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### STALLIONS CRUSH GRAHAM TO SET UP TITLE GAME



Southeast Alamance's incredible run of success in the second half of its first season of varsity football continued on Thursday night, as the Stallions dominated Mid-Carolina Conference rival Graham 55-8 on the first-ever Homecoming celebration at the new school.

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### MEBANE POLICE REPORT



List of Incidents and Arrests in Mebane.

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## Eagles stunned by Southern Alamance

BY ADAM POWELL  
STAFF WRITER/MEBANE ENTERPRISE

Eastern Alamance's varsity football team hosted Southern Alamance Thursday night at Fred Brady Stadium in a showdown for first place in the Central Conference standings. The Patriots made their way up Highway 119 to Eastern a perfect 4-0 in conference contests, needing only to beat the Eagles to secure the Central Conference regular season title in their

first season in the league. Eastern Alamance, having already suffered a conference setback on the road at Williams, could not afford to lose to the Patriots if they wanted any hope of a third straight Central Conference title. The Eagles could potentially force a three-way tie atop the league standings with Williams, Eastern, and Southern all holding one conference loss.

In a physical, hard-hitting battle, the Eagles took advan-

tage on a turnover on the last play of the first half to force a 7-7 tie. But Southern Alamance scored another touchdown late in the third quarter and held on for a 14-7 triumph, which effectively gives the Central Conference regular season title to the Patriots.

Eastern, with two conference losses and a 7-2 overall record, was mathematically eliminated from the conference championship race with the loss.

In what would become a

recurring theme throughout the evening, the Eastern Alamance defense forced a third down on Southern's opening offensive possession, but the Patriots came up with a first down. Shortly thereafter, Logan Foust broke off a long run to the Eagles 39. Only a key tackle along the Patriots sideline by Eastern's Anthony Saunders saved a touchdown.

Southern Alamance used its

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## ECLECTIC EXTRAVAGANZA



PHOTOS COURTESY OF COY QUAKENBUSH

Saxapawhaw native Coy Quakenbush stands with a collection of his artwork, some of which will be on display and for sale at the 5th-annual Alamance Artisans Extravaganza this weekend. At right, is an example of one of Quakenbush's bowls made in the Mata Ortiz style.

### Fifth-annual event to showcase variety of Alamance artisans

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The Alamance Artisans Art Extravaganza is coming up Oct. 28 and 29, and is sure to be a memorable event that will bring together a diverse group of talented local artists exhibiting their artwork. Twenty-one artists will present works in woodworking, painting, fiber art, pottery, jewelry and more. Among the exhibiting artists are Dottie Blanchard, Pat Scheible, James and Rita Duxbury, and Jean Fortune Kaplan.

And there's also Coy Quakenbush, a native of Saxapawhaw, but who now lives in Graham, and whose artwork and style are unmistakable, but tricky to put under one label. He's well-known for his pottery, which is done in the centuries-old Mata Ortiz style that originated in Mata Ortiz, Mexico. The method uses a coil implementation.

"It's all hand-built," Quakenbush said. "I sand it, scrape it, burnish it to get it smooth and shiny. And then I decorate it with clay slips to do the design work."

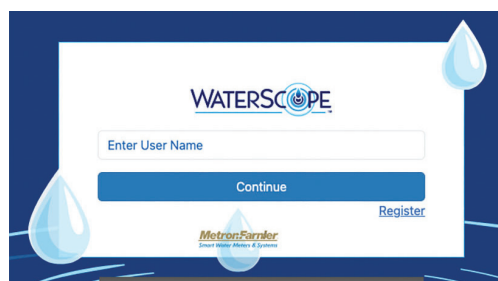
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## Mebane City Beat: Conserving with WaterScope

BY KELLY HUNTER  
SPECIAL TO THE MEBANE ENTERPRISE

The holiday season is upon us, meaning most people will be taking trips or leaving town to spend time with loved ones. Even though you may not be home, you can still waste water and receive high utility bills. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, ten percent of homes experience leaks that waste 90 gallons or more of water daily.



