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Winner: The Brew Room

Runner-Up: Badin Brews

Best Elementary/Middle School

Winner: Richfield Elementary School

Runner-Up: South Stanly Middle School

Best Beer Selection

Winner: The Brew Room

Runner-Up: Badin Brews

Best Law Firm

Winner: First Street Legal

Runner-Up: Brown & Senter, PLLC

Best Fast Food

Winner: Chick-fil-A

Runner-Up: What-A-Burger #13

Best Financial Institution

Winner: Uwharrie Bank

Runner-Up: State Employees' Credit Union

Best Art Gallery

Winner: Stanly Arts Guild

Runner-Up: Second Street Gallery

Best High School

Winner: West Stanly High School

Runner-Up: North Stanly High School

Best Customer Service - Restaurant

Winner: The Local Room

Runner-Up: Rosebriar

Best Hotel/Lodging

Winner: 1913 Badin Inn

Runner-Up: Best Western Albemarle Inn

Best Deli/Sandwich

Winner: Penny Pizza & Sub

Runners-Up: Rosebriar

Best Assisted Living Facility

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Runner-Up: The Taylor House

Best Wedding Venue

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Runner-Up: Pfeiffer University

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Runner-Up: Glory Beans Coffee House

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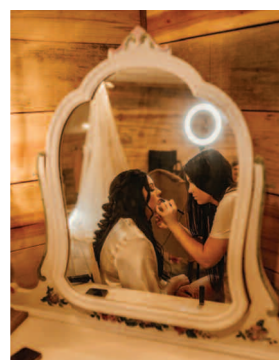


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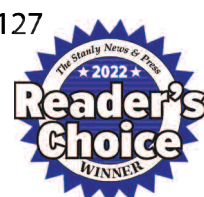
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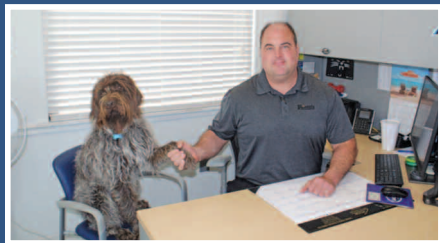
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Runner-Up: Wink's Country Cooking

Best Brunch

Winner: Off The Square
Runner-Up: The Local Room

Best Burger

Winner: What-A-Burger #13
Runner-Up: The Goody Shop

Best Caterer

Winner: Tiffany's At The Boardroom
Runner-Up: Greene's Catering Services

Best Chicken

Winner: Chick-fil-A
Runner-Up: Zaxby's

Best Chinese Restaurant

Winner: Nikki Asian Bistro
Runner-Up: Chinese Kitchen

Best Doughnuts

Winner: Second Street Sundries
Runner-Up: Handi-Mart

Best Family Restaurant

Winner: 200 North Family Restaurant
Runner-Up: What-A-Burger #13

Best Food Truck/Food Stand

Winner: What-A-Burger #13 Mobile
Runner-Up: Hilltop Seafood

Best Frozen Treat

Winner: Main Street Cup and Cone
Runner-Up: McKinley's Yum Yum Shop

Best Golf Course

Winner: Tillery Tradition Country Club
Runner-Up: Piney Point Golf Club

Best Cleaning Service

Winner: Patricia Acevedo
Runner-Up: Sarah Summerlin

Best Hot Dog

Winner: Log Cabin Bar-B-Que
Runner-Up: What-A-Burger #13

Best Ice Cream

Winner: Main Street Cup and Cone
Runner-Up: McKinley's Yum Yum Shop

Best Italian Food

Winner: PizzAntica
Runner-Up: Emricci Pizzeria

Best Japanese Restaurant

Winner: Little Tokyo Restaurant/Little Tokyo Lounge
Runner-Up: Thai Spice & Sushi Bar

