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'Doing it from their hearts, doing it from God'

CADA receives donation from Franciscan Sisters

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Devin Terry is a custodian at Clara Hearne Pre-K Center in Roanoke Rapids.

"I am a very hard worker and I have respect," he said. "I love my job as a custodian — I like keeping the bathrooms clean, keeping the whole school clean and clean from COVID-19 also."

One day he went into the Choa-

noke Area Development Association seeking employment.

Barbara Fleming, Community Services Block Grant case manager of CADA, helps with housing and employment. She said Terry had worked at Clara Hearne for two months as a temporary employee. Clara Hearne staff reached out to Fleming seeking a reference for Terry, as they considered to hire him full time.

"He has a good work history — we are all about removing barriers and helping people become sufficient," Fleming said.

She took him to the interview and Terry was hired full time.

"The reason I picked him to talk to

you today is he is such a hard worker and he is determined," Fleming said. "He lived in Garysburg and his scooter broke down. He walked to work [in Roanoke Rapids], leaving at 5 a.m. I got him a bike and he has a house now."

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Devin Terry is a custodian at Clara Hearne Pre-K Center in Roanoke Rapids, who won Employee of the Year. He is pictured with his case worker, Barbara Fleming, Community Services Block Grant case manager of CADA.



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Northampton County defensive end Alexander Creecy (3) makes a tackle last Friday versus Bear Grass Charter. The Jaguars, seeking their second straight trip to the N.C. High School Athletic Association 1A championship game, entertain upstart Northside-Pinetown in the East Regional Final today at 7 p.m.

Back-to-back? Jaguars eye consecutive regional titles

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At the door, once again.

Such is the case tonight for the Northampton County varsity football team, which will duel Northside-Pinetown for the N.C. High School Athletic Association 1A East Region crown — its second appearance in the postseason's penultimate game in as many years.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. in Gaston.

And wouldn't you know it, we've pieced together a capsulized preview of the win-or-go-home confrontation, beginning with what the Jaguars (3-3) must do to contain a talented

Northside (7-2) roster.

PARTS AND PIECES

Find James Gorham; secure James Gorham.

In theory, the plan sounds simple, but in reality, has proven difficult this season, as evidenced by the Northside senior rushing for 1,225 hashmarks and 20 touchdowns in just nine games.

For those scoring at home, that's 54% of the Panthers' ground work.

"It looks like they use him as a speed threat," Northampton County head coach George Privott said of Gorham, who ran for 214 yards and four scores during Northside's heart-stopping, 35-34 opening-round

victory over Rosewood. "For us, it's just knowing where he is at all times, and containing him first. Not that we're gonna overlook the rest of'em, but the other ones aren't as big a home-run hitter as he is."

Defensively, matters won't be much easier, what with the navy-and-teal having to locate and fend off Fred Taylor and Zion Wilson, who have booked a combined 89 tackles this shortened season, with 33 of those going for loss.

Simply put, the duo has a nose for disruption.

"You, pretty much, gotta know where they line up," Privott said of

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Enfield officials discuss trash, recycling

City seeks plan for dilapidated homes

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Tempers flared between Enfield Mayor Wayne Anderson and Commissioner Bobby Whitaker over beneficial trash pick-ups and recycling methods during a Tuesday budget work session.

The topic of how to handle trash and recycling came up during the town's Department of Public Works budget portion of the meeting, where Mayor Anderson highlighted the need for the town to transition the workload to a contractor. He suggested the contractor for Halifax County, which is Unity of the Carolinas. Anderson mentioned that nearly 40% of residents in Enfield are below the poverty level and do not own their own homes.

The mayor also mentioned that DPW employees struggle to keep garbage off the streets and that many employees are pulled from different departments to cover certain jobs.

"We're creating chaos, in my opinion, for no reason," Anderson said.

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the chore offered by the pairing, which will begin at the line of scrimmage and conclude downfield. "And then, with the play-calling, like I said, trying to get those guys tired ... they're two phenomenal players."

NAVY-AND-TEAL STARS, NOTES

Northampton County will oppose Northside's haste and power with like forces of its own, primarily in the form of sophomores Anthony Harding and Kwamie Pitt — each of whom gassed Bear Grass Charter last week in the second half of a 44-22 triumph.

Combined, Nos. 7 and 8 rushed for 308 yards and four touchdowns.

And should Northside's vaunted defense force the Jags behind the chains, fans of the navy-and-teal should expect freshman wideout Jamari Blake — whose sure hands have collected six passes for 86 yards and two scores this postseason — to enter the picture full-frame.

Lastly, there's the matter of special teams, and the boot of Northside kicker Chase Tomaini, who is averaging

39.4 yards per kickoff this season — a line that likely won't allow NHC's ground attack to begin drives in the coziest of confines.

Not to worry, however, as Privott and Co. are prepared to survive any field position offered — good, bad or indifferent — by the Panthers.

"We'll just settle with where we get the ball," Privott said when asked if an early-down wrinkle might

be utilized to offset any head-scratching, down-and-distance scenarios.

Confident?

Yes.

Over-confident?

No.

Which is to be expected, of course, from a coach and a program that has paid visit to this stage before.

All that remains now is to see if the two can star on it again.

