

Community Briefs

Community outreach program reaches capacity

Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Martin and District Attorney Jim O'Neil's office reached out to the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) with an active and meaningful purpose to work with community members in local churches, in order to help people get their driver's licenses back.

The goal was to help working families. Now, Martin has announced that the "Third Thursday Community Outreach" program has reached capacity.

"The last two dates are full. There are no plans to continue this program in 2016. The District Attorney's Office is no longer taking applications for the next scheduled dates (Nov. 19 and Dec. 16). There will be a form at the front desk of the District Attorney's office explaining this. Thank you for your patience and help," Martin said.

League elects Council Member Denise D. Adams to board

The North Carolina League of Municipalities elected Winston-Salem Council Member Denise D. Adams to its board of directors during the League's annual conference in Winston-Salem. Adams is one of 12 new board members.

The board of directors is drawn from municipal officials from across the state that is recognized as leaders among their colleagues. The board is responsible for representing the opinions of members when deciding the direction of the League.

"This new board will help us position the League to serve cities and towns into the future," said Paul Meyer, executive director of the League.

Adams is serving her second term representing Winston-Salem's North Ward on the City Council and serves as vice chair of the Finance Committee and on the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee. She was first elected to the council in 2009.

Joining Adams as new members of the board are Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan, Wilmington Council Member Earl Sheridan, Rocky Mount Council Member Lamont Wiggins, Southern Pines Mayor David McNeill, Shelby Council Member Dennis Bailey, Greenville Mayor Allen Thomas, Concord Council Member Jennifer Parsley, Elizabeth City Manager Rich Olsen, Hope Mills Clerk Melissa Adams, City of Durham Attorney Patrick Baker, and Cornelius Chief of Police Benson Hoyle.

The new officers are President Lestine Hutchens, mayor of Elkin, First Vice President Bob Matheny, mayor of Zebulon, and Second Vice President Michael Lazzara, mayor pro tem of Jacksonville. Mayor Ronnie Wall of Burlington will serve as Immediate Past President.



Adams

Kernersville resident gains Speaker honor

After serving for nine years as both an alternate and delegate for Forsyth County, on Oct. 9, Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones of Kernersville was elected as speaker, the principal officer and official spokesperson for the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature, for the two-year term, 2016-2017.

She is the first African-American to be elected to that office in the 22-year history of the organization.

All Senior Tar Heel Legislators are encouraged to spend time with local groups of older adults in their local communities wherever they are gathered at senior centers, community centers, faith-based institutions, assisted living support groups, SilverSneakers® groups, etc.

Taylor-Jones holds a Ph.D. degree in Human Development from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VA Tech), Blacksburg, Virginia. She earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN) and a Master's of Arts in Rehabilitation Psychology and Counselor Education from Appalachian State University (Boone, NC).



Jones

Play based on book co-edited by WFU law professor debuts

A book co-edited by Wake Forest Law Professor Gregory S. Parks and University of Connecticut Sociology Professor Matthew W. Hughey about what it is like to be a black man today in America debuted on the stage on Oct. 15.

Directed by Tony Award-winning George Faison, "12 Angry Men" was presented in the Residence at Kumble Theater for the Performing Arts in New York City. The play is part of a larger event series sponsored by Bed-Stuy's Restoration Plaza.

The theatrical production is based on the book "12 Angry Men: True Stories of Being a Black Man in America Today," which was published by The New Press in 2011. The production continued through Oct. 18 in the Billie Holiday Theater and features the television actors Dulé Hill and Nelsan Ellis.

The New York Times Arts Beat previewed the "12 Angry Men" production in a story about the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Center Fall Arts Lineup on Sept. 16 by Andrew R. Chow. "12 Angry Men," is not to be confused with the well-known play by Reginald Rose, which was also made into a noted film. Instead the book by Parks and Hughey recounts instances of racial profiling and injustice from black figures including former baseball player Joe Morgan and journalist Solomon Moore.

Big Brothers Big Sisters leader joins Leadership North Carolina class

Big Brothers Big Sisters Services President and CEO Shawan Gabriel will join 54 other civic and community leaders from across the country for the 2015-2016 Leadership North Carolina class.

