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## Crystal Tanner

will celebrate her 15th year anniversary working for the Town of Kernersville. Find out just what her job entails in the story below.



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### WEEKEND EDITION

## Remembering a hero

*Burial at Arlington National Cemetery is a fitting tribute to the memory of Lt. Col. Leon "Lee" Hope*

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Features & News Editor

When longtime Kernersville resident Lee Hope passed away on July 21, 2011 at his home in Kernersville at the age of 83, the loss was felt throughout the community. A memorial service celebrated his love of family, friends, community and the United States Army.

His burial at Arlington National Cemetery honored just how deep Hope's commitment to God and country were long after he retired from active duty.

Hope was born in Worcester, Mass in November 1927. After joining the Army, Hope served in World War II, Korea and the Vietnam War before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Special Forces. In 1972, he and his wife Joan and their family moved to Kernersville.

To those who got to know Hope through his wife Joan's help in founding of the Kernersville Little Theatre to his own community involvements through the local Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Kernersville Family YMCA, the Sister City organization and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, he was either "Lee" or the "Colonel," a moniker Hope



Retired Army Lt. Col. Lee Hope passed away in 2011. His memory lives on among the thousands of heroes interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

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## EnergyWISE winners

*Colfax Elementary named School of the Year*

By LINDA PAYNE  
Governmental Affairs Reporter

Since winning the bronze award and best comprehensive project in the Guilford County Schools science fair, third grade students at Colfax Elementary School (CES) have taken the nation by storm.

CES teacher Janet Craddock submitted a portfolio full of photographs, charts and other documents detailing the work her students did this year to promote energy conservation in the school to a group in Washington D.C. called National Energy Education Development (NEED). She said NEED representatives were so impressed they have invited members of the CES EnergyWISE team to Washington, D.C. June 21-24 to receive a special honor.

"Our group was named the Elementary School of the Year through NEED, and we've been invited to attend a special cer-

emony with our congressmen and senators," Craddock said. "We will spend the weekend doing energy-related activities with students from all over the country and touring the city."

Their goal is to send several students, parent volunteers and teachers on behalf of the school. They partnered with Chick-fil-A in Kernersville last week to host a special fundraising night. Craddock said 15 percent of the funds went to the school to help fund the trip. They are hosting a family movie night on the campus of CES Friday, May 31.

They will be accepting donations at the door from students and parents who want to enjoy dinner and movie. They will serve pizza, drinks and snacks during the film. In addition, Craddock said community members are welcome to submit donations to the CES Parent Teacher Association.

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## Special visitors make a stop in Kernersville

*Group from Tajikistan tours local garden to learn about urban tourism*

By LINDA PAYNE  
Governmental Affairs Reporter

A week-long adventure across the state of N.C. last

week brought a group of Tajikistan tourism professionals to the heart of the Triad.

The group spent an afternoon touring Kernersville's

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden to learn about urban ecological tourism and sharing with local delegates what visiting the small mountainous nation is

like. Group members spoke of the Garam Chashma hot springs, the Pamir Highway tours and the infamous Tajiki-

stan National Park, which is visited by thousands each year. In addition, the group recommended visiting the market at Ishkashim, the legendary mine

of Kuh-i-La'l and the Fann Mountains, which is one of the country's hidden treasures.

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## Trading skates for walking shoes

*Roller derby team commits to raising money for Relay for Life*

By WENDY FREEMAN DAVIS  
Features & News Editor

They may be more accustomed to putting on roller skates and making laps around the rink, but members of the Quad City Fusion Junior Roller Derby team won't have any trouble lacing up walking shoes for Kernersville's annual Relay for Life fundraiser on May 31 at East Forsyth High School (EFHS).

Quad City Fusion is a relatively new organization that is developing its roller derby team through the Kernersville Parks and Recreation Department. This year's relay team will be its first fundraising effort for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society, but derby team founder and relay captain Darlene Haskins is no stranger to the event. Like so many others, cancer has had an indelible effect

on her own family and friends.

"My family and I have participated in Relay for Life every year for the last 11 years. I started doing it because I lost my dad to cancer and my husband joined because his mom, aunt and grandma all have had cancer. His grandma died from it, and aunt and mom are survivors."

The derby's Relay for Life team consists of the entire derby team and their parents, said Haskins. Cancer has hit close to home for the team, as well.

