

COMMUNITY

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JULY 3, 2014

COBBLESTONE FARMERS MARKET
DOWNTOWN
Tuesdays, starting May 27, 10 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Old Salem
COBBLESTONE FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays, May 3 - Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to noon



Community Calendar

City holiday schedule

City offices will be closed tomorrow (Friday, July 4) for the Independence Day holiday. CityLink, the city's 24-hour citizen service call center, will be open to assist citizens. Recycling and yard-waste collections will follow the normal schedule. Garbage collections for Tuesday through Thursday will be held as usual; Friday routes will be collected on Monday, July 7. For more information call CityLink 311.

Business seminars

The Forsyth Technical Community College Small Business Center has several free seminars planned. They include the following: "LinkedIn For Small Business" (Grady Swisher Center) on Monday, July 7 from 1 - 4 p.m.; "Effective Budgeting for Grants 101" (Transportation Technology Center) on Monday, July 7 from 2 - 5 p.m.; "Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Starting A Business" (Transportation Technology Center) on Tuesday, July 7 from 1 - 4 p.m.; and "Thinking of Starting Your Own Business" (Transportation Technology Center) on Wednesday, July 9 from 3-5 p.m. To register or for additional information, go to www.forsythtech.edu/services-businesses/small-business-center.

Reunion

The 50th consecutive reunion of the Walter and Ella Allen Gwyn family will be held the week of July 21-27 and will include a black tie gala on Saturday, July 26 at the Embassy Suites. RSVPs are needed. Contact Zoe Gwyn at 336-774-1744 for more information.

Music Fest

The Annual Carolina Summer Music Fest will be held at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 19. It will feature The SOS Band, DJ Kool, the OSP Band and others. For vendor info, call 336-671-2268 or visit <http://carolina-summermusicfest.com>.

Lunch & Learn

A free Lunch & Learn for Caregivers is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Senior Services, 2895 Shorefair Drive. Cathy Wilson, a clinical social worker with the Geriatric Outreach (GO) Program at Wake Forest Baptist Health, will talk about "Common Psychiatric Disorders and Challenging Behaviors in Older Adults." Kathy Long, director of the Williams Adult Day Center, will lead a session on "Activities and Adventures with Seniors: Making the Day Bright." Lunch will be provided by Heritage Woods.

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Volunteers work at Happy Hill Cemetery last Thursday.

Photos by Kevin Walker

Teens Help Give Cemetery New Life

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

More than five dozen Mormon teenagers aided in the arduous task of reverting a historic African American graveyard to some semblance of its former self.

As part of a three-day youth summit that brought together young people from several Winston-Salem area Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregations (or wards), a team of volunteers arrived last Thursday morning at Happy Hill Cemetery ready to work; their truckload of rakes, shovels, hoes, garden clippers and weed eaters made that abundantly clear.

"Service is a big part of our faith. It is what Christ did, so we try to follow his example," said Chris Hiatt, one of several adult leaders who also took part.

Most large-scale Mormon youth gatherings have a community service component. Church lead-



Travis Graham and Megan Eldredge prepare to dump a pile of leaves.



Pitts-Johnson

ers solicited proposals from local nonprofits and initiatives that needed a daylong infusion of vol-

unteer helpers. Mrs. Maurice Pitts Johnson, who has made restoring the cemetery her mission, was over the moon when her project - Happy Hill Cemetery Friends - was selected. (A restoration project at another area cemetery was also picked. An equal number of teen volunteers worked there as well last Thursday).

"I am thrilled to get this many people here," said Pitts-Johnson, whose grandfather and grand-



Carolyn Alvarez and Andrea Romero unearth what they think is a headstone.

mother, Columbus Christopher Pitts and Alice Simmons Pitts, are among the estimated 113 interred at Happy Hill Cemetery.

There has been an ebb and flow of volunteers since she launched the

restoration effort in 2010. The men of nearby Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church regularly cut the grass and hew overgrown foliage, but such efforts are quickly made futile by Mother Nature.

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Jared Tousley and others remove parts of a dead tree.



Alan Duke powers a weed eater.



Earl Byers (seated, left) chats with Rock Bitting.



Pizairia Warren rakes.



Shovels lay near one of the headstones.



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