Each year LNC chooses a group of emerging leaders from across North Carolina to participate in its esteemed program. These are top leaders from government, business, nonprofit, and education.

Over the course of six two-and-a-half day sessions the class will participate and learn about issues that impact the State of North Carolina through discussions with top officials and professionals throughout the state. The orientation will take place at Appalachian State University, where Chancellor Sheri N. Everts will welcome them. The remaining sessions will take place in Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Wilmington, and Asheville.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters directly at 336-724-7993 or at volunteer@bbbsnc.org.

Community Calendar

5th District NC Democrats meeting

There will be a 5th District NC Democrats meeting on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plemmons Student Union, Blue Ridge Ballroom on the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Charlie Wallin, chair at 828-773-1382 or email nc05dems@gmail.com.

Yard sale fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser for Sickle Cell on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Food Lion parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 1499 New Walkertown Road. Donations accepted. All proceeds go to Piedmont Health Services Sickle Cell Agency. For more information, contact Vernell Springs at 336-602-2901.

WFU host LGBTQ conference

The LGBTQ Center at Wake Forest University will host "Rising Voices: A Wake Forest LGBTQIA Alumni Conference" on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24. The conference aims to bring together students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members to discuss current work in LGBTQ scholarship, arts and public policy, provide mentorship to students and create an oral history documentary project. To register or learn more about the conference, please visit <http://lgbtq.wfu.edu/risingvoices/>.

Mental Health Association fundraiser

The Mental Health Association of Forsyth County is having a fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Wake Forest Biotech Place at 575 N. Patterson Ave. Featured speaker will be Patrick Ireland, as he tells his personal story about the tragedy in Columbine on April 20, 1999. There will be hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Tickets are \$50. For more information, visit triadmentalhealth.org.

Golf tournament fundraiser

Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) will hold a golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. at the Winston Lake Golf Course at 3535 Winston Lake Road. The fundraiser is in hopes to raise awareness about poverty in Forsyth County and to raise money to support the services provided by ESR. For more information about participating, volunteering or sponsoring, visit www.eisr.org/events or call 336-722-9400.

"Day of the Dead" celebration

Skulls and Skeletons will be celebrating the Day of the Dead on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wake Forest University's Museum of Anthropology. There will be a guided tour and discussion of their exhibit "Life After Death: The Day of the Dead in Mexico" followed by a comida típica, an authentic Mexican lunch. There will be an afternoon workshop to create a Day of the Dead inspired mask at Sawtooth School, located at 251 N. Spruce St. Registration is \$50 and \$40 for full-time students. For more information or to register, call 336-723-7395, extension 201, or visit www.sawtooth.org.

Rams know H.O.W.

The Magnificent Seniors Social Club will host the Rams know H.O.W. (Health clinic On Wheels) on Saturday, Oct. 24, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Camel City Elks Lodge, located at 1405 N. Patterson Ave. Health screening is free to the public with free refreshments. For more information, call 336-725-6584.

Walk to Fight Suicide

Out of the Darkness Community Walk will be on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Triad Park in Kernersville. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the walk is from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will go to critical research and prevention programs for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. For more information, contact Meredy Swafford at MeredySwafford@gmail.com.

EnergyUnited members meeting

EnergyUnited will host its annual Members Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Statesville Civic Center on 301 S. Center St. in Statesville. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. EnergyUnited are asking members to bring the registration card that was mailed to them in mid-August to the meeting. For more information contact Donnie Shoaf at 704-924-2139.

15th annual Lupus Summit

The Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter

(LFANC) will be hosting its 15th annual NC Lupus Summit on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel at 3315 Scott Futrell Drive in Charlotte. The NC Lupus Summit is open to the public, but pre-registration was required by Friday, Oct. 16. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch and a special gift. Ticket scholarships are available. A special hotel rate is available for out of town attendees. For more information or to register, call toll-free to 877-849-8271, ext. 1 or visit <http://www.lupus.org/north-carolina/events/entry/15th-annual-nc-lupus-summit>.

