



Rep. Watt chats with some of the young residents of the Home.

Photos by Layla Farmer

PLANTING THE SEED

Young growers at Children's Home get visit from Watt

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THE CHRONICLE

A handful of customers were already waiting by the time the tractor made its slow descent down the grassy hill Tuesday morning. They flocked to the trailer, which was loaded down with flowers and produce, fresh from the Children's Home's garden.

The three-acre garden is part of a long standing tradition for the home, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. The children tend the garden, harvesting ripe fruits and vegetables to be sold at the produce stand each Tuesday and Thursday.

"This is part of the kids' experience here," explained Children's Home President George Bryan. "It's being involved in tasks that are meaningful - they're making money and they're also putting food on the table."

The money raised by the stand supports the programming at the home, which shelters young people who have no where else to turn, and the crops make healthy meals for the children. The youth act as sales clerks for the customers, assisting them with weighing and selecting the ripest fruits.

Tuesday, the youth were joined by a rather unlikely protege. U.S. Rep. Mel Watt visited the home as part of his Trading Places program, where he works alongside constituents at their jobs and listens to their concerns.

The Congressman also traded places Tuesday with a doctor at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and workers at Old Salem.

"The objective ... is to understand the diversity of things that are going on in the district and what some of the challenges are that people are dealing with," explained Watt. "It's a wonderful way to find out what I need to be doing to support the things that are already going on in the Congressional District."

Though he had never visited The Children's Home before, Watt settled right in, cracking jokes with the boys who were working the stand.

The teens, whose names cannot be mentioned because of privacy constraints, took well to the legislator.

"That man is nice; he tells us what's happening ... he tells us about his background and stuff," commented one boy. "It makes us feel appreciated, like we've done something right for the community."

A handful of the youth had taken to the fields just after 7 a.m. that morning to gather the food for the stand. One boy remarked that he felt proud to have a Congressman at his home.

"It makes me feel good," he said. "I never did know him before today (but) I think he's doing his job."

Regular summer hours for the Children's Home produce stand are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Thursdays from 4 - 6 p.m. All profits made from the stand support farm programming.



News Clips

Fair accepting online entries for judging

The Dixie Classic Fair is now accepting entries online for all judging categories for the 2008 fair.

Online order forms, as well as the 2008 catalog listing the judging categories and information on the rules for entering an exhibit, are available at www.dcfair.com/catalogpage.shtml.

The Web site also has entry forms that can be printed and filled out by hand. Entries will be accepted until midnight, Sept. 1.

For more information, call the Dixie Classic Fair office at 727-2236.

Talent needed for Broadway-like show

First In Flight Entertainment of Winston-Salem and The Community Theatre of Greensboro will hold auditions for a "Broadway-style" show on Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie Street. The auditions, by appointment only, will be in the CTG studio located on the 4th floor.

Those auditioning must be 17 or older and are asked to prepare one short a cappella song and one short monologue of their choice, or be prepared to cold-read from a murder mystery script. Performances and rehearsals will be scheduled on a show-by-show basis and conflicts can be worked around. All roles are paid positions. To schedule an appointment, call

336-924-7028.

Local private off to Middle East

Army Pvt. Sydney M. Silverhorne has been mobilized and activated for deployment overseas to an operating base in support of the war in Iraq.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom" is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in Iraq.

The mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Silverhorne, a unit supply specialist, is normally assigned to the 404th Aviation Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas.

She is the daughter of Regina Williams of Greensboro and Jeff Silverhorne of Kernersville. Her husband, Brian, is the son of Valerie Otey of Norfolk, Vir.

The private is a 2004 graduate of East Forsyth High School, Kernersville.

Time Warner customers will get extra Olympics coverage

Time Warner Cable in agreement with NBC Universal (NBCU), unveiled plans to provide its customers with NBCU's coverage of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. A complete schedule of NBCU's Olympic coverage is

available at NBCOlympics.com.

In addition to the more than 1,200 total hours of Olympics coverage on six NBCU networks - NBC, USA Network, MSNBC, CNBC, Oxygen, and Universal HD - Time Warner Cable will allow customers to watch and be a part of the Olympics in Games with Free On Demand and HD services, as well as broadband content from NBCOlympics.com via a link from the Time Warner Cable Road Runner website. Customers will also enjoy two HD sport-specific channels for soccer and basketball.

Run will benefit hospital

The 12th Annual Brenner Children's Classic Run, to benefit Brenner Children's Hospital, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Reynolda Business Center. The LeBleu Open 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Reynolda Business Center and follows a USA Track and Field-certified course through historic Graylyn Estates and Reynolda Gardens. The Toys R Us Fun Run is a one-mile run for children of all ages. The boy and girl winner, ages 13 or younger, will receive a 26" all-terrain bike. The fun run begins at 8 a.m. in the Reynolda Business Center parking lot. Cost is \$16 for the 5K if registered by Sept. 2 and \$10 for the fun run if registered by Sept. 6.

The CommScope 5K Challenge offers a \$2,000 prize to the American male and female runner breaking the current North Carolina State 5K record. The Womble Carlyle School Challenge offers \$4,000 in cash prizes to local schools that collect the most cash in donations and registration fees for the event. The grand prize of \$1,500 goes to the school registering and collecting the most money for Brenner Children's Hospital.

For more information or to register, go to www.bccrun.org.

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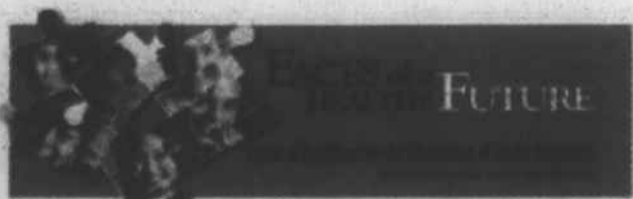
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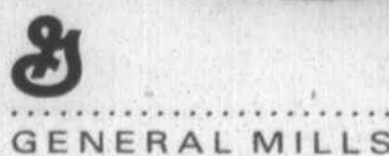
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8:00 am - 8:55 am	Breakfast refreshments Sponsored by General Mills / Honey Nut Cheerios
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