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HOF applications

The 2014 Atkins High School Hall of Fame Inductee applications are available at Russell Funeral Home, 822 Carl Russell Ave., by writing to: Atkins High School Hall of Fame; P.O. Box 1072, Winston-Salem, NC 27102; or by contacting Rev. W. Cockerham at 336-829-8748 or any member of the Hall of Fame Committee. The deadline for application is Saturday, Nov. 30.

'Trust Talks'

The Winston-Salem Police Department and the Human Relations Department are seeking citizens who are interested in participating in "Trust Talks" next year. The Talks give police officers an opportunity to interact and improve relations with residents. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Interested citizens should call Pam Peoples-Joyner of the Police Department at 336-773-7962 or Jayme Waldeck of the Human Relations Department at 336-734-1228.

Day trip

The Funtime Group will sponsor a day trip on Saturday, Dec. 7. The trip will include a Christmas shopping outing and holiday lights tour. Call 336-767-0105 or 336-724-4432 for more information.

WSPD accepting requests

Citizens can now request a police representative or McGruff at their event with an online form posted on the Police Department's Community Resource Unit page at WSPD.org.

The form allows citizens to request a speaker, an officer, the crime prevention unit or McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, at their event. Citizens should complete the form at least 14 days in advance of their event. For more information, call the Community Resource Unit at 336-773-7835.

Volunteers needed

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem has openings for volunteers who can assist older adults with transportation, home repairs, friendly visits or caregiver respite. Male visitation volunteers are especially needed. Call 336-748-0217 or visit www.shepherdscenter.org for more information.

Anderson meeting

The 1970 graduating class of Anderson Senior High is organizing a reunion for 2014. It will be 44 years since the last class graduated from Anderson. Contact Fleming J. El-Amin on Facebook, Twitter or ntv754@yahoo.com to join the planning committee. He can also be contacted at 336-575-0895.

Elks Lodge

Camel City Elks Lodge #1021, 1405 Patterson Ave., is open every Friday night at 9 p.m. to adults age 35 and older. Music is provided by DJ King. Call 336-575-5746 for more information.

Tutors needed

The Augustine Literacy Project is currently recruiting volunteer tutors for the upcoming school year. Tutor trainings will be held this month. Contact Henri Brown at augproj@gmail.com or 336-723-4391 to learn more.

C2C

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and, at times, he wasn't sure he'd make it himself.

"I'm the last one alive from my show," he said. "That's not due to me; that's due to God."

Bridges said his first recollection as a child was his father abusing his mother. At 12-years-old, he was molested by his publicist. As an adult, he became addicted to drugs, a nearly 10-year struggle that almost destroyed his life. In 1988, he was arrested and tried for the attempted murder of a drug dealer.

"Addiction is powerful. It will have you doing things that you never thought you'd ever do," said Bridges, who was acquitted. "I can't blame nobody else but myself. I take responsibility for my actions."

Bridges finally broke his addiction 22 years ago and has been clean ever since. He said God freed him not just from jail, but from himself. He's not rich or nearly as famous now, but he said he's never felt better. He's written a book, "Killing Willis," about his life and speaks about his experience regularly. He continues to work in show business and has his own production company, DVFILM WORKS. He described his family, which includes his two children, as "the Kardashians without the money," but added that, "I bet, we're a lot more happier than they are."

He said people still associate him with his most famous character, but he's okay with that.

"It ain't easy being Willis," he said. "Everybody calls you Willis, but I take it gracefully. At least when they call you Willis, they call you something nice. Willis was a good character."

Randy Barnes and Wendy Glass, who have a one-year-old daughter, Nyla, completed the conference together. It wasn't crime, but a different sort of street life that brought the couple to C2C.

Barnes - a past addict who has been clean for 10 years - and Glass lost everything in a house fire last year and have been homeless ever since. They've slept in hotels, cars and under bridges. Circumstances even forced the former addict to stay at the home of a friend who used drugs in front of him and his



Chris Tucker speaks as Bishop Neil Ellis looks on.



District Court Judges Gordon Miller and George Bedsworth and Clerk of Court Susan Frye were among the attendees.



Fred Moore holds his book.

child.

A different friend recommended that Barnes attend the conference. He said it taught him to be "a better man, a better father and a better person in Christ." Through C2C, he's made a connection with

the Experiment in Self Reliance, a non-profit that helps the working poor with services like transitional housing. He's hoping the agency will help his family find a place to live.

"I just took that chance, a leap of faith," said Barnes. "I brought my daughter here, my family here, and it's a blessing."

Between Sunday's services, Fred Moore sold and signed copies of his book, "I Once Was Lost." It tells how addiction turned his world upside down. Moore was a UNC Chapel Hill medical student when his battle with crack cocaine got the best of him. He would spend a great chunk of his adult life in prison and amass 80 arrests. The Caterpillar employee has been clean for 15 years and regularly uses his life as a cautionary tale. Moore sings with "In God's Ministry," a music group consisting of three men who met while incarcerated at the Forsyth County Correctional Center.



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UPCOMING CONCERTS

<p>HANDEL'S Messiah December 17 - 7:30 p.m. December 18 - 7:30 p.m. Centenary United Methodist Church A holiday classic, music's most affecting message of faith.</p>	<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE! December 31 - 8:00 p.m. Reynolds Auditorium Ring out the old and ring in the new with highlights from <i>Rocky Mountain High</i> and <i>La Sinfonia</i>.</p>
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