Lupus Foundation Meeting

The Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter (LFANC) will have a group meeting on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Activity Building in Highland Presbyterian Church on 2380 Cloverdale Ave. in Winston-Salem. The meeting is free and drop-ins are welcome. For more information call 877-849-8271 extension 1, visit www.lupusnc.org or email info@lupusnc.org.

Mushroom Club meeting

The Mushroom Club is having its first meeting for those interested in mushroom cultivation and culinary use on Monday, Oct. 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension office, located at 1450 Fairchild Road. The club is intended to gain more education about mushroom growing and cooking. Event is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, go to coop-ext-registration@forsyth.cc, or call 336-703-2850.

Improv Meet and Greet

There will be an Improv Meet and Greet with the Engaging Educator on Monday, Oct. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Flywheel, located at 252 Vine St., Suite 210. Founder and Director Jen Oleniczak will talk about programs in Winston-Salem and will give a sample Improv for professionals and educators workshop. Event is free but reservation is required. For more information and to register, call 336-815-3767 or email Jen@theengagingeducator.com.

Winter weather preparedness

Agility Recovery and the U.S. Small Business Administration will host a free webinar on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be discussion and tips on how to make a plan to stay open for business, while protecting your employees and customers from the dangers of severe winter weather. There will be a Q&A session afterward. Space is limited. To register, go to <http://agil.me/ILQuvTL>. For more information, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

Bus Tour

The Greensboro Housing Coalition, in partnership with Interactive Resource Center is doing a bus tour on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 407 E. Washington St. The purpose is for people to see day-to-day trials of people experiencing homelessness, standard housing and foreclosure. After the tour, participants are invited to a Community Conversation for discussion of what was seen. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 336-691-9521, extension 114, or sign up at Eventbrite.com.

Separation of church and state meeting

The Triad Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State will have its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Polo Recreation Center, 1850 Polo Road. Drive. Richard Groves, the popular former pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, will address the message "Is the United States a Christian Nation?" For more information, visit www.aunctrriad.weebly.com.

Novel writing workshop

November is National Novel Writing Month, and Winston-Salem Writers is having a workshop on "How to Write a Novel in Thirty Days", on Thursday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m., at the Kernersville Public Library, located at 130 E. Mountain St. Two NaNoWriMo veterans, Sheila Englehart and Dan O'Sullivan, will explain the 30-day novel writing process and give advice and tips on how to write a novel in one month. On Nov. 1, participants worldwide begin working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30. For more information, go to www.wswriters.org.

Autumn Leaves Tour

Old Salem Museums & Gardens is offering a special walking tour titled "Autumn Leaves Tour" on Thursday, Oct. 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at 600 S. Main St. Tours will depart from the Market-Fire Engine House on Salem Square. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The cost for the walking tour is \$10 person. Limited space is available. Reservations are required and must be made in advance by calling 1-800-441-5305.

4-H Horse Club

Forsyth County has a new 4-H Horse Club will have its first meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at Ogburn Stables, located at 5734 Ogburn Drive in Tobaccoville. This club is for the youth ages 6-18. Membership is free. For more information, contact 4-H Volunteer Leader Rebecca Ogburn May at 336-511-5742.

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 27 FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. 52 INTERCHANGE AT BETHANIA-RURAL HALL ROAD

The NC Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting improvement to the U.S. 52 Interchange at Bethania-Rural Hall Road, TIP project number R-2247EC in October. This meeting is being held to present updated designs.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday October 27** at the **Rural Hall Town Hall** located at **423 Bethania-Rural Hall Road in Rural Hall** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. Please note that no formal presentation will be made. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project progresses.

The public can view maps displaying the information on the project at the following locations:

NCDOT Division 9 - Division Engineer's Office
375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, 27127

The map can also be view online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Diane Wilson, NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer - NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis, 1598 Mail Service Center (MAIL) Raleigh, NC 27699-1598 by phone: (919) 707-6073 or email: pdwilson1@ncdot.gov. All comments must be received no later than Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Wilson as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.