

# Fall Fest Thanks Residents for (Almost) Violent-Free Summer

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One of the reasons for holding the Cleveland Avenue Fall Festival last Saturday was to thank the community's residents for a summer that was not plagued by violence.

Without benefit of crime statistics for the Cleveland Avenue Homes community, the "thank you" appeared to have been well-earned. (The community's only major incident involved city Police Officer E.F. Piscitelli who shot to death Daron Lamont Bines on June 1 after the two fought.) And the children were out in numbers to take advantage of the appreciation.

"Everybody seemed like they enjoyed themselves," said Mattie

Young, president of the Cleveland Avenue Homes residents council.

One of the goals of the festival was to let young people know that they're important, she said. The festival's other message was anti-drug.

The festival, the second one in as many years, was sponsored by the Cleveland Avenue Task Force and the residents council. The task force is composed of several area businesses and the city police department.

Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble, who is running for re-election, climbed atop the stage and introduced Lottie Shackelford, a vice chairperson of the Democratic National Committee and former mayor of Little Rock, Ark. Shackelford was in town for the African-

American Summit held earlier that day at Winston-Salem State University.

"This," she said about the festival, "is the kind of thing the President (Clinton) wants to be supportive of," she said. She explained that "empowering the neighborhoods" is a policy the administration wholeheartedly supports.

Among the half-dozen or so acts to perform were two gospel groups, rap artists and a one-man comedy routine.

Near the end of the four-hour event children - from toddler to teen-age - boogied to the latest rap and R&B tunes that blasted from speakers set up on the mobile stage.



Several teenagers take the stage Saturday after enjoying the Cleveland Avenue Homes Fall Festival.

# Leaders Prepare for African-American Summit

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How can African Americans rebuild and strengthen their communities? By returning to the importance of religion, education and working in unity, said Lottie H. Shackelford, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee and former mayor of Little Rock, Ark.

Shackelford addressed a gathering of African Americans at the Anderson Center on Saturday during an all-day planning session for the upcoming Winston-Salem/Forsyth County African-American Summit.

"Working together is the only way to create the future we need," she said. "We must go back to our core values or this summit means nothing."

Shackelford said that blacks have always been responsible peo-

ple and law-abiding citizens; but would appear to be unlawful when fighting for justice.

"We have always been the most law and order people," she said. "When we fought punishment, what we wanted was fairness and equality. That's all we've ever been about."

Shackelford said many times blacks don't like to come to summits because they feel as if they are only reshaping things that have already been done, but setting an agenda is important for future generations.

"We can't afford the luxury of getting tired," she said. "The future holds better for the next generation than it does us."

Alderman Larry Womble, who along with others was instrumental in bringing Shackelford, said the summit will be held in January or February.

At the planning sessions, community leaders and concerned citi-

zens broke up into three groups - education, criminal justice and economic development - to develop initiatives to present at the summit.

Denise Penn Powell, with the education committee, said they discussed getting the 300 area churches to adopt a school as a project and make sure children are afforded a quality education with opportunities for higher education.

Annette Scippio, executive director of Leadership Winston-Salem, said the criminal-justice committee is focusing on ways to educate and rehabilitate youthful offenders.

Greg Squires, a concerned citizen with the economic development committee, said his group is identifying long-term and short-term ways to develop the financial resources in East Winston, including supporting Mechanics and Farmers Bank and Victory Credit Union.

"We are identifying ways to support the institutions with a base in the African-American community," he said.

Squires said the group is working closely with agencies dedicated to economic development in East Winston as well as trying to identify a minority general contractor.

As a short term goal, Virginia Newell proposed formation of a million-dollar club made up of African Americans who will donate \$1 million to Victory Credit Union by December 31.

"It's the only (black) financial institution left that was born and bred here," she said.

Newell said the club has already started raising money and is seeking new members, and they also plans to support Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

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### October

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
11:30 a.m. - The Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross in conjunction with the North Carolina Dance Theatre will hold a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Triad Blood Center, 650 Coliseum Drive. Each donor will receive a free ticket to the Nov. 12 performance of "Dracula & the Turn of the Screw."  
3 p.m. - The Integon's United Way Campaign is inviting all Integon employees to attend the "Pour It On" in the Integon's cafeteria. The event is in honor of reaching our United Way Campaign of \$90,000. To confirm your attendance at the Victory Celebration, call Kelley Grabowski at 770-3057.  
5:30 p.m. - The 6th Annual Winston-Salem Guatemala Festival will be held at Parkway United Church of Christ, 2151 Silas Creek Parkway. Hand-made Guatemala crafts will be sold from 5:30-9:00 p.m. to benefit Guatemalan refugees and cooperatives that made them. There will also be a supper from 6 to 7 p.m. (\$4.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children age 5-12). Latin American songs and tales by Hermanos de Paz at 6:45 p.m.; and a talk by Carlos Choc Caal, an indigenous Mayan representative of Guatemalan refugees currently negotiating their resettlement after years of exile in the Mexican Yucatan. More information call 724-5907.  
7:00 p.m. - The Children's Theatre presents United Stage's production of LIPSTICK, FISHTRAPS AND MOANIN' BISCUITS, at Art Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Tickets: \$6.00 for children and \$7.00 for adults. More information call 725-4531.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
2 p.m. - The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to "Small Business Loans" will be discussed by Janet DeCreny of the City's Development Office. Please call 727-2975 for an appointment.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
10 a.m. - The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to "Free Blood Pressure, Cholesterol and Diabetes Screening" will be provided by Bowman Gray School of Medicine. These programs are free and open to the public. Call 727-2975 for more information.  
1 p.m. - The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Service Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to "Child Care and Referral Services" will be presented by Denise Battle of the Work/Family Resource Center. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 727-2975.  
• The Sawtooth Center for Visual Art will present "Art and Ethics: Coming Together for a Change" Oct. 29-30. The conference will explore the relationship between the arts and the general community and will attempt to promote a respect for cultural differences by looking at the diverse visual languages and an esthetics existing within the local community. The program is planned to encourage interaction between artists, curators, low and middle-income youths and adults and other members of the public. No registration fee is charged. Call 723-7395.

**ONGOING**  
• The Lexington National Guard Auxiliary is sponsoring a Christmas Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday Nov. 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Armory on W. 9th Ave. in Lexington. Craftspersons interested in participating should call Mary Monson at (704)731-4544 or Linda Beal at (704) 249-4642. Deadline for entry is Oct 29th.  
• Area graduates of Norfolk State University are trying to start a local alumni chapter. Call 788-9456 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call with more information.  
• The Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Council is holding a Christmas tree fund-raiser. Orders are now being taken for Frazier fir which will be cut the day before delivery. Trees will be available for pick up at the Exchange/SCAN Building at 500 Northwest Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 27 and Dec. 11. For a donation of \$25 or more, the tree can be delivered in the Forsyth County area. Any tree not picked up by 3 p.m. on the scheduled pick-up day will be donated to needy family. For information call 724-2831.  
• The Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum will feature public ice skating through Nov. 3 in the Coliseum Annex, 300 Deacon Blvd. Hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 12-5 p.m.; Friday, 12-5 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for youths and senior citizens and .50 for spectators. Skate rentals are \$2. A group discount is available. Parties are booked. Lessons are available. For more information call 725-5635.



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