Best Pizza

Winner: Emricci Pizzeria
Runner-Up: PizzAntica

Best Place To Entertain Kids

Winner: Stanly County Gymnastics
Runner-Up: YMCA Park

Best Seafood

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Runner-Up: Jay's Downtowner Restaurant

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Winner: Stanly County Gymnastics
Runner-Up: Albemarle Academy of Dance

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Runner-Up: Jason E. Martin, DDS

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Runner-Up: Moose Pharmacy

Best Mani/Pedi

Winner: Sparkle Nail Bar
Runner-Up: R A Nails

Best Place To Work Out

Winner: Stanly County Family YMCA
Runner-Up: The Color Barre

Best Tourist Attraction

Winner: Morrow Mountain State Park
Runner-Up: Reed Gold Mine

Best Wine Selection

Winner: Stony Mountain Vineyards
Runner-Up: The Local Room

Best Winery

Winner: Stony Mountain Vineyards
Runner-Up: Uwharrie Vineyards & Winery

Best Thai Restaurant

Winner: Thai Spice & Sushi Bar
Runner-Up: Ly Cuisine

Best Eye Care

Winner: Carolina Eye Associates
Runner-Up: Dr. Marshall

Best Electrical Contractor

Winner: Deese Heating and Air Conditioning
Runners-Up: Garmon Mechanical

Best Hair Salon

Winner: Belize 2000 Salon & Day Spa
Runner-Up: The Color Barre

Best Bicycles/Sporting Goods

Winner: Excite Bikes
Runner-Up: Uwharrie Dash (formerly Vac & Dash)

Best AC/Heating Service

Winner: Deeck Mechanical Inc.
Runner-Up: Cauble Heating & Air

Best Barber Shop

Winner: Barbers at Town Center
Runner-Up: @TheShop

Best Home Health Care

Winner: Hospice of Stanly County
Runner-Up: TLC

Best Skilled Nursing Facility

Winner: Trinity Place
Runner-Up: Bethany Woods

Best Spa/Massage

Winner: Jade The Esthetician
Runner-Up: Belize 2000 Salon & Day Spa

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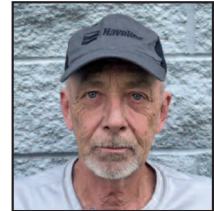
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Runner-Up: Atrium Health Stanly Women's Services

Best Health/Organic Items

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Runner-Up: Sunshine Nutrition

Best Handyman

Winner: Shannon Hatley

Runner-Up: K & S Handyman

Best Hearing Service

Winner: Uwharrie Hearing Doctors

Runner-Up: Albemarle Hearing Center

Best Hardware/Home Improvement Store

Winner: Southern Outdoors

Runner-Up: Norwood Hardware

Best Retirement Facility

Winner: Taylor House Assisted Living

Runner-Up: Spring Arbor of Albemarle

Best Lawn Equipment

Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement

Runner-Up: Albemarle Outdoor Supply Inc.

Best Shoes

Winner: Nona Louise

Runner-Up: Uwharrie Dash (formerly Vac & Dash)

Best Pest Control Service

Winner: City Wide Exterminating

Runner-Up: Wolfpack Pest Control

Best Garden Center

Winner: Southern Outdoors

Runner-Up: Norwood Hardware

Best Plumbing Company

Winner: Chad Thompson Plumbing

Runner-Up: Pride Plumbing

Best Tractor/Farm Equipment

Winner: Oakboro Tractor and Equipment

Runner-Up: Albemarle Outdoor Supply, Inc.

