

Local director/playwright bringing show back to stage

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The original musical comedy "Remus," written and directed by Flonnie Anderson, will return to the stage on Friday and Saturday (Aug. 14 and 15) at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

The show is based on the famed "Uncle Remus Tales" by son-of-the-South author Joel Chandler Harris, who heard the tales as a boy, while listening to them with slave children. He recorded those stories when he became a man.

The tales are taken from African folktales brought to the New World by slaves, who primarily settled in the Southeastern United States. Adult slaves both entertained and taught their children the valuable life lessons. Usually, each tale ended with a moral or lesson to be learned that reminded the children of the difference between right and wrong.

The Men's Fellowship of Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ will present the performances, which will be held at the church, 3435 Carver School Road. The Rev. Renée Griffin is the pastor at Wentz.

The production is one of several in the repertoire of the Flonnie Anderson Theatrical Association (FATA), a quality community theater company founded by Flonnie Anderson in 1981. Players in the company represent a wide cross-section of talent in the community.

"This production provides an opportunity for family fun," said Anderson. "It's a fun show with a series of serious messages that the young and not-so-young can appreciate."

The production is under the musical direction of Dr. Connie McKay, a member of Wentz and the music faculty at UNCG School of Music. The production features more than a dozen performers.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, and \$3 for children under age 6. For ticket information call 336-767-4235 or 336-776-8046.



Julius "Buster" Coleman (Uncle Remus) and Bob Stern (Joel Chandler Harris) talk things over.

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WSSU grad leads school supply drive

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In an effort to help at least 100 children start the school year right, Travest Hunter, an adjunct professor at Forsyth Technical Community College and Winston-Salem State University, is spearheading what he is calling the "Community Back-to-School Giveaway" on Saturday, Aug. 22, from noon until 3:15 p.m. at the Carver High School parking lot.

Under the theme "Armed and Dangerous," Hunter, a WSSU graduate, wants students to be armed with the tools they will need in school.

"We want to outfit at least 100 children in grades K-12 with the supplies they will need for success in the coming school year," said Hunter, whose ultimate goal is to one day open his own school in the Kernersville community. "The drive is my way of giving back to the community."

School supplies have been donated by corporations, individuals and churches. Many of the items have been donated by members of the board of directors of the Academy of Excellence Christian School, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by Hunter in 2008.

Hunter said the mission of the school is to provide a cutting-edge and relevant education to preschool through high school students in a Christian atmosphere that will enrich the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and cultural development of children.

Hunter earned his Master of Religious Education at Shaw University School of Divinity, and his Ph.D. in School Administration at Capella University in Minneapolis.

If you would like to contribute to the "Back-to-School Giveaway" or learn more about the Academy of Excellence Christian School, Inc., you can contact Hunter by mail at P.O. Box 21132, Winston-Salem, NC 27120; by phone at 336-997-3451; or email, travest_hunt_2000@yahoo.com.



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