CADA

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Fleming said when the teachers and the principal, Lindsey Goble, at Clara Hearne learned that Terry was walking to work, they helped out too. Clara Hearne Secretary Tina Davis and Goble helped Terry find a ride.

"It impressed them so much when they heard he was walking to school, they got some transportation for him for about two weeks," Fleming said. "They went into their own pockets — that is how much they care about Devin."

Another case worker, Renarda Richardson, family service specialist for Head Start, said in November, there is a house, Fleming said.

"We had the funding to be able to get him his first month's rent," Fleming said. "The school surprised him and furnished his whole house — the appliances and everything."

Terry said it was really shocking to walk in and see his home was furnished by the school staff.

"I didn't know — I thought I would have to sleep on a blanket on the floor," he said. "I couldn't afford a bed. When they gave me the furniture I said I would pay for it, and they said they don't need the money — they were doing it from their hearts, doing it from God."

After being employed for a year, Terry said he received an award of Employee of the Year from Clara Hearne on March 23.

"I was surprised, I thought you should have to be there longer," Terry said.

Before his job at Clara Hearne, Terry said he worked part-time for a cleaning company for about three years on a contract. He wanted a job with more money and benefits, he said.

He said Fleming, who he has known about five years, saved him.

"I almost went homeless and she saved me twice and payed my rent and helped me with food," he said. "She is a real good, nice Christian lady."

CADA is a private, nonprofit organization, a Community Action Agency, whose mission is to assist low-income citizens achieve self-sufficiency and a better quality of life, the website states.

"Our purpose is to promote through regional cooperation, the industrial, agricultural, recreational, educational and general economic well being and health and welfare of the citizens of Bertie, Halifax, Hertford [Martin] and Northampton counties."

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Sister Arlene Melder with Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration Patricia Tekippe. They worked with the CADA campaign.



Renarda Richardson is Family Service Specialist from CADA.

\$25,000 grant from the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, based in Wisconsin, is helping CADA address those issues. CADA is using the funds to create Project Choices, a program that works with participants to create individual plans to become self-sufficient — wherever the participant is in northeastern North Carolina and in life, according to a press release.

Sister Arlene Melder in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, spoke about the donation. Curt Keddy of Windsor, a CADA board member and Melder met about 30 years ago and are in the ministry together,

she said. They have kept in touch ever since.

"He has talked about being a board member of CADA and the needs of the women and children there, financial literacy and various needs," Melder said. "I felt these needs are important and are some of our missions."

Melder, now retired, said she has enjoyed being involved in many ministries over the years, addressing such needs as the poor and grieving.

"It has been very satisfying," she said. "From what Curt has told me, I sense there are many needs in



The Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located inside St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where the sisters pray daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the needs of the world.

North Carolina and the counties he is working in and through his work being on the board with CADA."

Until June 30, Sallie Surface, is the executive director of CADA, then retiring after 38 years. She said funding to CADA has come from the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration for several years. This grant is the largest amount they have donated, she said. Some funds have also come from PNC for the program.

"We use it for financial literacy and outreach, bringing people in and learning to work on computers," she said. "Financial literacy is a big need across all CADA programs. It is to teach them to understand how to do banking."

When asked to define the most important part of CADA's work, Surface said, "knowing we we have made a difference for people that we've helped — for people to help themselves

— that is the most important thing we do — give the opportunities."

Since CADA has been in existence since 1962, a lot of people know some of the programs it does and some they are not aware of, Surface said.

"We try to help individuals to find jobs, with housing-related issues — whether it's from rehabbing a house or becoming a new homeowner or finding a good rental house, we try to help with housing," Surface said. "We help with emergency assistance, programs — the early Head Start program."

The Head Start Program serves 3 and 4 year olds, and the early Head Start Program serves pregnant moms and children up to age 3, she said.

CADA also helps with the distribution for Dominion Energy's EnergyShare program, an energy assistance program for anyone facing financial hardships from unemploy-

ment or family crisis. Surface said CADA serves about 400 families in each of the five counties in the winter helping with utility bills from electricity, gas and wood. She said the money also comes from private sources.

CADA is built on partnership, community involvement and community support, Surface said.

"You have to be transparent with your approach," she said. "One of the things we all need to do is bloom where we are planted — not to assume just because we are in a supposedly disadvantaged area we can't make a difference."

"We can — we just have to figure out what we need to do together to make a difference. When working with others, you empathize you don't sympathize, and you give them choices and help them see the pathway of choices. You don't make the decision for them or it will become your decision. We want people to have ownership of their choices and work toward making it work."

When asked, Surface said, "I will mostly miss the daily interaction with people. That is very important to what we do. I am going to be around to help CADA. Housing is a passion of mine and we definitely need to continue to work on housing."

"The work we do is turning over in the economy, whether it's housing or Head Start — those kinds of things add to the local economy. People don't always think about that, just like these utility bills we pay or bills to landlords or mortgages we pay when people are unemployed that is money going into the economy."

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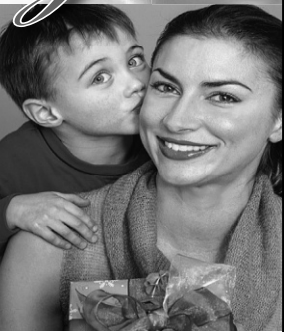
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