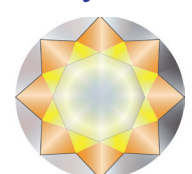
Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons annually nationwide, which is equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.

Many common leaks in the home can come from worn toilet flappers, leaking valves, dripping faucets, showerheads, and more. The City of Mebane wants to save our water customers time and money by catching these leaks early with the new water usage platform called WaterScope.

Metron Farnier is a smart water meter company specializing in water use analytics. WaterScope is Metron Farnier's proprietary utility management software

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### Today in the Mebane Enterprise



#### Weekend Weather

Friday: 78/55  
Saturday: 82/57  
Sunday: 82/56

#### Today's Inserts:

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# Recreation superintendent earns statewide award

BY ADAM POWELL  
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At the October Mebane City Council meeting, a member of the Mebane Recreation and Parks Department was honored with a statewide award for excellence in local athletics.

Michelle Wells, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association (NCRP), made her way to Mebane to present an award to Kris Kloeping, the City of Mebane's Recreation Superintendent.

"It is indeed an honor to be here this evening to recognize one of your own with a special award," said Wells in a presentation before the Mebane City Council. "Chris received this award at our Athletic Directors workshop in Asheville. And what he received is our Outstanding Young Professional Award in Athletics."

Wells explained that Kloeping's award was in recognition of a NCRP member who has rendered outstanding service to not only the field of athletics in parks and recreation on a local state or national level, but also someone who has between two and 10 years of experience in the field.

"We're here tonight to honor your Recreation Superintendent Kris Kloeping. He graduated with a BS in physical education and a master's in sports management from Northern Illinois University. And prior to joining the team here in Mebane, he was with the City of Graham."

"In the three years that he has been here (in



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**City of Mebane Recreation Superintendent Kris Kloeping was recently honored by the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association with its Outstanding Young Professional Award in Athletics.**

Mebane), he has made an enormous impact with the programs and offerings of the department

to include programs that fit the culture and the needs of the community," Wells continued. "As a volunteer with our organization, he has given to the profession by serving as the chair of our statewide athletics committee. And he did this during the pandemic to make sure that as we were coming out of that, that there were opportunities for postseason play for children all across the state."

Wells indicated that Kloeping also serves as a member of NCRP's Athletic Directors Workshop Planning Committee. In 2017, Kloeping researched received his certified Park and Recreation professional certification.

"He's always eager to learn and share his knowledge not only here locally, but on the state and national level as well," Wells said. "He is a graduate of the 2018 Chamber of Commerce leadership elements program. And it is my honor tonight to be here is we recognize and honor one of your own, Chris Kloeping, with the NCRP Young Professional Athletics Award."

"On behalf of Parks Recreation and our state, I'd like to also say thank you to the council and members of the community for your support of parks and recreation," Wells concluded. "Kris is a member of a team that makes lots of amazing things happen in Mebane. And so you guys are very fortunate to have such a great staff and wonderful facilities. I applaud you for your commitment and dedication to parks and recreation here for your community."

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[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]			XX-XXXX-XX	
Status	Service Dates			Bill Date	Penalty Date	Due Date
	From	To	# Days			
Active	3/10/2022	4/10/2022	31	4/30/2022	5/25/2022	5/20/2022

PREVIOUS BALANCE	
PAYMENTS	
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PENALTIES	\$0.00
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INSIDE WATER	
INSIDE SEWER	
GARBAGE/RECYCLING	
CURRENT BILL	
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and mobile app. WaterScope serves as a way to provide water utilities and their customers with as much information as possible. 80% of what you currently see on WaterScope came from Utility Directors, Billing and Customer Service Managers, and engineers. It's a dynamic platform that is still evolving. Over the past few years, most of the City of Mebane's water meters have been switched to Metron Farnier meters. These meters are equipped with Verizon Cellular modems, which collect water usage data throughout the day and transmit that data back to the WaterScope program overnight. From the WaterScope portal, utilities can easily access utility-wide data on water usage that utility managers and technicians can view. Homeowners and tenants also have access to their own consumer portal within the system. WaterScope automatically detects events significant to the utility and sends daily actionable reports to the appropriate staff. The system highlights issues often found, including leaks, backflows, zero use, freezing and conservation violations. WaterScope's web portal sends automated notifications via email, allowing customers to catch problems and prevent high water bills and damaging leaks.

