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Gospel Fest to be Held During Fair

Gospel Music will fill the air again this fall when the second annual Gospelfest is held during the Dixie Classic Fair.

Staged for the first time last year, the event proved to be extremely popular, according to Fair Director David Sparks. All performers last year came from Forsyth County, but the Fair will accept applications this year from anyone, no matter what the county or residence.

A screening committee will listen to audio cassette demo tapes in order to narrow the applications to 18 performers. Those selected will perform Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. A drawing by the committee will determine which six will sing and in what order on which night.

The two best performers chosen nightly, as determined by a panel of judges, will return on Thursday night. All participants will receive a cash payment of \$50. The final six will get an additional \$100.

Gospelfest is open to any performer who sings African-American gospel. The major sponsor of the event is the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*. Application blanks can be picked up there or at the administration building at the Fairgrounds. Applicants from outside Forsyth County may request forms by calling either place.

Sparks said that all applications and demo tapes need to be at the administration office by the September 6 deadline. Professionals who earn a full-time living from singing gospel music are not eligible to participate in Gospelfest.

The Fair will run ten days this year from September 30 through October 9.

▲ Head Librarian

Myra Worrell recently assumed the position of Head Librarian at the Thruway Branch of the Forsyth County Public Library. Worrell, with a master of library science degree from North Carolina Central University, has been with FCPL since 1984. Prior to coming to Thruway Branch, she served as Head Librarian of the Children's Outreach Program, operating mini-

libraries at Belview Recreation Center, the Salvation Army Boy's Club and Happy Hill Community Center.

Thruway Branch Library is located in the lower level of Thruway Shopping Center on Stratford Road in Winston-Salem.

▲ Volunteers Needed

The Forsyth County Public Library is recruiting teen and adult volunteers to help with clerical duties in the Periodical Department of the Main Library downtown. Volunteers should be able to: alphabetize and file accurately, to lift bound volumes and other stacks of magazines and newspapers, and pass a government document test. Training and supervision will be provided by the library. A minimum commitment of four hours per week for one month is required.

The Main Library is located at 660 West Fifth Street in Downtown Winston-Salem. For more information or to schedule an interview, call Joye Maier at 727-2556.

▲ Marching 100s

All participants, former and current, in the YWCA Marching 100s are invited to a reunion. Meet with old friends and make new ones as you celebrate 25 years of this successful program. Join the fun Saturday, July 23 at the Carver High School Auditorium.

The Marching 100s were formed in 1969 by Courtney Saunders. Membership is open to teenagers who must maintain strict grade and conduct standards. An outgrowth of the marching groups programs, the Empowering Families

Center offers a comprehensive approach to breaking the cycle of poverty for Forsyth County families. Parents and their children work together in skill-development programs facilitated by other volunteer parents. Also, tutoring is available for students. Saunders is Empowering Families Center director.

Admission for the reunion is \$10 for adults, \$2 for children 12-17 and \$1 for children 11 and under. Purchase tickets at the Empowering Families Center, 610 N. Liberty Street, 777-1326.

▲ Grant Awarded

The YWCA of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County has been awarded a grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation. This \$45,000 will go to the Total Life Center Initiative, the largest fund raising effort in the history of the YWCA. The Total Life Center Initiative is now over the \$1 million mark.

The centerpiece of this \$2.15 million initiative will be a rehabilitation center with a specially-designed pool and land exercise area. This rehabilitation center will provide a cost-effective alternative allowing members of this community to continue their rehabilitation efforts. The YWCA Rehabilitation Center will provide an avenue of care not presently available in this community for those needing rehabilitation after surgery, strokes, injury or illness. All programs at the YWCA will benefit from the initiative either through improved facilities or increased financial aid to participants.

Board Members Divided

Brown and Wooten say the impact of such a program would be significant.

"We can offset a lot of problems when we get them younger," Brown said. "By the time a child is 8 years old they are molded."

During the budget process, Forsyth County commissioners voted to set aside \$650,000 for the pilot program proposed by Commissioner John S. Holleman Jr. The school board was also given \$100,000 to study the logistics of the program and how it would be implemented. Holleman would like to see the program implemented by January.

