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News Briefs

Former county commissioner Hair dies at 94

Elisabeth "Liz" Hair, the first woman to chair the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, died on March 19 at the age of 94.

Hair, who also was the first woman to chair the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections, was founder or helped establish the Mecklenburg County Democratic Women's Club, the Charlotte Women's Political Caucus and the N.C. Ballet Theater in Charlotte.

"At a time when women were not supposed to be in public office, Liz blazed a trail," County Commission Chairman Trevor Fuller said in a news release. "In 1972, she was elected to the county commission, and later became the first woman ever to serve as chairman. Her ardent leadership for democratic principles resulted in programs and policies we take for granted today. She was a true inspiration to generations of public servants."

Hair's death came three days after the death of Dan Ramirez, the county's first Hispanic elected official.

Sewer spill reaches McMullen Creek

A blockage of grease and roots caused the sewer to overflow and spill into McMullen Creek on Monday, March 24, according to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department.

The spill occurred in the 4600 block of Colony Road, where an estimated 1,200 gallons of wastewater reached

the creek, according to a news release. Crews responded to the spill within 20 minutes, and no dead fish were found in the creek as a result of the spill, according to the release.

Report sewer issues by calling 311.

FunkyTown partners with Weill Fitness

South Charlotte business FunkyTown Parties announced a new partnership this week with Weill Fitness to bring free zumba workshops to FunkyTown.

Weill Fitness, which works to help children become more physically active, will offer classes for a fee at FunkyTown Parties to "enable them to continue to grow and offer more classes and camps to those in need," according to a news release. A free class will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, April 2 and 3, for the community to see what the partnership will bring to FunkyTown.

Find more information at www.funkytownparties.com. FunkyTown is located in The Fountains shopping center, 8155 Ardrey Kell Road.

Realtors Care Day returns to Charlotte

This year's Realtors Care Day from the Charlotte Regional Realtor Association will help 17 area homeowners next month.

The annual event, now in its sixth year of offering home repairs to people in need, will take place on April 11 a Friday, in Mecklenburg and Iredell counties. The work is done through the help of volunteers and contributions from area businesses such as Lowe's Home Improvement. Area civic groups, such as Habitat for Humanity and

Charlotte's Neighborhood & Business Services Department, help identify homeowners in need of support.

The Housing Opportunity Foundation, the charitable arm of the realtor association, manages Realtors Care Day and other local programs. Find more information at www.carolinahome.com/aboutus/hof/hof.aspx.

Inaugural 'The Good Ride' coming to Blakeney

The Good Ride will raise money for 24 Hours of Booty when cyclists take to Blakeney in May.

The Good Ride will start and end at the Blakeney Professional Center, 8835 Professional Drive, on May 10, a Saturday. Cyclists can pick between routes of 22, 34 and 65 miles, and there will be a family fun ride of 3 to 5 miles for riders age 6 and older. The longer rides will start at 8 a.m. and the family ride at 8:30 a.m.

"We are excited to support 24 Hours of Booty through our inaugural ride," Michael Hernandez, founder of The Good Ride and a 24 Hours of Booty rider, said in a news release. "It is all about cycling for a good cause. We look forward to bringing together those who share a love of cycling to create positive change in our community including supporting the fight against cancer."

Registration is \$40 per rider until April 27, and \$45 afterward. The family ride fee is \$10 per rider or \$20 per family. Funds will support 24 Hours of Booty, which raises money for cancer research.

Find more information at www.thegoodride.org.

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