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Agency can help guide way to home ownership

The nonprofit Community Link offers education and counseling on becoming a homeowner. Offerings include a personal housing plan, budget planning, counseling, post homeownership follow-up and help from a real estate agent.

Participants must attend a two-hour seminar, which are offered twice a month. Cost is \$30 and covers a credit report, seminar materials and unlimited counseling.

To register or for other details, call (704) 943-9517 or e-mail mavisg@communitylink-nc.org -- *Michele Wayman*

Eatery to celebrate March Madness on Saturday

Chick-fil-A in Davis Lake invites families to celebrate March Madness at MOO Madness Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the event, parents and kids will sling-shot stuffed cows into a goal. Those who make the goal will be entered into a drawing to win a 3-foot stuffed cow.

A moon bounce and summer sports camps sign-ups will also be featured at MOO Madness.

The event is free and open to the public.

Chick-fil-A is at 8433 Davis Lake Parkway. Details: (704) 586-2229. -- *Emily A. Benton*

10-week foster parenting class will start March 21

The Foster Care Program at Thompson Child & Family Focus will conduct a 10-week Foster Care Parent Training program beginning March 21. Sessions meet Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at 6800 St. Peter's Lane in Matthews. The course is a state requirement for anyone wanting to become a foster parent in North Carolina.

Free.

Registration: (704) 536-0375, ext. 137 or www.thompsoncff.org. -- *Emily A. Benton*

2 bands to play at Salvation Army Church

The Queen City Brass Band and the Salvation Army-Charlotte Temple Corps performs at 7:30 p.m. April 3 at the Salvation Army Church, 940 Marsh Road. Each band will play individual brass band selections, with a joint finale. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.qcbb.org or call (704) 596-5769. -- *Staff reports*