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EAGLES SINK RIVAL WARRIORS IN SWIMMING



Eastern Alamance's men's and women's swimming teams continued their 2023-24 season this past Friday night, as the Eagles challenged Central Conference rival Western Alamance at the pool inside Mebane's New Millennium Fitness.

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EAHS WRESTLERS TAKE TITLES AT CENTRAL TOURNEY



On Saturday, Eastern Alamance's varsity wrestling team made its way to Williams High School in Burlington for the annual Central Conference Tournament.

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Heavy rains add to ABSS' concerns

STAFF REPORTS

Recent heavy rains have continued to wreak havoc on the Alamance-Burlington School System, with the district reporting several schools showing damage and even signs of mold at least partially as a result of a recent deluge of wet weather.

"We were fortunate that today's weather was minimal compared to the

storms and flooding we experienced over the past several days," began a Jan. 16 press release from ABSS. "However, we continue to face challenges from the lingering effects of the recent heavy rains."

The school system is still reeling from the presence and cost of removing mold from a number of its schools and other buildings. The

remediation caused a delayed start to the ABSS school year. It has also created tensions between the school system and the Alamance County School Board over funding and addressing the issues.

"Roof leaks and water intrusion persist at several of our schools today,

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GOING STRONG



ALAN PENNINGTON PHOTO

Eastern Alamance women's basketball senior Makayla Thompson was honored on Friday night, as the Eagles defeated Southern Alamance in Central Conference action. Thompson was recognized by the Eastern Alamance High for collecting 500 career rebounds. Thompson and the Eagles got off to a 4-1 start in conference play, moving into a three-way tie atop the Central Conference standings. The EAHS men's team also got off to a 4-1 start this winter in conference games.

Eagles hoops teams 4-1 in conference play

ADAM POWELL
STAFF REPORTER/MEBANE ENTERPRISE

Eastern Alamance's men's and women's basketball teams are off to similar starts this season, as the Eagles stood at 4-1 in Central Conference play through their first five games for both teams.

The EAHS men's team, enjoying a breakthrough first season under new head coach Parrish Walker, stood 12-4 overall through 16 games, while the Eagles women's team, also led by a

first-year head coach, LaConnda Curry, stood at 107 through their 17 contests.

Both teams are in strong position to return to the NCHSAA 3A state playoffs later this winter, and both teams are in challenging position in their respective conference races.

The Eagles women's team picked up a pair of relatively easy home conference triumphs last week, as they defeated Person County 66-24 on Tuesday night before earning a 66-45 triumph on Friday night over Southern Alamance.

EAHS shot an impressive 51 percent (28-of-55) from the floor in the win over Person County, with the team's pair of Makaylas - senior Makayla Thompson and freshman Makayla Scott - leading the way in scoring with 10 points each. Senior Jada Graves and sophomore Aliya Trollinger added eight points each in the victory over the Rockets.

Eastern pulled down a total of 32 rebounds in the win, with junior Marion

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Recreational developments on the horizon

BY KELLY HUNTER
SPECIAL TO THE MEBANE ENTERPRISE

Construction began in December of 2022 on the newest park facility, "Everyone's Playground," the City of Mebane's first ADA-accessible inclusive playground. This brand-new playground attraction is currently under construction at Cates Farm Park, an outdoor recreation space offering two miles of beautiful trails on 54 acres of what was formerly a pickle farm. The ADA-accessible playground is expected to open to the public in early spring of 2024. Mark Reich, Vice-President of Alley, Williams, Car-

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men & King, Inc., the company providing engineering services for the city, stated, "Our goal for this project is to provide a safe recreational facility for all children and parents of the greater Mebane community to enjoy for years and generations to come."