Best Real Estate Company/Office

Winner: Larry McGuire Realty

Runner-Up: The St. Germain Group

Best Alterations

Winner: De's Tailor Shop

Runner-Up: Dun-Rite Cleaners

Best Realtor

Winner: Larry McGuire

Runner-Up: Sheila St. Germain

Best Frame Shop

Winner: Second Street Gallery

Runner-Up: Locust Frame Shop

Best Roofing Contractor

Winner: Forte Roofing & Remodeling

Runner-Up: King Roofing Pros

Best Gifts/Specialty Items

Winner: Nona Louise

Runner-Up: Make it Personal

Best Wings

Winner: East Coast Wings + Grill

Runner-Up: The Boathouse on Lake Tillery

Best Painting Service

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Runner-Up: Richards Paint Concepts LLC

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Runner-Up: Morton's Antiques & Crafts

Best Auto Body Shop

Winner: H & K Automotive
Runner-Up: Laton's Body Shop

Best Auto Repair

Winner: Friendly Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.
Runner-Up: Doug's Garage

Best Veterinary Service

Winner: Bear Creek Veterinary Hospital
Runner-Up: Colonial Animal Hospital

Best Auto Salesperson

Winner: Nathan Clements
Runner-Up: Heath McDonald

Best Bedding/Furniture

Winner: Smith's Home Furnishings
Runner-Up: Ashley

Best Car Wash

Winner: Tidal Wave Auto Spa
Runner-Up: Ceramic Labs

Best Women Owned Business

Winner: Nona Louise
Runner-Up: Make It Personal

Best Children's Clothing

Winner: Leo's Little Clothing Co.
Runner-Up: Consigning Kids

Best Vape/Tobacco Shop

Winner: AK Tobacco & Vape
Runner-Up: Cozmik Vapes



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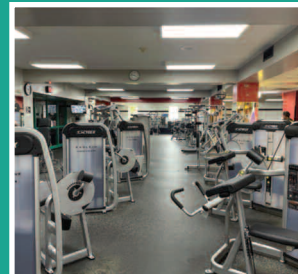
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- Child Abuse Prevention
- Cancer Survivorship
- Water Safety
- Lunch Programs



2022 Reader's Choice Winners

Best Women's Apparel

Winner: Nona Louise
Runner-Up: Cache Noir

Best Private/Charter School

Winner: Tillery Christian Academy
Runner-Up: Gray Stone Day School

Best Place To Buy Produce

Winner: Stanly County Farmers Market
Runner-Up: Spring Lake Family Farms

Best Photographer

Winner: Summer Herlocker Photography
Runner-Up: Kirby Ann Photography

Best Patio/Outdoor Dining

Winner: Five Points Public House
Runner-Up: The Local Room

Best Minority Owned Business

Winner: Albemarle Nutrition
Runner-Up: Ly Cuisine

Best Insurance Company

Winner: NC Farm Bureau Insurance
Runner-Up: Barbee Insurance

Best Cell Phone/Electronics Repair

Winner: newAGAIN Phone Repair
Runner-Up: Uwharrie Tech

Best Consignment/Thrift Shop

Winner: Girlfriends Consignment
Runner-Up: Consigning Kids

Best Retail Customer Service

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Runner-Up: Make It Personal



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Runner-Up: Starnes Bramlett Jewelers

Best New Car Dealer

Winner: Friendly Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.

Runner-Up: Joe Maus Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

Best Oil Change

Winner: East Albemarle Xpress Lube

Runner-Up: B B Oil Inc.

Best Pet Boarding/Sitting Service

Winner: CGS K9 Services

Runner-Up: Janinas Pet Spa & Boarding

Best Dry Cleaner

Winner: Dun-Rite Cleaners

Runner-Up: Lucky Cleaners

Best Florist

Winner: Designed Memories

Runner-Up: Simply Chic Floral Boutique

Best Pet Grooming Service

Winner: Dippin' Dogs Grooming

Runner-Up: CGS K9 Services

Best Pre-Owned Car Dealer

Winner: Stanly Motors Inc.

Runner-Up: Tarheel Auto Sales Inc.

Best Tire Store

Winner: Albemarle Tire & Retreading Co.

