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

Mary Dieudonne, Alisia's mother and Alicia Campell, 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

"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 antiviolence march. Both lost their children to gun violence earlier this fall after a fight broke out at a party in Greensboro.

Campbell and Dieudonne

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

walk. Dieudonne said she hoped the Southern Vance

released doves to begin the Thursday's event that they should say something if they see a gun.

students took away from

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

— 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 unanimously

that was made available two months ago more months. when the board voted not to renew its mem- occurrence during Police Department's bership with RTRP. Wednesday's meet-That money is still ing came when John available and could be Barnes, EDC board used for other promotional efforts.

promotional ad for six

member and president of the Hender-

chamber's reverse raffle raised \$7,344 Another notable toward the Henderson Shop with a Cop pro-

Barnes thanked everyone who participated in the raffle and The board voted son-Vance Cham- thanked Vance County to ber of Commerce, Sheriff Peter White

include the \$13,000 approve \$10,000 for the announced that the and Police Chief Mar- help in setting up the cus Barrow for their

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"[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."

orah Brown asked the zens." county to find a way to inform residents of the program.

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 Commissioner Deb- can benefit those citi-

The USDA also provides grants for home repairs, but there are "Just like sending out no funds available right

notices for the shut-off now through that pro-



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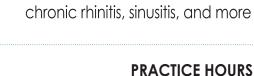
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