



# Sidewalk Chalk

## Monthly e-newsletter

### OUR VISION

All children in Randolph County enter kindergarten healthy & ready to succeed in school and life.

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**"Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions."**

**—Albert Einstein**

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## Inspirations

It is graduation season! From preschool graduations to high school commencements, and on to those earning postsecondary degrees at various levels, what grand times to celebrate! Commencements are times both to reflect on past experiences and mountains climbed, and also to project forward into the life one imagines for oneself.

There is a magnificent energy around graduation ceremonies and celebrations. It brings families together to celebrate the achievements of loved ones. It brings communities together, too. There's a swelling of pride and hopefulness for our collective futures as we exalt the achievements of our newest graduates and dream, along with them, about the positive impacts they can make in their careers or ongoing scholarship.



High school graduations are especially poignant as they signify the bridge from youth to adulthood. My natural reflex when I learn that someone is graduating from high school is to ask what their next chapter holds. It is fascinating to hear the plans of those who have known from childhood what they want to do professionally as well as the musings and wonderings of those who are very much still searching for a definitive path. I laughed when I recently heard Dr. Bob Shackelford, President of Randolph Community College, state that the top two majors at many colleges are (1) I don't know yet and (2) I've changed my mind. That was definitely me when I was an undergraduate and college curricula beckoned like a delicious charcuterie board. I tended to sample a bit of this and a little more of that.

For all students who persevere and complete a course of study, whether their path is linear or a trek of zigs and zags, I offer a hearty congratulations! My sincere wish for each one is a lifetime of opportunities to continue learning as the very pursuit of knowledge is one of life's richest adventures.

**Lisa Hayworth**  
Executive Director

## Night of the Stars



*Oliver Helsabeck with Alicia Cruz-Ortega*



*Oliver Helsabeck with Natasha Hamlet*

Alicia Cruz-Ortega and Natasha Hamlet were named the first two recipients of the Susan Helsabeck Scholarship for Early Educators at the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC) annual Night of the Stars event, held Thursday, May 12 at AVS Banquet Centre.

Ortega is an early educator at Precious Memories Preschool in Asheboro and is attending Randolph Community College (RCC). She is working on an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Hamlet is an early educator at Liberty Early Childhood Center located at Liberty Elementary School. She is currently attending Guilford Technical Community College. She is also working on an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The scholarship program is a new addition to the Night of the Stars celebration. The Susan Helsabeck Scholarship was established to provide financial support to early educators in Randolph County enrolled in degree programs in the field. The scholarship was created in memory of RPC's beloved colleague Susan Harris Helsabeck, who served as professional development specialist from December 2015 to January 2021, when she unexpectedly passed away. Her husband, Oliver Helsabeck, presented the scholarships at the event.

"Susan was deeply committed to ensuring children were well-cared for and that they had every opportunity to thrive and flourish," Helsabeck said. "We deeply miss Susan and her infectious smile and caring heart. It's our hope that this scholarship will not only benefit the recipients, but also keep alive Susan's belief in the importance of advancing higher education for our county's early educators, who are caring for our youngest citizens."

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## Job Announcement

Randolph Partnership for Children is pleased to announce it is currently accepting applications for the position of Bilingual Coordinator of Family Support Services.

This new position will be responsible for implementing and managing Partnership parent education and family support activities and promoting a comprehensive, seamless continuum of services within the community that will help create family environments conducive to the healthy growth and development of children. We are seeking a dual-language speaker (English & Spanish) for this position.

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## It's Party Time

It's almost here! Sunday, May 29, Millstone Creek Orchards and Randolph Partnership for Children present:

### **Party @ the Pond**

Music Fest & Low Country Boil  
Featuring the Band of Oz

\$25 tickets purchased ahead of the date include 6 hours of music from 3 local artists and

headliner, Band of Oz, hayrides, games, and a low country boil dinner (shrimp, sausage, potatoes & corn).

**Randolph  
Partnership  
for Children**

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**PARTY @ THE POND**

Music Fest & Low Country Boil

MAY 29TH | 1-7PM

Six hours of live music featuring Band of Oz  
Four Saints Brewery & Zimmerman Vineyards  
Fundraising Fun - Randolph Partnership for Children

Orchard hayrides and lawn games  
Low Country Boil Dinner  
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There are also advance-purchase \$10 general admission tickets. (All ticket prices are higher at the gate). Beer and wine will be available for purchase through our local Four Saints Brewing Co. & Zimmerman Vineyards. Millstone Creek Orchards will also have apple cider donuts available for dessert.

A virtual silent auction that will open a week ahead of the event as well as a live auction and cake walk game at the event will benefit Randolph Partnership for Children!

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## Vineyard Group Photo





*We had a great time thanking Gala for the Children sponsors at an appreciation event held at Zimmerman Vineyards in April. Guests pictured from left, back row: Dave Bryant, Judy Bryant, Gerry Cheek, Dr. Roma Cheek, Mike Keogh, Lonnie Keogh, Ann Pugh, Mac Pugh, Duffy Johnson; and from left, front row: Ann Hoover and Donna Johnson.*

## County Commissioner Teaches Early Education

Randolph County Commissioner Chairperson Darrell Frye was among nine community leaders who spent an hour "teaching" early education in area infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms in April. The experience provided a window into what it takes, educationally and physically, to be an early educator.



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## RPC Zookeepers Jersey

Zookeepers General Manager Dennis Garcia stopped by RPC on Friday with a preview of the jerseys that will be worn by the Zookeepers team on July 15 for Randolph Partnership for Children Night sponsored by Pinnacle Financial Partners.



Be sure to come out to McCrary Park on Friday, July 15, the **ONLY** night the players will wear these jerseys. The jerseys will be auctioned off during the game. Auction winners will receive their signed jerseys that evening right off the backs of the players!

[Visit Zookeepers Baseball](#)

## Penciled In

- **Wed., May 18, Noon:** Director's Institute
- **Wed., May 18, 12:15 PM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- **Mon., May 23, 1 PM:** NC Pre-K Committee
- **Tues., May 24, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors
- **Thurs., May 26, 1 PM:** Sustainability Committee
- **Thurs., May 26, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Sunday, May 29, 1-7 PM:** Party @ the Pond
- **Monday, May 30:** Offices Closed
- **Wednesday, June 15, 11 AM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- **Tuesday, June 21, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors



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