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Community Calendar

Happy Hill Cemetery cleaning effort

The Happy Hill Cemetery Friends will continue cleaning the cemetery on the first Saturdays of the month. Weather permitting, the next cleaning date is March 5 at 8:30 a.m. The cemetery is located at Willow and Pitts Streets in the Happy Hill Community. Those who attend are asked to dress appropriately, bring gloves and tools. If you have the name of persons buried in the cemetery, bring the name, the approximate date of death and contact information. For more information, call Maurice Pitts Johnson at 336-721-1081.

Democrats to honor leaders

The Forsyth Democratic Party will honor past party chairs and Mayor Allen Joines on Saturday, March 5 from 1-3 p.m. State and local leaders have been invited, including former Governor Jim Hunt. The event is free, but contributions in the name of the honorees are encouraged. The event will be held at FCDP Headquarters, 1128 Burke St.

Parent Power session

The Gateway YWCA, 1300 S. Main St., will sponsor the "Parent Power" March Mega-Session for parents of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools students. The free event will be Thursday, March 10. There will be two sessions: a morning session (with complimentary breakfast) from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and an evening session (with complimentary meal) from 6 - 8:15 p.m. There will be free childcare and a mini resource fair at noon.

Winston Lake Y Zumba-Thon

The Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Rd., will hold a Zumba-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, March 26. The marathon exercise event will start at 10 a.m. Doors will open at 9 a.m. Admission is \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Y's Partner with Youth initiative, part of the organization's Annual Giving Campaign. For more information, call 336-724-9205.

AARP meeting

Forsyth AARP Chapter # 1797 will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at noon at Senior Services, 2895 Shorefair Drive. The guest speaker will be Mary Bethel, associate state director of advocacy with North Carolina AARP. Members of the Senior Power Think Tank, the advocacy segment of the Forsyth County Aging Services Planning Committee, have been invited to attend the meeting. For additional information, please contact Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones by e-mail at dratj@embarq-mail.com or by telephone at 336-996-3866.



From left: dancer Briana Perrett; singer Kiera Whitaker; poet Chelsea Rooks; and rapper Chris Leach.

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Their Time to Shine

Talent Showcase stars East Forsyth students

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THE CHRONICLE

East Forsyth High School's Black Student Alliance held a talent showcase Saturday evening, giving more than a dozen student acts a spotlight under which to sing, dance and recite poetry.

BSA Founders and Co-Presidents Lauren Caldwell, 18, and Dallas Faison, 17, said the club worked very hard to plan and promote its first big event, which also served as the organization's first fundraiser.

"This is something that ... all the members seemed really excited about, something we felt would really be beneficial to the school and to the students and be just really fun," said Caldwell.

In honor of Black History Month, tidbits about noted African Americans were woven into the show. As the audience trickled in before the show, they were greeted by an extensive slide show - set to music like "Ready or Not" by The Fugees - featuring notable black actors and musicians. Between acts, students took to the stage to read black history facts, including one about the origins of Black History Month, which began as Negro History Week in 1926.

BSA members and non-members were invited to showcase their talents. Clariella Marsh opened the show, playing the piano while singing Alicia Keys' "Superwoman." Others who dazzled the crowd with their vocal ability included Brooke Johnson, Dennis Inzar, Briana Wilson, Kiera Whitaker and Chris Leach, who performed an original

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Above: The East Side Hip Hop Crew practices before the show.



Left: Student performers do a special selection together.

Below: From left: City Council Member James Taylor, Dallas Faison, Phylcia Royster, Lauren Caldwell and City Council Member Derwin Montgomery



Talent showcase participants gather after the show.