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YPD Chief Shannon Craddock authorized a release last week that indicated a slight uptick in robbery and assault. Cumulative totals for each category of crime in Archdale over the last year revealed a decrease in burglary and drug crimes. Robbery and assaults saw increases of 17 and 46 percent, respectively. A single murder was reported Jan. 25, 2018 after a 35-year-old man was shot and killed as bad boulders pursued him into a residential neighborhood on Stratford Road.

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Looking ahead to spring

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Humanitarian Award recipient George Davis was recognized for his efforts to deliver Meals on Wheels to 12 homeless-bound seniors each week for more than 10 years.

“George’s dedication and reliability as a volunteer is a blessing to our staff, and his faithfulness exemplifies true dedication and commitment,” said Archdale Senior Center Director Jo Reid. “I don’t know what we would do without him.

The Extra Mile Award went to Jamie Guagliano, who dedicates countless hours as the director of First Church of God Day School in Archdale, a five-star center that provides high quality Christian child care for children birth through 12 years old. The Youth of the Year Award went to Jamie Guagliano, who dedicates countless hours as the director of First Church of God Day School in Archdale, a five-star center that provides high quality Christian child care for children birth through 12 years old.

Youth of the Year Award went to Wheatmore High School senior Meredith Cunha, who is active in the Fellowship of Christian Students Club, the National Beta Club, HOSA (Health Occupations Student Organization) and Human Rights Advocates. When she is not engaged in academics or running track, Cunha volunteers in Mount Vernon United Methodist youth group EPIC — a mission program, Father’s Storehouse, and at the Neighborhood Café at Archdale United Methodist church.

Kent Beck accepted the Youth Advocate Award on behalf of the Archdale-Trinity Rotary Club. Kaye Spencer received the Duke Energy Advocacy/Quality of Life Award.

ROLAND ALBERTSON — LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

County serving as one of its earliest board chairs, Edward Jones representative Mark Grantham received the Member/Business of the Year Award for his commitment to the community and the leadership he has supplied to the Chamber’s networking group ATTUNE.

The Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce continues to serve its ever-growing list of members through events such as the Bush Hill Heritage Festival. During the past year, the Chamber co-produced the Archdale-Trinity Tourism Brochure, hosted monthly Coffee and Conversation sessions and participated in Archdale’s Economic Development Strategic Plan. For more information, visit www.archdaletrinitychamber.com.

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