

Community

Business workshops

The Forsyth Technical Community College Small Business Center will present "Small Business Focus: Websi Workshop...Increasing Sales" (today) Thursday, May 1 from 2 - 4 p.m. To register or for workshop site locations, http://www.forsythtech.edu/s ervices-businesses/smallbusiness-center.

Senior Art Exhibit

Fourth Street Art & Frame, 854 W 4th St., will open the first-ever Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Senior Art Exhibit on Friday, May 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Seniors from across the county will be showing and selling their 2D and 3D artwork; all proceeds will go to the student artists. The exhibit will run from May 2 - May 10. The event is free and open to the public. Call 336-725-0111 or go to www.fourthstreetartandframe.com for more information.

Farm event

The Children's Home, 1001 Reynolda Rd., will hold "A Community Day at the Farm" from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. This event will be a celebration of the legacy of the farm as a community treasure as well as a volunteer drive for the ongoing farm preservation effort. The family-friendly event will include farm tours, carriage rides, live music, lunch fare and animal meet and greets. For more informa-MacPherson at 336-721-7623 or kmacpherson@tchome.org

'Stuart Little'

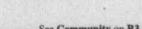
The Children's Theatre of Winston-Salem will present "Stuart Little" on Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at the Arts Council Theatre, Coliseum Drive. Tickets are \$10 or \$14. Call 336-748-0857 x203 for tickets or order online at www.childrenstheatrews.org.

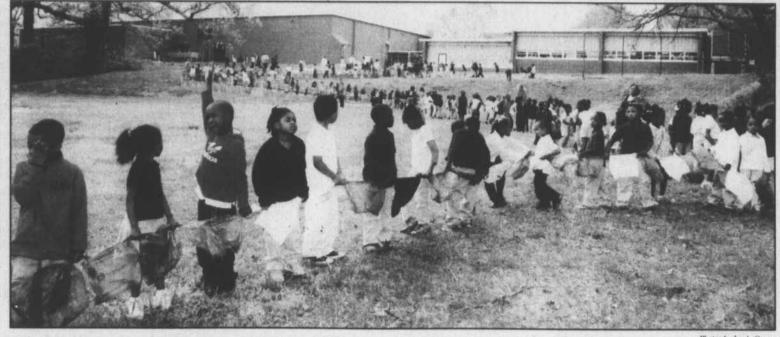
Gardening conference

A N.C. Master Gardener conference will be held May 5-7 at the Hawthorne Inn. A number of educational sessions will be held. Learn more or register http://www.northcarolinamastergardener.org/.

Exhibit

Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts, 2611 New Walkertown Rd., will present artist Tracy Lindenthal's first solo exhibition "Alien Landscapes" from Tuesday, May 6 - Friday, June 20. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free. For visit information, www.deltaartscenter.org or call 336-722-2625.





Hundreds of students take part in the Earth Day demonstration.



Angela Claudio talks with plastic bag dress model Sayqusha Gordon.

IT'S IN THE BAG

Project pushes students to eschew environmentally-toxic plastic shopping bags

BY LAYLA GARMS THE CHRONICLE

To celebrate Earth Day, Cook Elementary School students showed - in dramatic fashion - the negative environmental impacts of a widely-used product - the plastic shopping bags.

Hundreds of plastic bag-carrying students circled the grassy field behind the school on Tuesday, April 22; together, they buttressed a chain made of more than 1,000 plastic shopping bags; that's the equivalent of what one American couple might use over the course of a year, according to Angela Claudio, a Cook teacher who organized the program.

Claudio wanted to show students the impact one or two people can have on the environment and offer solutions on how everyone can become a better global citizen.

"It's my passion for us to be able to learn about recycling because a lot of times, our socio-economic status impacts how we treat the environment, and it shouldn't be



Jayden Dunlap take part in the event.



Students collected over 1,000 bags for the project.



See Community on B3 | Students prepare to take the chain outdoors.