Runner-Up: Kluttz Tire & Service Center

Best Tree Service

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Runner-Up: Morton's Tree Service

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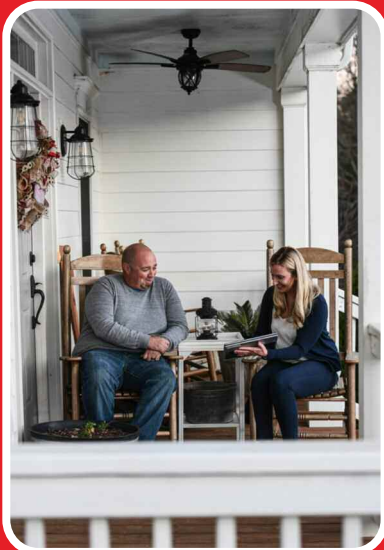
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Runner-Up: Stanly Wellness Center

Best Family Medical Practice

Winner: Central Carolina Medical Associates
Runner-Up: Hope Medical Associates

Best General Contractor

Winner: S&D Construction
Runner-Up: Tery L. Smith Construction

Best Landscaping Service

Winner: Nature's Vision
Landscaping - Jeremy Shaver
Runners-Up: Bushwackers Landscaping

Best Pediatrics

Winner: Albemarle Pediatrics
Runner-Up: Atrium Health Levine
Children's Stanly Pediatric Services

Best Concealed Carry Classes

Winner: Second Amendment
Firearm Training Academy
Runner-Up: Sgt G Defense

Best Park

Winner: Town of Oakboro District Park
Runner-Up (Tie):
Morrow Mountain State Park
and Richfield Park

Winning Readers

Anna Ludden of Mount Gilead, left, and Madison Hunter of Rockwell were the winners for voting in The Stanly News & Press Readers Choice competition.



2022 Reader's Choice Winners

Best Local Nonprofit

Winner: Will's Place

Runner-Up: Pregnancy Resource
Center of Stanly County

Best Steak

Winner (Tie):

Yadkin Valley Steakhouse and The Local Room
Runner-Up: Jay's Downtowner Restaurant

Best Financial Planner

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GUIDING THE FUTURE

Autry returns for 2nd annual camp; Prince also attends

By Charles Curcio
Sports Editor

Former Albemarle football standout Denico Autry made a commitment last July to host a free football camp in his hometown.

That day, under hot, sunny skies, a little over 100 campers had fun learning the ins and outs of the game while getting to meet a current NFL player.

On Saturday, Autry returned for the second annual camp, where despite a near-constant pouring rain, nothing dampened the spirits of the volunteers and campers.

More than 270 youth signed up for the camp this year, which also included a cheerleading camp. Estimates of the camp's attendees on Saturday exceeded last year's total as approximately 170 participated in the events.

"It was great today. I have to first give thanks to the volunteers," Autry made everything possible," Autry said. "The turnout was great."

Autry, who signed a multi-year free agent contract this offseason with the Indianapolis Colts, said he was watching the weather minute by minute and the rains started as campers stretched out to start the camp.

Fun was the name of the game at last year's camp and this one as well, Autry said, adding he wanted to give back to the community.

Another current NFL player, was Pittsburgh Steelers' R.J. Prince, who one of many former Stanly County high school football players volunteering as coaches for the camp. Having another NFL player from Stanly at the camp, Autry said, was a blessing.

Along with current Buffalo Bills general manager Brandon Beane, Stanly has four individuals working at the highest levels in the NFL. Autry recalled the days when he

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West Stanly High School band director Derek Smith (above) hones in on a section "Kansas City" with the All-County Jazz Ensemble. Each instructor focused on a different aspect of the song. (Right) AJ Pinto runs through a trumpet part at the jazz ensemble's last practice for the academic year.



Instructors, students create All-County Jazz Ensemble

By Shannon Beamon
Staff Writer

The band room at West Stanly High School was packed. Every chair occupied, every corner filled with brass sound. Perhaps on a

normal day it wouldn't have been so unusual. But this was the day after school let out. No one had to be there. "But we couldn't miss this," trumpet player AJ Pinto said. "This" was jazz practice — the

All-County Jazz Ensemble's last one for the school year. A completely voluntary affair, directors had announced, but nearly every member was there just the same.