Although the money is there, the ultimate decision is left up to the school board.

School board vice chairman Gloria Whisenhunt said the concept is fine, but she is not ready to make a definite decision because she still has some concerns, one of which is space. She said her concern as a board member was to accommodate the existing students first.

"We have 1,000 new kindergartners and have inadequate space already," she said.

Board member Jane Goins said she could think of other things that money could be used for right now such as reduced classes for grades K-3. She added that she felt it was the parents' responsibility to prepare the child for kindergarten. Instead of a 4-year-old program, Goins suggested that the money might be used for a parenting curriculum, training teen-age parents on how to better prepare their children for school.



Geneva Brown

"I have way too many problems with it," she said. "In my opinion it's not the taxpayers burden."

Goins also said there was no need for the \$100,000 the commissioners allotted to the school board for studying implementation and logistics of the program.

"I don't doubt that a 4-year-old program enhances a child's potential," she said. "There doesn't need to be a study."

She added that she is not pleased with the commissioners setting aside money and indicating what the school board has to do with it.

"If the money is there it should be left up to school board's discretion what to do with it," she said.

Board member Dale Folwell said he has no opinion on whether he supports the program because he said he has not studied the substance of the issue. But he did share Whisenhunt's concerns about space.

"It's important to know 26 of the 31 elementary schools are already over capacity and that's not

even counting the projected county population growth in the next few years based of Forsyth hospital birth rates," he said.

Folwell added that he wanted to get a consensus from the community that the school system is already doing the best job it possible can with the current 39,000 students.

Whisenhunt added that she wants to be sure funding will continue from the commissioners. She said this issue especially concerns her because two commissioners that voted in favor of the project, Holleman and Chairman Wayne Williard, will not be on the board next year.

"I would have to have notice concerning advanced funding," she said. "I wouldn't want us to be put in the position of having to cut programs. They said they would fund it this year, but not the following years."

Board member Mary Wood said a 4-year-old program has some good possibilities, but she is also concerned with future funding. She added that her first commitment is to the existing students in the school system.

All of the school board seats are up for re-election in November. Board member Grace Efrid lost her re-election bid in the in May's primary election.

Susan Carson, school system spokesperson, said school board members will receive a staff report and discuss the issue further at its July 21 meeting.

Board member Nancy Griffith could not be reached for comment.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Zoning District Reclassification in conjunction with the Unified Development Ordinances

South Sector of Winston-Salem

DATE: July 14, 1994
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Council Chamber, City Hall
101 North Main Street

The City-County Planning Board will consider and recommend to the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen a proposed reclassification of all current zoning in the South Sector of Winston-Salem, North Carolina (shaded areas on map) in conjunction with the Unified Development Ordinances.

The proposed zoning maps are classified according to the following new zoning districts:

YR Yadkin River Conservation District
AG Agricultural District
RS Residential Single Family Districts: RS-40, RS-30, RS-20, RS-15, RS-12, RS-9, RS-7, RS-5
RM Residential Multifamily Districts: RM-U, RM-18, RM-12, RM-8, RM-5
MH Manufactured Housing Development District
Commercial Districts: NO Neighborhood Office District, LO Limited Office District, CPO Corporate Park Office District, GO General Office District, NB Neighborhood Business District, PB Pedestrian Business District, LB Limited Business District, NSB Neighborhood Shopping Center Business District, HB Highway Business District, GB General Business District, CB Central Business District
Industrial Districts: LI Limited Industrial District, CPI Corporate Park Industrial District, GI General Industrial District, CI Central Industrial District
Institutional and Mixed-Use Districts: IP Institutional and Public District, C Campus District, MU-S Mixed-Use - Special Use District

In addition to the zoning districts listed above, there are also reflected on the proposed zoning maps the following Overlay and Special Purpose Districts:

NCO Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District, IO Thoroughfare Overlay District, AO Airport Overlay District, H Historic District, HO Historic Overlay District. These overlay and special purpose districts may contain requirements that supersede the requirements of the underlying zoning districts.

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