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Clyde Parker Jr. and his mother, Ernstena "Ernie" Parker Wood, each took turns addressing the audience during Wednesday's groundbreaking and dedication ceremony.

# WCA breaks ground, shares vision

BY CINDE INGRAM ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

esleyan Christian
Academy
supporters were
asked to imagine the future
Wednesday afternoon at
its groundbreaking and
dedication ceremony for
the next phase of property
development for athletic
fields and an eventual new
campus.

"We have raised more than \$5 million to get to this point of site development," Head of School Rob Brown said. "We're hoping to be out there in the spring or summer (2018) with a few athletic fields." The school also plans to install an outdoor amphitheater, ropes course, climbing wall and equestrian facility.

Grading is expected to begin in June or July and take approximately six months, Brown said. The infrastructure work will include improving a busy intersection at the corner of Johnson Street and Sandy Ridge Road.

Head of School Emeritus Joel Farlow described the school's current location on Centennial Street as being a two-lane road with no curbing and no buildings when the school was started in 1970. "It never crossed



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Rob Brown, head of school at Wesleyan Christian Academy, addresses the audience.

our minds what God had in store for that site," Farlow said. "God had a plan that was far beyond anything we could have envisioned. You see the hand of God working in this program." Farlow credited the faithful giving of people who were aligned with God's will, including an early donor who provided the seed money.

Ernstena "Ernie" Parker Wood, widow of Wesleyan Christian Academy founder Clyde Parker, quoted a Scripture from II Corinthians 9-10 to remind the audience of more than 50 supporters that God provides seed for the farmer to plant and makes the seed grow to increase the harvest. She recalled her late husband's

vision for the school, his excitement when he first saw the 66-acre property and how people's gifts have continued to grow through the years. "I just hope the Lord is letting Clyde be one of the balcony people to see this today," she said. "I am so thrilled that at 87 I'm still here to see it."

The school currently has 1,275 students, and the planned expansion could make room for up to 1,500 students, Brown said.

The first phase of the school expansion plan began in 2010 with identifying property for a new location because the current site is landlocked. Parker's family offered what Brown

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Construction for the future site of Wesleyan Christian Academy will begin in

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described as a favorable asking price for the 66 acres and a donor supplied that amount. The school purchased another 2 acres in 2010. A month ago, Clyde Parker Jr. called Brown and offered to donate two more acres, bring-

ing the total to 70 acres. WCA High School Principal Tim Rickman said nobody but God knew that the school would need at least 60 acres when the campus was first envisioned. "We have the privilege every day to see these children and to graduate seniors and send them out in the world to go and do great things for God," Rickman said.

Youssef Gobran, a WCA senior from Egypt

who has been at the school since seventh grade, said the school has been a blessing for his family. "I've been taught how to be a man of God," he said. "I'm so excited for the kids who will go here and get to experience this place."

An anonymous gift, announced in September, sped up the school's plans to develop the recreational areas and athletic fields on the property.

'Although it will be bittersweet to see this earth moved, the Lord just put in His vision that this could be used," Parker Jr. said. He described it as providence that shortly before his father died. he had decided the land should be in his wife's name.

"We've been hard at work trying to fulfill the legacy of this site," said Mike Limpach, vice chairman of Wesleyan's school board. The property is already being used by the school's cross country team. The baseball team has practiced in an indoor batting cage inside a barn on the site.

The school board is expected to make more decisions about the property development at its Monday night meeting. When asked what the plans are for the school's current location between Eastchester Drive and Centennial Street. Brown said High Point University and the city of High Point have expressed interest but added the school is on its own time and "open to the Lord's leading."

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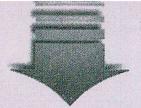
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Duncan suggested the board table the issue until the committee's racial and gender diversity can be discussed with the commissioners to make it more representative of the county's population.
In other business, the board:

Unanimously approved the 2017-18 non-traditional calendar that was presented last month.

Unanimously approved reappointing David S. Miller of High Point to represent the school district on the GTCC Board of Trustees for a four-year term. Miller's current term expires at the end of June.

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# U.S. stocks rise as companies rally with

BY MARLEY JAY AP MARKETS WRITE

NEW YORK — Energy companies jumped with the price of oil Wednesday, but overall, stocks finished only slightly higher as a quiet week of trading continued.

The price of U.S. crude oil jumped 3 percent as fuel stockpiles kept shrinking, and that made inves-

tors more optimistic about energy company profits. Strong earnings from video game maker Electronic Arts and chipmaker Nvidia helped technology stocks move up. However weak results from Priceline and Disney hurt con-sumer-focused companies, and health care stocks also stumbled as drug companies fell.

