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Community Calendar

Share the Health Fair
Northwest AHEC and Wake Forest University School of Medicine will host the 12th Annual Share the Health Fair on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Marketplace Mall, 2101 Peters Creek Parkway. Free hearing, vision, bone density and pulmonary function tests will be offered as well as dermatology, body mass index, glaucoma and cholesterol screenings. Syphilis and HIV testing will also be available. There will be games for children, prizes and plenty of health information to share.

Indians organization seeks Executive Board members
The Winston-Salem Indians Football & Cheerleading Organization is seeking candidates for the following 2011 Executive Board positions: treasurer, cheer commissioner, concessions manager, public relations director, scholastic coordinator and booster club president. Contact Aleiah Shabazz at aleiahshabazz@aol.com or 336-727-1111 no later than Monday, Jan. 10 for more information.

Frederick Douglass Oratorical Contest
The St. Philips African American Complex in Old Salem is sponsoring its first Frederick Douglass Oratorical Contest. The contest is designed to encourage intellectual thought about Black History among students in grades 7 - 12. The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. Students will speak on assigned topics based on grade level. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded. Students who are interested in entering the contest may call 336-721-7399 or email cdharry@oldsalem.org.

MLK service
Greensboro's Pulpit Forum will host the annual End of Day Martin Luther King Jr. Community Worship Service on Monday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at Trinity AME Zion Church, 631 E. Florida St. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Staccato Powell, a dynamic preacher from Raleigh. In addition to the liberating and unifying worship service, there will be soulful singing and testimonials from the community.

Boy Scouts sought
In February 2011, Chosen Generation Center in Greensboro will begin its celebration of the anniversary of Boy Scouts of America and the "Faces of Scouting," with a kickoff reception on Feb. 6, 2011. Area churches with scouting troops will be on hand for the event, which will take place at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum, where the "Faces of Scouting" exhibit will be on display. Organizers are searching for African Americans who have earned the following: Eagle Scout Rank; Scoutmaster Merit Award; Distinguished Commissioner Award; Silver Beaver Award; Silver Antelope Award; Silver Buffalo Award; and/or the Wood Badge. For more information, email mailman.27260@yahoo.com.



Photos by Todd Luck
Left: St. Paul Pastor Donald Jenkins preaches.



Right: Emancipation Association President Josephine Jones speaks.



Scholarship recipients Kamica Miller, Shakeelah Marie Carter and Alexis Nicole Duckett pose with members of the Emancipation Association Scholarship Committee.

FIRST DAY OF FREEDOM

Annual program celebrates signing of Emancipation Proclamation

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

A celebration of freedom, education and equality kicked off the new year Saturday.

This year's annual celebration to mark the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Each year, the local Emancipation Association hosts an event on Jan. 1, the day Abraham Lincoln signed the order in 1863. Lincoln wrote in the Emancipation Proclamation, which led to all slaves being freed, that it was "an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity."

Every year at the service, the



Judge Roland Hayes speaks during the offering.

Proclamation is read and local leaders share their thoughts on themes like freedom, struggle

and justice. This year, those speakers included East Ward City Council Member Derwin Montgomery, who talked about the past and the future.

"... Don't forget about, when we leave here today, those things and those people who have gone on before us; those fights that have been fought before any us ever seen the day," said Montgomery.

Mayor Allen Joines said that Lincoln waited until the Union victory at the Battle of Antietam before issuing the Proclamation, but today, Joines said, the fight for equality waits for nothing.

"Here in Winston-Salem, we don't have to wait for a victory to proclaim that we will not tolerate injustice," said Joines.

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Cedrina Baugh closes the service with a song.



Hostess Joycelyn Johnson leads speakers and attendees in singing the "Lift Every Voice and Sing."