

Church initiates Valentine's pageant

This Valentine's Day marked the beginning of a new tradition for the St. Mark Baptist Church Youth Department. On Feb. 14, at 7:00 p.m., the youth department sponsored their first Valentine's Prince and Princess Pageant. The contestants were: Erica Anderson, sponsored by Bernice Black; Kelvin Conrad Jr., sponsored by Brenda Conrad; Whitney Fulwood, sponsored by Faye Fulwood; Ashley Jones, sponsored by Bernice McFadden; and Craven Knotts, sponsored by Jannifer Conrad.

The winner of the pageant was determined by whomever raised the most money. The contestants and their parents or guardians began preparing for the pageant nearly six months in advance. Most of the sponsors formulated patrons' list while others held individual fund-raiser projects.

Since it was Valentine's Day, the children, ranging in age from four to twelve, wore red and white. The contestants were escorted in by their sponsors, and took their places on the balloon decorated pulpit. The program included a musical selection by Melvin Lewis, and a poem by Black. Brenda Conrad, the mistress of ceremony, then asked each of the children a set of questions. The parents or guardians had a chance to thank those who helped them financially, and then the winners were announced.



Whitney Fulwood and Craven Knotts are Princess and Prince of Valentine Pageant.

Teresa Nowlin, the Youth Department chairperson, announced the winners. Kelvin Conrad Jr. was the first runner-up to Knotts who won the 1998-99 St. Mark Prince title and crown. Anderson was the second runner-up. In the Princess contest, Jones was named the first runner-up,

and Fulwood was crowned St. Mark's 1998-99 Princess. Everyone was congratulated for all their efforts by Pastor James Fulwood. Nowlin thanked Brenda Conrad who helped her plan the event and Sarah Nowlin for her help pulling the details

together. She also thanked Wanda Davis, owner of Crafts and Things, for all the flowers; and Mack Nowlin and Jannifer Conrad for photographing the event. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Couples discuss productive family communication

Winston-Salem — Chandra and Nat Irvin, along with Dewey and Ellen Yarborough, will present "NASCAR, Yin and Yang, and Your Family," at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, at the Elks Club on Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. The Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME) and the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County are co-sponsoring the session, which is free and open to the public. Child care is available, and no reservations are required.

Chandra Irvin is a training and communication consultant who has collaborated with Barry Johnson, author of "Managing Polarities." The use of conceptual polarities as communication strategies will be applied to a variety of problems. Consensus, rather than separation, can be achieved around such issues as race, age, and gender. Nat Irvin directs Future Focus 2020 at Wake Forest University.

The Yarboroughs are longtime members of ACME, a pioneer marriage enrichment organization begun by Dr. David Mace of Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1973. ACME's national office is located in Winston-Salem. Drs. David and Sarah Catron are the National Executive Director Couple.

Andy Hagler is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County, whose mission is to promote mental health through advocacy, outreach, education, and support.

Carver student to compete for national scholarship

ATLANTA— Ryan Wilson from Carver High School in Winston-Salem will be starting college with some help from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Ryan is one of 153 high school seniors nationwide selected as a Finalist to receive a Coca-Cola scholarship.

On April 23-26, the Finalists will travel to Atlanta to participate in a National Competition, where they will compete for 53 four-year college scholarships of \$20,000 and 100 four-year scholarships of \$4,000. While in Atlanta, the

Scholars will interview with a National Selection Committee, tour the city, participate in leadership seminars and attend a banquet in their honor.

Coca-Cola Scholars are a diverse group of students, who have a proven commitment to their schools, their communities and their families. The 1998 Coca-Cola Scholars were chosen from an initial applicant pool of more than 128,000 high school seniors.

"Each year, as our family of Coca-Cola Scholars continues to

grow larger, so does the legacy of the Coca-Cola Bottlers started in 1986, when they created the Scholars Foundation to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola. The Coca-Cola Scholars deserve congratulations for their accomplishments, as do our bottlers for their continued support to their communities," said H.L. Williams, Chairman of the Board of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and President, Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Works of Corinth, MS.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, a joint effort of Coca-Cola Bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company, is one of the largest corporate sponsored scholarship programs of its kind in the United States.

Each year it awards \$2.4 million in scholarships and supports 600 students while they are attending more than 200 colleges and universities. Since 1986, the Scholars Foundation has aided more than 1,500 students, awarding \$13.9 million in scholarships.

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Try to win a three hour course from A&T

Greensboro — People who have been dreaming of going back to school may now have a chance to win a three-credit course at North Carolina A&T State University.

Contestants may enter the contest by explaining in 25 words or less why they want to go back to school at A&T. All entries should also include the contestant's name, address and telephone number.

Mail entries to "A&T Back to School Contest," Office of Public Relations, 1601 Market Street, Greensboro, 27411; or fax to 334-7094; or email to mables@ncat.edu.

A panel of judges will choose the top 10 entries. The University will pay the cost for each winner to receive a three-hour course.

Each contestant must be 18

years old, a North Carolina resident and possess a GED or high school diploma. The three-credit course must be taken during the 1998 Summer Session. Those employed within the UNC System and their immediate families are ineligible. Stipulations regarding enrollment in specific courses may be in place. Entries must be received by March 31, 1998.

Junior high students to visit Arbor Acres

Winston-Salem — Junior High students from the triad will visit Arbor Acres for an in-depth look at a continuing care retirement community during Confirmation Day on Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Day is an opportunity for confirmation classes from Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem to have an in-depth look at ministries of the

United Methodist Church. The students will spend the morning at Arbor Acres where they will view a slide presentation, tour the facility, chat with residents in an informal setting and develop a keener understanding of the aging process through sensory activities. The students will then travel to The Children's Home, where they will learn how this ministry assists distressed children and families by viewing an informational slide

show and participating in a question and answer session.

Students in confirmation classes learn the heritage of the United Methodist Church, the Methodist beliefs and many classes stress discipleship. The Children's Home and Arbor Acres' Confirmation Day compliment the Bishop's Confirmation Celebration scheduled for May 3.

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