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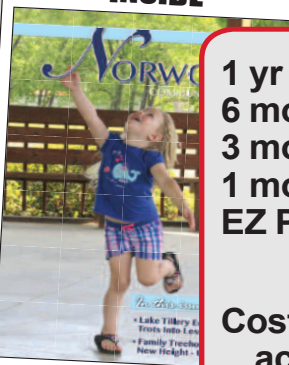
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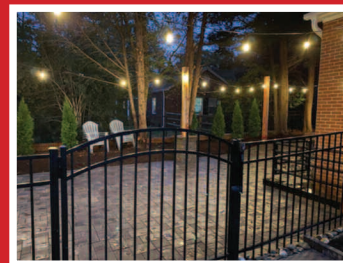
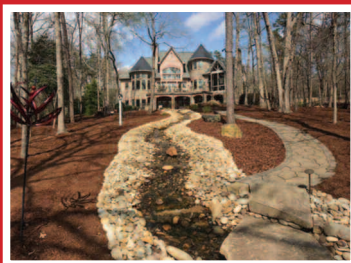
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SCS to offer summer program due to COVID-19

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By Chris Miller
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Learning loss as a result of COVID-19. The State Board of Education approved rules for the new program on April 19. The idea for a learning recovery and enrichment program originated in the General Assembly with House Bill 82, which was

co-sponsored by a host of representatives including Wayne Sasser (R-Stanly). School districts must offer students at least 150 hours of in-person instruction, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for six weeks. Superintendent Jarrod Deane said during a recent meeting that

dance is voluntary and is open to any student whose parents are interested. SCS will offer 150 hours of in-person instruction, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for six weeks. Superintendent Jarrod Deane said during a recent meeting that

The program is intended for at-risk students and at risk of failure, but attendance is voluntary and is open to any student whose parents are interested. SCS will offer 150 hours of in-person instruction, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for six weeks. Superintendent Jarrod Deane said during a recent meeting that

Senior Center director to retire

By Chris Miller
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After more than 30 years working in the senior services department, including 18 as director of the Senior Center, Becky Weenell is retiring.

Her final day will be Friday.

She had been outlining retirement for the past year, but ultimately made the decision to spend more time with her family and friends, especially her two grandchildren in Charlotte.

"I've had a job that has certainly enriched my life because of the people I've gotten to know," she said. Her fondest memories, she said, have been meeting and befriending so many seniors over the years.

"She's done some wonderful things for the seniors of our community and I know they appreciate it," County Manager Andy Lucas said. "You're not going to find somebody that's going to have a bad word to say about Becky."

Originally from Iredell County, Weenell has lived in Stanly since 1983. She initially worked as a nutritionist at the senior center and saw the congregation and started the home delivery meal program. She became director of the Senior Center in 2003.

During her tenure as director, the activities and programs offered at the center have increased as the county's senior population has continued to grow. To account for the



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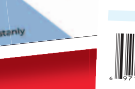
Chris Prior, left, and Doug Smith dough Contina's cookie sale goal. See story, 6A.

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Town denies permit by Richfield UMC request for renovations

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After much discussion in public and private sessions, the town of Richfield for

Richfield UMC had previously applied for a permit to renovate the kitchen in its fellowship hall to support a Community Table. A part of Stanly Community Christian Ministry, the table would provide one free meal a day to those living in the area who were hungry.

In a letter to the church, Town Administrator Cecelyn Capps said she had "determined that a soup kitchen that provides a daily feeding

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HANG ON



(Above) Bristol Norris placed second Friday in the baby bulls' competition at the Bulls and Barrels Rodeo at the Stanly County Fairgrounds. (Right) Aiden Barbee rodeo at the Stanly County Fairgrounds. Photos by CHARLES CURCIO/stanly

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