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Greetings:

With the General Assembly ready to begin its work for North Carolinians the week was filled with creating committees and subcommittees. The official business of the General Assembly will begin on Wednesday, January 25th.

Joyce Waddell

MLK Day Parade

I hope you utilized the Birthday of MLK to provide some service to those less fortunate than yourself.

I participated in the Charlotte MLK Day March, and marched with three different groups to support them through the event.



*Senator Waddell and
the AKA sorority
members*



*Senator Waddell and
the National Council
of Negro Women.*



*Senator Waddell and
the Queen City
HBCUs.*

Pharmacy Shortages

Parents looking for medicine for their sick children are still finding empty shelves in some stores, and the issue has been going on for weeks. Many are still having a lot of difficulty with finding Tylenol products because they are on long-term backorder. Pharmacists everywhere are having trouble with all infant Tylenol products under six months.

With sick infants, swapping out medicines or doses is not simple. With ibuprofen, you do have a dosing chart available and you can look at weight and age, and dose Ibuprofen for children six months and older, but nothing for the zero to six-month range.

This is a problem everywhere and our children really need these medicines, especially since the pandemic, flu season, and now RSV is quickly making its way around.

Substation Attack

A North Carolina utility company said on last Tuesday that an electricity substation was damaged by gunfire but that it caused no power outages. The damage comes after a gunfire attack on multiple substations in Moore County in December that knocked out power to more than 45,000 customers. There have been no arrests in those shootings.

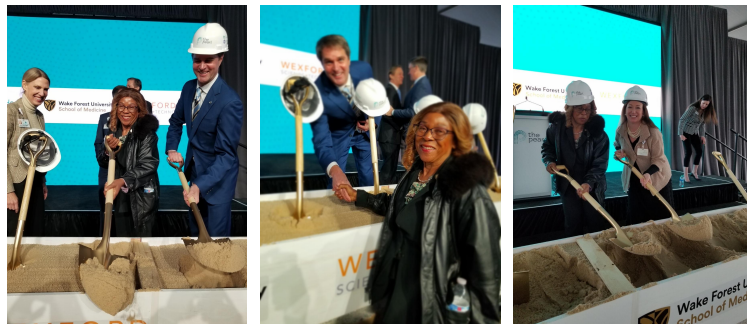
EnergyUnited said in a news release that an alarm early Tuesday alerted it to an equipment problem at the substation in Randolph County, north of Charlotte. It said that crews found damage to the substation from an apparent gunshot and that law enforcement was notified.

This is important because there are substations all over North Carolina including the Charlotte Mecklenburg area, and this issue could easily be happening in our community if we do not stay vigilant. Disruptions of power can be life or death for some of our residents. So, if you see something, please say something. Even if you think something is off and it is happening around our substations, please call the authorities.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Senator Waddell participates in a groundbreaking ceremony and with a flip of dirt from their shovels, Atrium Health and Wake Forest University officially started construction on the city of Charlotte's first medical school. As the largest US city without a four-year medical school, this type of a facility has long been at the top of Charlotte's wish list. Located in the Midtown area near Atrium's main hospital campus, the medical school will be surrounded by a mixed-use development to be called "The Pearl."

To be called the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Charlotte, the school is expected to seat its first class of medical students in 2024. It's the Winston-Salem-based school's second campus, and will support more than 3,500 students, officials said.



The temperature seems to fluctuate hot and cold, so please be cautious about your every day movements and try not to get lulled into a false sense of safety. COVID, Influenza and RSV (the virus for children) are spreading around quickly. As with many viruses, washing your hands, not touching your face, and maintaining good distances with each other, helps prevent great spread.

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