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NEWS

At tech workshops on Tyvola Road, seniors create an easier world [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
Eager-to-learn seniors with technology questions and device mishaps fill the Tyvola Senior Center on Friday mornings. With the help of a couple of senior volunteers, a county park program called “Computer Help with the Guys” is making Charlotte an easier place by providing digital literacy to anyone who needs it.

At South Meck, a fourth E2D lab shows how students help students help students [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
When E2D opened its fourth computer laboratory in Mecklenburg County, it faced the kind of challenging problem that's both painful and joyful to solve. E2D was sorting through the critical step of identifying students at South Mecklenburg High School who would take on the task of inspecting, cleaning, refurbishing, and re-imaging laptop computers for distribution to students and families who need them. “We put out the news that we were going to hire 10 students for this lab and we got 252 applications from this high school,” said Pat Millen, E2D executive director.

Close the internet access gap in rural NC [THE NEWS & OBSERVER]
To The News & Observer, it's clear one of the major contributors to the economic gap between North Carolina's booming cities and its rural areas — too many people outside of urban centers can't get online, or can't get online at speeds beyond a minimal internet connection.

Dan Rather on fake news: ‘Two and two equals four. It does not equal five or seven.’ [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
“There are several things to know about that fake news and I would like to put ‘fake news’ in quotation marks. First of all there's always been some version of fake news. Again you can go back to the ancients, and some people saw this spread of fake
years, is that there has been a growing realization by people who seek political positions that, it is to their advantage to always raise ‘fake news’ when it’s something that you don’t want said about you.”

STAKEHOLDER SNAPSHOT

In our Stakeholder Snapshot, we highlight the educators, trainers, and practitioners working to bridge the digital divide in Charlotte.

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CALENDAR

- April 3 - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: DigiLit 101 (1 of 6) — Beatties Ford Road Regional
- April 9 - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: Computer Basics for Adults and Seniors (1 of 5) — Independence Regional
- April 16 - Urban League of Central Carolinas: Microsoft Office and Customer Service Certification (6-week course)
- April 20 - North Carolina Hearts Gigabit: An Interactive Idea Exchange ($) 
- April 29 - Open Streets 704
- April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Goodwill University: Computer Basics
- April 30 - Digital Charlotte: April Digital Inclusion Volunteer Training

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