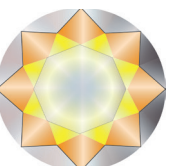
"Everyone's Playground" currently sits at the 40% completion mark. Before construction could begin at the site, the land needed to be graded and leveled out. Next, a parking lot with a sidewalk

and entryway was established. Then, in order to build a restroom facility, water and sewer services had to be installed and connected. Restrooms were constructed of concrete masonry units with cedar siding on the exterior. The roof structure for the restrooms and shelter is composed of wood trusses with solid timber columns. The roof covering is constructed of standing seam metal. These chosen materials were used to provide consistency with those used in some of our other Mebane Parks.

Upon completing the bathrooms,

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Application deadline nears for DAR scholarship

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Are you a student who is looking for a scholarship opportunity? If you are, you may be unaware that the DAR Scholarship Committee has been awarding scholarships since 1923. There are twenty-six (26) national scholarships available to graduating high school students, college undergraduates and graduate students. Last year, the DAR awarded 1,144 scholarships worth more than \$1.4 million.

The DAR offers the following Scholarships: merit, Daughters and Sons of DAR Members, history, economics, government, political science, medical and nursing, elementary and secondary teacher education, and American Indians. Some additional graduate student scholarships offered are in the areas of law, MBA, math, chemistry, English and the field of historic preservation.

The deadline to apply for these scholarships is approaching. The website is accessible through January 31, 2024, until 11:59 p.m.

(Hawaii Time). The DAR on-line platform to apply for these scholarships is available at dar.academicworks.com. By completing the online application, students will be matched automatically to all the scholarships they are eligible to receive.

Following are some of the eligibility requirements to receive a national scholarship awarded by the DAR Scholarship and American Indians Committee:

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and must provide proof of their citizenship.

Applicants must plan to attend or be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States. Students living abroad may apply, however, they must attend an accredited educational institution in the United States.

Applicants applying for the American Indians national scholarships must provide proof of membership in a tribe recognized at the state or federal level in the United States

Since education is one of the

DAR's primary objectives, we encourage you to visit the on-line platform, dar.academicworks.com, to see if you, or a student you know, are eligible to receive a DAR scholarship.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with more than 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BattleofAlamanceChapterDAR@gmail.com>) or contact Battle of Alamance Chapter at BattleofAlamanceChapterDAR@gmail.com.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence. For more than 130 years, the DAR has strived to bring awareness to the honorable sacrifices and enduring legacy of all patriots who fought for America's freedom. Through the DAR Genealogical Research System (www.dar.org/GRS), the public can access a free database of information amassed by the DAR about these patriots.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. DAR members passionately carry out the timeless mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.dar.org.

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Beanstalk Journeys, the company in charge of designing and constructing the playground, began their work on phase one. Phase one of the all-inclusive playground encompasses the implementation of a wheelchair swing, interconnecting bridges, a slide, and playground towers. The all-inclusive playground will be primarily constructed of pressure-treated and stained wood, galvanized hardware, nylon, and polyester rope. The roofs for the play structure towers will be composed of cedar shake.

The playground structure is built on concrete footers with 8x8 beams for the primary support. After the main supports are installed, the next step will be adding the decks and roofs. The final steps for phase one are the installation of the railings and play elements. All materials chosen for the playground were selected for their outdoor application ratings. There are no financial appropriations to begin phase two at present. The City of Mebane hopes that in the future, we will be able to add four more towers and an inclusive zipline to the play structure.

Mebane's first ADA-accessible playground is still on track to have



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phase one of the playground, which includes the wheelchair swing, open in early spring 2024. The park will be open the same hours as Cates Farm Park, from sunrise to sunset. "Everyone's Playground" will have general playground and park rules similar to the current rules and regulations at each of our parks and playgrounds. Before opening the playground, the rules and regulations, including

the park hours, will be posted. The Recreation and Parks Director Aaron Davis stated, "We are so excited to complete this project and provide another positively charming amenity to the citizens of Mebane." For more information on Cates Farm Park or when the park will officially open, be sure to check out <https://cityofmebanenc.gov/> or head over to the City of Mebane's Facebook page.

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