

# MARCH

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City Council member and Gang Free founder Melissa Elliott's speech was laced with the theme of courage.

At one point, Elliot had students to yell courage and make a commitment not to add to the violence.

"I want you to have courage to say no to guns. ... I will live, I will not promote violence," Elliott said.

Mary Dieudonne, Alisia's mother and Alicia Campbell, Ahmad's mother, were both present at the event.

Elliott told both women that it takes courage to take time while grieving to address students. She said it was a selfless act.

Winston-Salem State University football player Ja'Quez Bullock cautioned students to be aware of their surroundings.

He said the Southern Vance students might not know when someone has a gun with them at parties. He said nine times out of 10, if someone brings a gun, chances are they intend to use it.

"Have fun, but be smart," Bullock said.

After the assembly,



Mary Dieudonne (center left) and Alicia Campbell release two doves at the beginning of the anti-violence march. Both lost their children to gun violence earlier this fall after a fight broke out at a party in Greensboro.

students and community members streamed out of the gym to the track for the anti-violence walk.

Campbell and Dieudonne released doves to begin the walk. Dieudonne said she hoped the Southern Vance students took away from Thursday's event that they should say something if they see a gun.

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— Mary Dieudonne

"Silence is causing death," she said. "If it happened to us, it can happen to them ... This should not be the new normal."

She urged people to think about how it would feel if their family member had been killed, and they believed people who knew something about the slaying were remaining silent. She said her family wants justice, so another family does not lose someone they love, too.

Alicia Campbell, encouraged anyone with any information about Ahmad's and Alisia's slayings to contact the Greensboro Police Department. "We want justice served," she said. The Greensboro Police Department continues to investigate the slayings.

She also urged young people to "put the guns down." Dieudoone agreed. "These young people are our future," she said. "They have to understand they matter."

# EDC

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Church clarified to the board that the \$10,000 being referenced by Herford was money that was already in the EDC's budget and did not

include the \$13,000 that was made available two months ago when the board voted not to renew its membership with RTRP. That money is still available and could be used for other promotional efforts.

The board voted unanimously to

approve \$10,000 for the promotional ad for six more months.

Another notable occurrence during Wednesday's meeting came when John Barnes, EDC board member and president of the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce,

announced that the chamber's reverse raffle raised \$7,344 toward the Henderson Police Department's Shop with a Cop program.

Barnes thanked everyone who participated in the raffle and thanked Vance County Sheriff Peter White

and Police Chief Mar- help in setting up the cus Barrow for their event.



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# USDA

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The first thing residents seeking a loan need to do is fill out a prequalifying worksheet.

"[T]his basically tells us if they may be eligible for the program," Hunt said. "This doesn't guarantee, but this tells

me if they're in the income guidelines and what their age is. If all this comes out OK, and it looks like they may be eligible for the program, then we get into the full application of them actually applying."

Commissioner Deborah Brown asked the county to find a way to inform residents of the program.

"Just like sending out

notices for the shut-off notices, and everything for the water lines," Brown said. "We should be able to provide some kind of information to the citizens of our county who may need some help, and this program can benefit those citizens."

The USDA also provides grants for home repairs, but there are no funds available right

now through that program.



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