**

**Checks: Please make checks payable to NCPSMA and mail to NCPSMA, 630 Adams Ridge Road, State Road, NC 28676**

**Please read the very important information concerning the Tenth Annual NCPSMA Western Convention Workshop in this issue of the Maintenance Beacon.**

**\*Regular or Regular/Retired members are those currently employed and or retired members in/of a NC Public School System. All others must register through Roxie Mack at 336 366 4939 or [roxiermack@gmail.com](mailto:roxiermack@gmail.com).**

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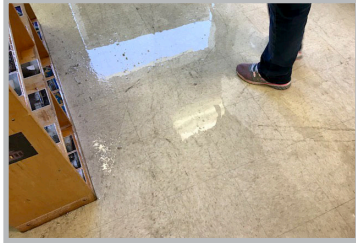
## WHAT'S NEW IN WILKES COUNTY SCHOOL MAINTENANCE



Snow in March



Sprinkler Line Issues



Sprinkler Line Issues



Thomas Speaks

The Wilkes County School Maintenance Staff has been working hard to keep our facilities operating throughout the winter. This winter alone, we have had the pleasure of scraping parking lots, dealing with frozen pipes (way more than usual), having to replace an underground boiler line (on the coldest day of the year), having a sprinkler line burst at our Board of Education Building and participating in a cleanup after a tornado. Also, two of our employees retired. One might say it has been a Long Cold Winter!

As most of you know, the months of March and April seem to be a time when your world can turn upside down quickly-weather wise. An old saying I have heard since I was a kid is "If March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion and if it comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb. I am hopeful it will go out like a lamb because the second day of March 2018 was a 'lion of a day' in Wilkes County. The wind was terrible. Trees were blown across power lines causing power outages across the county. Roads were blocked due to fallen trees. My staff and I are hopeful this will be the worst this March has to offer. We are all looking forward to transitioning to warmer weather and focusing on HVAC, roofing, paving and mowing.

I know I am not alone with the challenges we face in Wilkes County, but it's just good to assure others that they are not alone in the challenges they face. One of the things I enjoy most about the NCP SMA, is that it gives employees across the state an opportunity to share stories, fellowship, learn and grow.

My staff is looking forward to meeting with others at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NCP SMA Western Convention/Workshop again this year. It looks like they are going to have a couple hands-on classes. One on roofing and another on grinding. I can't wait. I hope to see you there!

I would like to share a little about family with everyone. My wife Sharon continues to teach. Our oldest son BC is graduating this year, Charity our daughter is currently playing soccer and on the archery team, while our youngest son Thomas is learning how to 'tend' to chickens. He hatched 15 baby chicks in an incubator. They are currently seven weeks old and doing great. I am very blessed to be able to work and serve where I do, have the wonderful family I have, and be a member of this organization.

**Bergie Speaks,  
Maintenance Director  
Wilkes County Schools**

## OBITUARY



Gregory (Greg) M. Miller, 63, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Thomasville Medical Center. Greg was born in Thomasville, October 6, 1954, a son of the late Jim and Lannie Pierce Miller. He was a 1972 graduate of Thomasville High School. Greg was employed by the Thomasville City Schools for over 25 years and was currently the maintenance director. He enjoyed watching his family's sporting events and baking. Greg was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather

and father-in-law. Surviving are his wife, Judy Woods; two daughters, Melissa Cruz and husband Jose and Renea Pulley and husband Donald; two sons, Michael Miller II and Ralph Woods and wife Lupe; two brothers, Randy Miller and wife Valerie and Glenn Miller and wife Ellen; and six grandchildren. A Celebration of Greg's Life was held Thursday, March 8, in the Thomasville Funeral Home Chapel. Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association or the Thomasville High School Band Boosters.



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