

Martin to lead final band Jamboree today

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Forsyth County's best high school marching bands will be in action at West Forsyth High School today (Thursday, Oct. 11) for the school district's annual Marching Jamboree.

Bands from Carver, East Forsyth, Glenn, Mt. Tabor, North Forsyth, Reagan, Reynolds and West Forsyth high schools, as well as select middle school bands, will take part.

This year marks the final honorary drum major appearance by Superintendent Dr. Donald L. Martin. Dr. Martin, who is retiring, will lead a 1,000-plus member band.

Tickets are available at the West Forsyth football stadium. Gates open at 3 p.m. West Forsyth is located at 1735 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, between 421 and Interstate 40.

For more information, contact West Forsyth at 336-712-4400.



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Superintendent Martin

Graham releases book of poems

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Collins Graham, who works as a residential manager at the local non-profit Experiment In Self Reliance (ESR), has released a collection of poetry.

"Poems from the Heart" features a variety of pieces penned by Graham that reflect various aspects of life. The set of poems were written from 1970-2012. It is his hope that the collection "captivates hearts and motivates readers with faith, love and goodness and illustrates the power of the unwavering human spirit, which flourishes even in times of adversity and trials."



A native of Winston-Salem, Graham graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School. As an adult, he took taekwondo classes, which he says helped boost his self-esteem and get his creative juices flowing. His poetry was published in The Chronicle's now-defunct Poetry Corner. Graham is also a budding screen writer who has collaborated on a number of short films.

Graham, a proud Christian, is a married father of two children.

For more information on this book, go to www.Xlibris.com and enter his name in the search feature.

Next Step Ministries to hold fundraiser

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Next Step Ministries will hold its Third Annual Unmask the Violence fundraiser at First Christian Church, 1130 North Main St. in Kernersville, on Friday, Oct. 12 from 6-9 p.m. The non-profit organization assists victims of domestic violence and their children. A pork BBQ meal will be served and Everlasting, The Manuels and Glory Street will perform.

There will also be a silent auction featuring gift baskets and autographed items and a cake auction sponsored by the Kernersville Women's Club and the Kernersville Garden Club.

Tickets for the event are \$15. Pork BBQ shoulders will also be on sale during the event for \$40 each. For more information, visit <http://nextstepdv.org> or call 336-413-7054.

Family services earns national award

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Winston-Salem-based Family Services, Inc. was recognized recently with a Premier Program Award by Ways to Work, Inc. at its annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Ways to Work provides families with challenging credit histories access to small, affordable loans — the vast majority of which are used to purchase or repair a used car. With the funds in place to secure stable transportation and other essentials for holding down a job and moving forward, Ways to Work has helped more than 32,000 families achieve financial stability. Recently released data by ICF International found that the program also provides a strong return on investment and is highly successful in help-

ing families not only retain, but improve their job status and quality of life. Family Services has helped local families receive vehicles through Ways to Work.

In recognition of their outstanding performance, Family Services, Inc. was also named the recipient of a \$9,000 grant from Ways to Work. "Ways to Work is a program backed by results. It fulfills a vital need in our community," said Al Renna, Family Services, Inc. president and CEO. "For many families, owning a car is the gateway to quality, higher paying jobs and access to better child care options. We work hard to service those families and thank Ways to Work for acknowledging our efforts."



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