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTER

Name	Symbol	Last	Chg.	High	Low	Name
AT&T	т .	38.45	+0.23	38.65	38.13	JP Morgan Chase
Aetna	AET	143.04	+0.64	143.27	141.74	Kellogg
Alcoa	AA	31.08	+0.26	31.46	30.70	Kimberly-Clark
Allstate	ALL	84.29	+0.12	84.63	84.07	La-Z-Boy
Amazon AmEx	AMZN	948.95	-3.87	953.75	945.00	LabCorp Lance
AIG	AIG	78.65 61.37	+0.21	78.66 61.80	78.14 61.22	Legg Mason
Ameriprisel	AMP	129.09	+0.18	129.16	127.76	Leggett & Platt
Analog Devices	ADI	79.03	+0.53	80.01	78.62	Lincoln National
Аол Согр.	AON	124.09	-0.21	124.51	123.83	Lowe's
Apple	AAPL	153.26	-0.73	153.94	152.11	McDonald's
Avon	AVP	3.63	+0.09	3.66	3.55	Merck
Beasley Broadcast	BBGI	9.25	+0.65	9.60	8.65	MetLife
BB&T Corp.	BBT	43.37	+0.20	43.43	43.00	Microsoft
BNC Bancorp BP	BNCN	32.95 35.01	-0.10 +0.26	33.20 35.32	32.80 35.00	Mohawk Industries Morgan Stanley
Bank of America	BAC	24.15	+0.17	24.17	23.87	Motorola Mobility
Bassett Furniture	BSET	31.50	+0.45	31 50	30.90	NCR Corp.
Best Buy	BBY	52.00	+0.18	31.50 52.21	51.63	NCR Corp. New York Times Co.
Boeing	BA	183.18	-2.31	185.65	178.18	Norfolk Southern
CBL & Asso.	CBL	8.17	+0.11	8.29	7.92	Novartis AG
Century Link	CTL	25.11	+0.08	25.32	24.75	Nucor
CSX Corp.	CSX	51.72	-0.09	51.92	51.52	Old Dominion
CVS Caremark	CVS	80.94	-0.16	81.56	80.81	Office Depot PPG Industries
Capital One Caterpillar Inc.	COF	81.67 100.36	-0.65 +1.07	82.44 100.71	81.53 99.30	Panera Bread
Chevron Corp.	CVX	106.50	+1.42	106.83	105.54	J.C. Penney
Cisco Systems Inc.	CSCO	33.74	-0.16	33.90	33.58	Pfizer
Citigroup	C	60.37	+0.14	60.64	60.00	Pepsico
Coca-Cola	KO	43.57	+0.06	43.62	43.36	Polo Ralph Lauren
Colgate-Palmolive	CL	71.80	+0.30	71.89	71.27	Procter & Gamble
Corning Inc.	GLW	29.11	+0.03	29.13	28.90	Qorvo, Inc. Qualcomm
Culp Inc. Daimler AG	CFI	33.00 74.95	+0.35	33.20 75.18	32.45 74.73	Red Hat
Deere & Co.	DE	113.55	-0.03	114.17	113.33	Reynolds American
Dillard's Inc.	DDS	57.90	+1.03	58.62	56.64	RBC
Walt Disney Co.	DIS	109.66	-2.41	109.66	108.13	SCM Micro
Domino's Pizza	DPZ	195.67	+0.31	196.36	193.40	Scholastic Corp
Duke Energy Corp	DUK	82.48	+0.37	82.69	82.01	Sears
Enbridge	ENB	41.34	+0.10	41.71	41.08	Sherwin-Williams
Exxon Mobil Corp FNB Corp	XOM FNB	81.91 14.59	+0.37	82.37 14.71	81.65 14.43	Southern Company Sprint Nextel
Facebook	FB	150.29	-0.19	150.52	148.86	Starbucks
FedEx Corp	FDX	189.75	-1.04	191.00	189.01	Steelcase Inc.
First Offizens Bank of NC	FCNCA	347.62	-2.78	349.61	346.03	SunTrust Banks
Ford	F	11.04	-0.12	11.20	11.03	Syngenta AG
Fortune Brands	FBHS	63.64	+0.14	63.70	63.37	Tanger
Gap Inc.	GPS	26.73	+0.32	26.88	26.23	Target
General Dynamics General Electric	GD GE	194.39	-2.20 -0.23	195.89	193.35 28.60	3M Co. Time Warner
General Motors	GM	28.70 34.23	-0.23	28.93 34.46	34.08	Twitter
GlaxoSmithKline	GSK	42.28	+0.84	42.30	41.84	Unifi Inc.
Google	GOOG	928.78	-3.39	932.00	925.16	S Inc.
Hanesbrands	HBI	22.75	+0.26	22.79	22.14	VF Corp.
Harley-Davidson	HOG	56.75	+0.53	56.92	55.82	Valspar
Hewlett-Packard	HPQ	19.36	+0.12	19.37	19.16	Verizon
Home Depot	HD	158.13	+0.45	158.15	157.30	Vodafone Vulcan Materiala
Hooker Furniture	HOFT	45.90	-0.30 -0.36	46.40 36.38	45.85	Vulcan Materials Wal-Mart
Intel	INTC	36.01 151.25	-0.36	152.37	35.93 151.13	Wells Fargo
International Paper	1P	53.07	+0.53	53.26	52.41	Yahoo Inc.

### **METALS PRICING**

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices

Aluminum -\$0.8498 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper -\$2.4924 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper -\$2.4870 N.Y. Merc spot Wed. Lead - \$2181.50 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc - \$1.1936 per lb., London Metal Exch.

Gold - \$1222.95 Gold - \$1217.30 Silver - \$16,225 daily quote). Silver - \$16.151 Platinum -\$906

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