

# COMMUNITY

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## Community Calendar

### Precinct meetings

The Forsyth County Democratic Party will hold its annual precinct meetings from March 3-16. Please go to [www.forsythdemocrats.org](http://www.forsythdemocrats.org) for a listing of the precinct meeting dates, times and locations. All registered Democrats in each precinct are welcome to attend. If you are unsure of what precinct you vote in, please go to the Board of Election site at [www.forsyth.cc/elections](http://www.forsyth.cc/elections) or call 336-724-5941.

### 'Raised Bed Gardening'

Master Gardener Volunteer Tricia Cesari will present "Raised Bed Gardening" at the Central Branch Library, 660 West Fifth St., on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. as part of the Home and Garden series of programs for Spring 2013. Call 336-703-2850 for more information.

### 'A Journey to Wellness'

The Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will host Impact Day 2013—"A Journey to Wellness" on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m.-noon at Carver High School's Williams Gymnasium, 3545 Carver School Rd. The event includes health screenings, line dancing and Zumba. Admission is a canned good donation for the AIDS Care Service food pantry. Contact Tameka Brown at 336-577-1777 or [tameka1913@yahoo.com](mailto:tameka1913@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Tri-City Relays begins practice

Tri-City Relays Track Club begins practice for the outdoor season on Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m. Visit [www.tricityrelays.com](http://www.tricityrelays.com) or email [tricitytrack@yahoo.com](mailto:tricitytrack@yahoo.com) for more information.

### SAT/ACT tutoring

Learn speed and accuracy techniques to raise SAT and ACT math scores at a free discussion led by Al Harbury on Monday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Branch Library's auditorium, 660 West Fifth St. Call 336-703-3020 for more information. It is free.

### Library presents Growing Edible Mushrooms

Extension Agent Craig Mauney will give a presentation on "Growing Edible Mushrooms" at the Carver School Road Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive, on Monday, March 11 at 11 a.m. as part of the Home and Garden series of programs for Spring 2013. Call 336-703-2850 for more information.

### Sertoma Club hosts Zumbathon

The Old Salem Sertoma Club will host Dance to the

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Photos by Todd Luck

Above: Piney Grove Middle School students Zach Rose and Isaiah East prepare to launch their bottle rocket as WFU student volunteer Sean Cusano looks on.



Left: East Forsyth students Stacey Donovan and Austin Gragson exam a dissected pig during the Anatomy and Physiology event, in which they came in second place.

## THE SPORT OF SCIENCE

### Brain power earns students medals

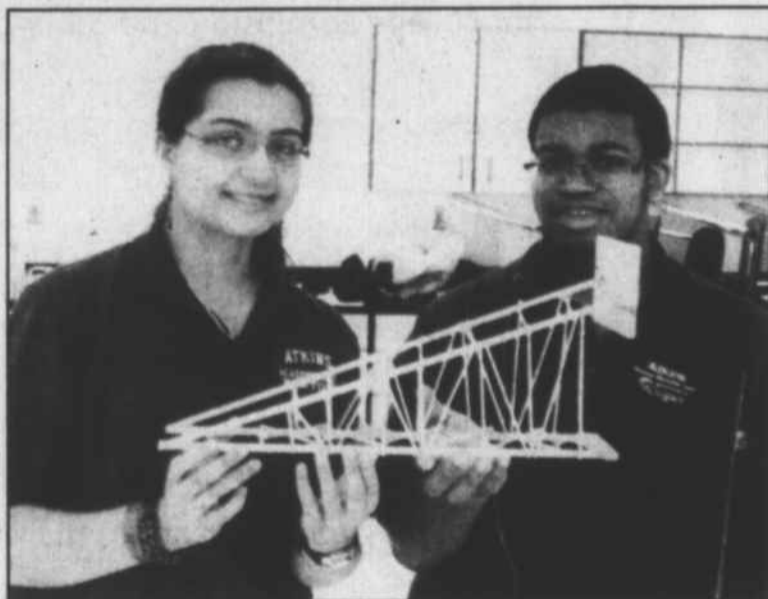
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THE CHRONICLE

Students' knowledge of anatomy, astronomy, chemistry and more were tested Saturday during a competition at Atkins Academic and Technology High School.

The regional Science Olympiad tournament attracted more than 200 middle and high school students from local schools and throughout the Piedmont Triad.

While some components of the competition required students to merely answer written questions, other events were more hands-on. Judges gauged how well students launched bottle rockets, flung gliders and built contraptions.

Like sports Olympians, who



Atkins students Margaret Bertoni and J'son Hughes with the remains of their boomilever.

often spend years training for events, the student competitors, who mostly compete in pairs, pick categories in which they are strongest and spend months studying and preparing. The

results of the students or student-pairs also help their school earn points. Science Olympiad Regional Director Carole Browne, a Wake Forest biology professor, said contests of the

mind are just as competitive as those of the body.

"I had daughters who played soccer and there's that competitive spirit when you play a sport, and these kids have that same competitive spirit when they are playing science," she said. "They get the same medals and trophies as they do for sports activities."

The first Science Olympiad was held in 1974 at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, where students from 15 North and South Carolina schools competed. Other states started to follow suit and eventually Science Olympiad became a national competition in 1984.

As the host site, Atkins was extended a unique opportunity. Browne said most Science Olympiad competitions are hosted at colleges. Atkins, a school with a science, technology, engineering and mathemat-

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Students answer questions at various stations in the Anatomy and Physiology challenge.



Atkins Biotech Coordinator Terry Howerton helped to bring the Science Olympiad to Winston-Salem.



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