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Community Calendar

"Friends Feeding Friends"

Vision Behavioral Health Services will hold its first ever "Friends Feeding Friends" event on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at East Gate Village Community-2900 New Walkertown Road. Free dinners and free in-home blood pressure screenings will be provided.

VBHS believes that through community outreach it can have a positive influence on residents' lives. For more information, call 336-992-0429.

Peace Toys exchange

The William Sims Recreation Center's 14th Annual Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange will be held Dec. 19 at from 6 - 7 p.m. for kids ages 3 - 14. Kids must be accompanied by a parent. Youth may exchange violent toys and video games for peace toys such as basketballs, footballs, and puzzles. Youth will also have an opportunity to win bicycles and other special prizes that promote fitness, education and peace. The center is at 1201 Alder Street. For more information, contact Ben Piggott at 336-727-2837.

Holiday Meet and Greet

The Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce will host a Holiday Meet and Greet at Goler Enrichment Center, 630 N. Patterson Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This event is open to members and non-members. Those who bring a guest will have their names entered into a drawing for a free Chamber membership for 2009!

Vendor space is available by contacting Randon Pender at 336-575-2006.

Support group for women in mourning

Broken Hearts/Better Days, a support group for women (18+) who mourn the murder of a loved one, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Green Street United Methodist Church, 639 South Green Street. Attendance is free and open to the public. For more information contact Paula Hawkins at 336-749-4691 or go to www.vigils-forhealing.org.

Talent Hunt seeks applicants

The Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi is seeking applications for its Annual Talent Hunt. Eligible applicants must be student vocalists or instrumentalists in grades 9th - 12th performing classical or semi-classical music.

The Talent Hunt will be held on Feb. 8, 2009 at 3 p.m. at the Anderson Center's Dillard Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 26, 2009.

For more information, contact Co-Chairman Sherwood T. Davis Sr., at bishop1@aol.com or 336-655-8109.



The YWCA Marching 100's perform.



Young spectators watch from the sidewalk.



A woman carries dog from the Animal Adoption and Rescue Foundation (AARF).



The Mo Lucas Steppers from the Winston Lake Family YMCA entertain the crowd.



Young dancers from Vogler's Dance Studio.



North Forsyth's Marching Band makes some noise.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Annual Christmas Parade treks through downtown

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

If the cold and crowded stores weren't enough, the city's Annual Christmas Parade is always clear evidence that the holiday season is upon us.

Hundreds bundled up Saturday evening to watch as the spectacle made its way down Fourth Street and then along Liberty Street. The parade ended at Corpening Plaza, where Mayor Allen Joines and other dignitaries lit the city's colossal Christmas Tree.

For the past several years the Winston-Salem Jaycees, the primary sponsor of the parade, has worked with the city so that the two events coincide.

The parade was jammed pack with floats,

high school bands, dancers, steppers and marchers from local YMCA and YWCA branches and fancy convertibles carrying waving beauty queens and other notables. As is tradition, Santa was the last act in the parade. This year, he waved to kids and "ho, ho, ho'ed" from the top of a fire truck.

Santa and much of the parade crowd attended the tree lighting, where the entertainment kept going. Among the performers at the event were the R. J. Reynolds High School Jazz Band and the North Carolina

Black Repertory Company. The grand tree sits in the heart of Corpening Plaza at First and Liberty streets and is lit much of the night.



Santa Claus waves from atop a fire engine.



A tuba player performs with others from the Carver High School Marching Band.



Mayor Allen Joines waves to the crowd.



Fox 8 anchors Neill McNeill and Julie Luck.



County Commissioner Chairman Dave Plyler.

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