"One of our coaches lost his sister who was 44 to cancer a few months ago," said Haskins.

So far, the team has been accepting donations as a way to raise money for Relay for Life. The group also has a Facebook page where information on the Relay

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## We did it!



Cooper Boyd and Georgia Falke hold up their diplomas in celebration of graduating from preschool at Fountain of Life Lutheran Church on Wed., May 22. (Photo by John Bunyea)

## 'A real asset'

*Crystal Tanner enjoys her work with human resources*

By LINDA PAYNE  
Governmental Affairs Reporter

As a member of the Kernersville Human Resources Department, Crystal Tanner is not someone citizens come in frequent contact with, but the passion she has for her fellow employees has captured the attention of other community leaders.

"I've always been impressed with her thoroughness and ability to relate to people," said Kernersville Chamber of Commerce CEO Bruce Boyer. "She is always willing to reach out and help others and has certainly left her mark on this community."

Boyer initially met Tanner when she volunteered for the

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The Quad City Fusion Jr. Roller Derby team has been organizing with try-outs and clinics through the Kernersville Parks and Recreation Department. The team is also fundraising for the annual Relay for Life event at East Forsyth High School on May 31 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

## Relay for Life

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and team activities are posted on a regular basis. A website is in the works. Team members will also raise money on the night of the Relay next week.

"We have taken donations and are going to face paint and sell water and other items at the event," said Haskins.

Haskins understands the importance events like Relay for Life play in the fight against cancer.

"It raises awareness and the money raised helps in the efforts to fight cancer, and the community comes together to show its support," said Haskins.

Haskins encourages the community to come out to EFHS on Friday night to show support, especially those who've never experienced an event like Relay for Life.

"It is very moving," said Haskins.

"It is a must attend event."

Haskins was instrumental in bringing a junior roller derby team to Kernersville. She is a skater and wanted the same experience for her children.

"I am a skater on the Camel City Thrashers out of Winston-Salem, and my kids wanted to skate on a junior team but there are none very close to Kernersville," explained Haskins. "I decided to

see about starting one myself. I talked to a few places that could work in town and no one would let us. Then I talked to the parks and recreation department and they were up for letting us try it."

So far, team building has been going well.

"We started with eight kids in January and now have 25," said Haskins. "We are having our first scrimmage on July 27 in Kerners-

ville."

Quad City Fusion Junior Roller Derby is for co-ed children ages 6 through 17 who are interested in learning the sport of roller derby.

"We play the same rules the adults do and we have so much fun," said Haskins.

The team plans to have just as much fun during the upcoming Relay for Life event.

"It is a really fun event," said

Haskins.

This year's Relay for Life Kernersville will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 31 on the track at EFHS, located at 2500 West Mountain Street. To make a donation toward the Quad City Fusion team or another participating in this year's walk, visit the Kernersville team page at <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?id=52989&pg=teamlist>.

## Tajikistan

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"We invite everyone who visits our country to visit the Fan Mountains," said Gulnara Apandieva, executive director and translator for the Murghab Ecotourism Association. "The Fan Mountains are the highest part of the Zeravshan range and there are about 30 lakes for tourists to view."

Apandieva said earning a tourism visa is easy for those who want to visit Tajikistan since an invitation letter is not required. She said receiving this visa gives guests the authority to stay up to 30 days without registering and to visit a majority of the country's landscape. Apandieva did note that a special permit is required to visit some areas of Tajikistan.

"We would love to have all of you come visit us," Apandieva told a room of about 40 guests inside the ballroom at the Ciener Botanical Gardens. "We will welcome you with open arms just like you have done for us this week."

While visiting Kernersville, the Tajikistan natives stayed with host families to experience American life. Group members said they found the American hospitality to be very kind and open. They loved shopping at Target and Walmart since they don't have the big box stores

back home and said they went to Starbucks every day.

"We don't have coffee houses like this at home, so we enjoyed that," said Apandieva. "We also liked visiting Golden Corral and playing games with our family. We've never been anywhere that we could pay one price and eat as much or as little as we wanted."

Brian Anderson said this was his first time playing host and he loved it. He said taking the group to places like Golden Corral made dining out a little easier because they didn't have to worry about reading a menu. They also discovered they had a lot more in common than they realized.

