

THE HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE

SKATEBOARD HAVEN: Mom pushes for park in Denton in honor of late son. **1B**

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High Point Central cheerleaders celebrate at the 2007 Excellence in Education ceremony at War Memorial Auditorium at the Greensboro Coliseum Wednesday. **DON DAVIS JR. | HPE**



Alderman Elementary teachers celebrate at the 2007 Excellence in Education ceremony. **DON DAVIS JR. | HPE**

Central wins applause

BY KATISHA HAYES
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GUILFORD COUNTY – High Point Central teacher Rebecca Johnson-Kaserman relishes coming to school each day.

Her love of teaching will only be heightened in the coming days as she walks through the halls at Central, recognized this year as one of the 15 most improved schools in Guilford County.

The notable schools were recognized Wednesday during a spirited ceremony at the Greensboro War Memorial Auditorium, where cheer-

MOST IMPROVED

Elementary: Alderman, Allen Jay, Bluford, Frazier, Jesse Wharton, Murphey Traditional Academy, Nathanael Greene, Southern, Washington Elementary;

Middle: Brown Summit, Guilford Middle, Penn-Griffin School for the Arts;

High: High Point Central, The Early College at Guilford, The Middle College at GTCC – Greensboro.

Source: Guilford County Department of Public Health

CENTRAL, 2A

Arts Council makes cuts in tough budget

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Group seeks money to lease space. **2A**

BY VICKI KNOPFLER
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HIGH POINT – The Shakespeare Festival was the hardest hit in yearly funding, the High Point Area Arts Council announced Wednesday.

Its director called a \$31,620 allocation reduction heartbreaking.

The Arts Council and its six funded affiliate groups must absorb the elimination of \$73,500 from Guilford County.

The Arts Council yearly distributes money to itself and its six affiliates from the amount it raises during its fund drive and

other sources, including the county.

The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival's allocation was cut 31 percent from last year. The other five affiliates' allocations averaged 9.5 percent less than last year.

The decision to reduce the Shakespeare Festival's amount was made because of its statewide presence, said Alice Moore, chairwoman of the allocations committee.

"It was the hardest decision we had to make," Moore said. "We agreed that it's a statewide organization with opportunities to draw on state funding others don't have the opportunity to draw on."

The Shakespeare Festival received \$232,969 from the N.C. General Assembly in August, the same amount it received last

year. Its 2007-2008 appropriation of \$45,000 from Guilford County, however, also was eliminated this summer. The \$45,000 cut was in addition to the portion of the \$73,500 the Shakespeare Festival would have received before the county cut.

"I'm speechless," said Pedro Silva, NCSF managing director. "There's no rationalization that can be made for this action."

"Our Arts Council knows that these funds are requested mid-way through our operating year of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Where we're going to make this overly aggressive cut in the last three months of this year, I would be curious to know their thinking on that."

"The saddest and most disappointing issue here for me is the quality of thought that's taken place by the decision-makers

High Point Area Arts Council 2007-2008 Allocations

	2006-2007	2007-2008
Carousel Theatre	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,000
High Point Ballet	30,000	28,800
H.P. Community Concert Assoc.	12,000	10,000
H.P. Community Theatre	62,000	55,800
N.C. Shakespeare Festival	102,000	70,380
Piedmont Artist	4,000	3,200
Total	\$219,000	\$176,180

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at the Arts Council. It's a very poor quality of thought."

The NCSF's 2007-2008 allocation of \$70,380 is the least it has gotten since 2002-2003, when it received \$68,085.

A new allocations structure was introduced last year, when

High Point Community Theatre's allocation was cut the most. Moore praised the progress Community Theatre made since last year in raising money and community outreach programs.

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WHO'S NEWS



Joyce Fish is the new volunteer coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of High Point, Archdale and Trinity.

Fish comes to the agency with a lengthy background working with volunteers in the nonprofit sector.

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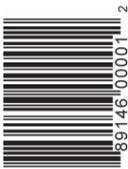
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TUBERCULOSIS

Reputation: The world's deadliest curable, infectious disease.

Cases: Guilford County had 38 cases last year. Fifty-five percent of the cases are suspected to be among foreign-born residents. The state average is 30 percent.

Groups: About half of the Guilford County cases arrived with refugees or immigrants from Vietnam, India, Africa and Mexico.

Source: Guilford County Department of Public Health

Rise in TB cases concerns health officials

BY DAVID NIVENS
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GUILFORD COUNTY – Health officials want to beef up their forces to deal with an old enemy.

With tuberculosis growing among immigrant groups, the county health agency is looking for a TB nurse. With 71 foreign-born cases since 2002, the county is third statewide behind Mecklenburg at 110 and Wake at 127, according to a new report the Guilford County Board

of Health reviewed this week. The county had 38 total cases last year. Fifty-five percent of the cases are suspected to be among foreign-born residents. The state average is 30 percent. Filling the nurse position will relieve the workload.

"Case management is very time-intensive, and can be complicated by language barriers, interpreter availability, health beliefs, substance abuse, HIV infection, age, homelessness and the willingness to adhere to ther-

apy," Mary Jane Nichols, clinical program manager, said in her report. The disease, which affects the lungs, takes weeks to develop and is curable with medicines. The treatments often can take as long as nine months.

Health officials detect the cases by examining refugees and immigrants and following hospital reports. The usual screening is a skin test. Patients who don't follow their recovery medication can be ordered to a hospital to recover.

"Tracing contacts to these cases often involves many hours devoted to skin testing and chest X-ray follow-up," Nichols said in the report. "A recent case within our Montagnard population required testing 100 children with the aid of teams of interpreters over two months."

The agency's nurse aid visits 19 active patients and 10 who have been exposed to the disease weekly.

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