From late 2017 through early 2018, the City of Mebane contracted with Metron Farnier to perform a pilot meter change-out program and begin replacing our aged water meters. When looking at replacement meters, the city wanted to select an accurate water meter that would provide ease of readability and access to data for our customers. At that time, Metron Farnier was one of the only meter manufacturers able to provide what our city was looking for. Once most of the water meters in Mebane had been changed to the new Metron Farnier meters, WaterScope was introduced to our water customers in late 2021. The WaterScope platform that accompanied these new Metron Farnier meters provided our billing department with water meter readings instantly. This eliminated the need for city staff to travel all over Mebane to collect meter readings. The WaterScope platform also provided a way for customers to access their water usage metrics and catch problems or leaks on their own, saving both the customer and the city time and money.

Anyone who receives their water from the City of Mebane is eligible to have a WaterScope portal. For customers to get access to WaterScope, you must first register. To register, you will need the VN ID and account number located on your meter or water bill. On the water bill, the VN ID is the Meter Num-

ber. Once you have these numbers, head to [www.waterscope.us](http://www.waterscope.us) and click register under the sign-in boxes. You will then be prompted to enter your VN ID and account number and click apply. If you are only registering one meter, click no on the dialog box; otherwise, click yes and enter the additional VN ID. Enter the email address you would like to use to log into WaterScope and click apply. WaterScope will send you an email to authenticate your account. Follow the prompts on the email, and your password will be sent to you in a separate email. You now have access to the customer portal and can log into WaterScope and change your password to something of your choosing.

Once on the consumer portal, you will notice a left menu bar that is always shown. This menu bar provides navigation to any page on the site, including the dashboard, consumption history, usage analysis, water budget, and notifications. The dashboard is an informational page that provides general account information such as the current read, recent consumption, condition, and flags. The consumption history page offers detailed charts for viewing historical consumption and flow rates. The graphs show data up to the previous day's midnight. The top chart shows the flow rate in gallons per minute, while the lower chart shows your consumption of gallons. Controls at the top allow you to adjust the time span on the chart. The lower control will enable you to pan-zoom on the chart. This function can show you when and how you are using water. It can display many events and conditions, such as leaks, high-usage events, and outdoor watering. To spot a leak, look on the consumption page and note if the water usage graph shows a zero flow rate when water is not being used. If the water consumption graph does not go to the zero flow rate, then this indicates a leak on the customer side. See the graph pictured to show an intermittent leak from dripping faucets or toilets. The usage analysis page shows your water usage segmented into leaks, watering, and domestic use (faucets, washing machines, etc.). These usages are shown in gallons as a percentage of the total and allow you to see how these different usages add up to your total usage and bill. The water budget page is a tool to track water consumption against a budget. This tool can give you regular feedback on your efforts to reduce and control your water consumption. Finally, the notifications page gives you the option of email or text notifications upon identifying common conditions such as leaks, intermittent leaks, high usage, and unexpected usage. It is customizable and provides a summary of your water usage and budget performance at the end of a billing cycle.

The City of Mebane is continuously working to

enhance our citizens' quality of life, including saving you money. Since WaterScope was rolled out in 2021, we have stopped countless leaks from wreaking havoc on a family's home and bank account. We strongly encourage all our residents to register for WaterScope today and save themselves water, time, and stress.

*Kelly Hunter is the public information officer for City of Mebane.*

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