"I've learned a lot about these kind people and they have opened my eyes to an entirely new culture. I am honored to have had this opportunity," Anderson said.

Kernersville is not the only place the group visited during their first ever trip to the U.S. They met with Andre Nabors, N.C.'s director of tourism; Alex Narr, East Carolina's ecological economic development expert; and with Dr. Erin Seekamp and Dr. Carla Barbieri from N.C. State University, who discussed nature based tourism and agri tourism. They also visited the

Dan River Basin Association in Eden to discover ways to attract visitors to area rivers.

"Tajikistan has many beautiful, clear rivers emerging from glaciers so we wanted to show them ways they could encourage tourists to go tubing, kayaking or canoeing," said Suzanne Stafford, director of the Stafford Institute. "They went wading in the Atlantic Ocean, shag dancing at Myrtle Beach and took a nature walk at Murrell's Inlet."

Stafford said the goal was for the group to learn as much about N.C.'s tourism industry as their week would allow.

"Tajikistan is a budding country that is now ready to be presented to the world, and I am thrilled that they had the opportunity to visit Kernersville," said Stafford, who has been to Tajikistan several times. "They are some of the most hospitable people in the world. When tourists are there, they open their hearts and homes to people so everyone feels welcome. It is a special country."

The group's week-long adventure across N.C. was made possible through the Open World Leadership Center, a U.S. exchange program offered to young leaders in countries of the post-Soviet era. It started



Tajikistan delegation translator Gulnara Apandieva shows a calendar from her native country to Chad Delp, past master of the Kernersville Masons. (Photo by Linda Payne)

as a pilot program in 1999 and became the only international exchange agency in the U.S. Legislative Branch in late 2000. The program has attracted numerous people to Kernersville, including a group of Moldovan

government officials, Moldovan journalists and another group of winemakers.

"As the U.S. pulls out of Afghanistan and Iraq, it is so important that our presence in this realm of the world be as ac-

countable as possible," Stafford said. "This Delegation's outreach, expedited by Open World, is an important first step in helping this to happen."

## Obituary

### Boyles

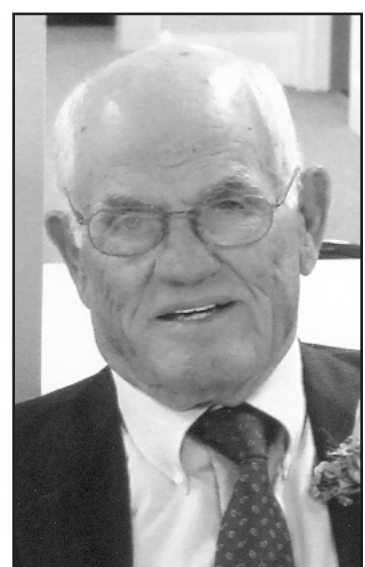
Kernersville - Robert Harding Boyles, 91, a lifelong farmer, passed away Friday, May 24, 2013 at his home.

He was born October 24, 1921 in Stokes Co. to the late Robert G. and Pearl Shelton Boyles.

Harding was a member of Parkview Primitive Baptist. He enjoyed singing with his group from church and traveling to many churches to sing at funerals.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Curtis, Lester, Tom, and Joe Boyles; and sister, Nina Parker.

Surviving are his wife of 74 years, Treva Holman Boyles of the home; son, Wayne Boyles and wife, Kathryn; daughter, Ophelia B. Jackson all of Kernersville; grandchildren, Larry



Robert Harding Boyles

Boyles, Lisa Willard and husband, Scott, Donna Rice and husband, Mark all of Kernersville, and Travis Boyles and wife, Ashley of Bumpass, VA;

eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be conducted at 1:00 PM Monday, May 27, 2013 at Parkview Primitive Baptist Church with Elder E.W. Hooven officiating. A family committal service will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 PM Sunday, May 26, 2013 at Hayworth Miller Kernersville Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Primitive Baptist Church, 3209 Ridgewood Road, Winston Salem, NC 27107.

Harding a loving husband, dad, and grandpa recently said "If I had my life to live over again, I would not change a thing!"

Online condolences may be made at [www.hayworth-miller.com](http://www.hayworth-miller.com).



Town Human Resources Director Ray Smith presents members of the Tajikistan delegation with gifts. (Photo by Linda Payne)