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City eyes regional transit system

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HIGH POINT — The city of High Point and the operators of other local public transportation systems are looking for new ways to connect across their respective borders.

A City Council committee Thursday endorsed a resolution calling for High Point,

Greensboro, Guilford County and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation to explore aligning their services.

The resolution says the parties “agree to a shared vision of a unified, accessible and affordable transportation system across the county that seamlessly connects people

to jobs, education, and services through an integrated network of reliable, safe and multi-modal options.”

The resolution, which will go before the full council May 20, does not address any specific measures to achieve this.

“The boundaries of communities can present an unintentional barrier to transpor-

ation,” Assistant City Manager Damon Dequenne said. “The way things are funded from the federal government, those (funds) kind of stop at certain locations and (affect) how you spend those dollars.”

The resolution came out of a countywide “working group” formed a year ago to study regional transportation.

“That working group is starting to look at ways that, as we develop our own High Point, Greensboro and Guilford County transportation plans and needs, we need to work together and figure out how we can make those lines sort of disappear when it

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High Point Christian opens new gym



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High Point Christian Academy's head of school Keith Curlee gives opening remarks at Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new gymnasium. The 16,800-square-foot building houses an NCAA regulation-sized basketball and volleyball court with two cross courts and bleachers for about 800 spectators, as well as two state-of-the-art LED scoreboards, sound system, and pre-game accent lighting.

Students, families and guests make their way into the main entrance of High Point Christian Academy's new gymnasium for Wednesday's ribbon-cutting. The ceremony was coupled with a dinner and special message of gratitude and recognition.

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Man pleads guilty in overdose death

BY ENTERPRISE STAFF

THOMASVILLE — A High Point man who was charged in connection with the overdose death of a Thomasville man in 2021 has pleaded guilty to death by distribution.

On May 28, 2021, Thomasville Police Department officers went to a residence on James Avenue and found Jacob Fields, 35, dead. An autopsy report revealed Fields died from a fentanyl overdose.

After a lengthy investigation detectives identified Larento Valentino Grady Jr., 30, as the person who supplied the fentanyl.

On June 13, 2022, High Point officers assisted Thomasville police in finding and



Larento Valentino Grady Jr.

arresting Grady at his High Point residence without incident. Grady was indicted by a Davidson County grand jury in July 2022 on one

count of second-degree murder and one count of death by distribution.

On Wednesday, Grady pleaded guilty to death by distribution before Davidson County Superior Court Judge Lori Hamilton as his trial was set to begin. Grady was

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Early voting for runoff nears end

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HIGH POINT — Voters in the area and across the state have three more days to cast ballots in a pair of Republican runoff races from the March primary.

Early voting in the contests for the GOP nomination for lieutenant governor and state

auditor concludes Friday and Saturday with election day on Tuesday.

Local turnout has been extremely low for the runoffs.

As of Wednesday night, 978 votes had been cast in Guilford County out of 206,807 eligible voters, a turnout of less than 1%.

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Campaign signs are displayed outside the Deep River Recreation Center early voting site. Early voting concludes Saturday for two statewide Republican primary runoff races for lieutenant governor and state auditor, with Election Day on Tuesday.

6 win student leadership awards

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HIGH POINT — Six high school seniors from High Point were singled out for praise Thursday as outstanding students and leaders, but they each turned the spotlight back to praise the teach-

ers who helped them along the way.

Sidda Abell of Middle College at GTCC-High Point, Hadassah Evans of High Point Central High School, Mark Horton of Penn-Griffin School for the Arts, Cayden Neal of Kearns Academy,

Jaquez Peebs of Southwest Guilford High School and Gemaeka Smith of T. Wingate Andrews received the 12th annual High Point Student Leadership Award from the High Point Schools

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