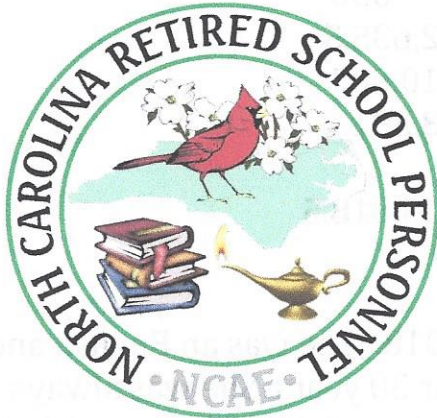


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Stanly County Unit



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Stanly Unit receives 7th Gold Star

The Stanly County Unit was awarded their 7th Gold Star at the Recognition Banquet for RSP in Winton-Salem on Wednesday, March 14.

The Gold Star program is now called the Betty Huffman Recognition Award in recognition of the woman who put together the requirements to be awarded a gold star. We submit a notebook each year with information under each criterion to be considered for the award. We are also recognized for the Platinum Level.



The NC Foundation for Public School Children

Each region was asked to bring a contribution to the State Convention for the Foundation for Public School Children. This Foundation provides those things that children need to learn such as eyeglasses, leg braces, field trip money, etc. \$12,212.00 was raised for the organization.

Stanly County Unit had the most volunteer hours for Region 3.

Local Unit	Total Hours
Concord/Cabarrus	5,173
Charlotte-Mecklenburg	1,870
Gaston	9,056
Lincoln	1,156
Montgomery	550
Rowan-Salisbury	2,635.5
Stanly	10,987
Union	3,391
Total Hours	13,818.5

Jane Davis

We lost another member of RSP on March 1, 2018. Jane was an English and French teacher at North Stanly High School for 30 years. She was always quick to volunteer to help with anything for Retired School Personnel, but especially for the phone tree. We will surely miss her.

From our State Retired School Personnel office

Court decisions swirl over gerrymandering, judges and healthcare lawsuits addressing alleged gerrymandering of North Carolina's congressional and state legislative districts, its mode of electing state judges and its responsibilities to state retirees. These items still swirl in the courts, and we'd need an electronic tickertape board to provide you with the latest news on each development.

Democrats are suing the state over the General Assembly's plan to abolish primary elections for state judgeships. The courts will have to decide whether the "no primary" system proposed by the Republican controlled General Assembly deprives the Democratic Party and the voters of fair representation.

As next November's general election draws nearer, it's still not clear whether challenges to redrawn legislative and congressional districts will prevail. These cases hinge on charges of racial bias and even on the question of whether partisan political advantage is a legitimate justification for gerrymandered districts.

The ultimate outcome of a lawsuit over whether retirees of a certain vintage were unlawfully charged for state health insurance benefits is still pending. Months ago, a panel of Federal judges ruled in favor of the retirees, but the state given voice by House Speaker Tim Moore has vowed to appeal the decision, and it may be years before a settlement if any is made.