

Community Briefs

Local Walmarts host Red Kettles and "Fill the Truck" Toy Drive

The "Fill the Truck" event, in partnership with Toys for Tots, will run at Winston-Salem Area Walmart stores and is open to anyone who would like to donate new toys and coats for the children who take part in The Salvation Army programs year-round. The Salvation Army will bring the donations to the Christmas Center on Peters Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem and distribute the gifts to local children in need. The collection is expected to provide gifts to more than 7,000 children.

Boys and Girls Club director receives award

Sylvia Adams, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs in the Greater Winston-Salem Area, has been presented with The Salvation Army Distinguished Service Award in honor of her "exemplary service in Boys and Girls Clubs Community Centers Work." She received the award at a ceremony at The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in Atlanta.

Area Commander Major James Allison says, "Sylvia has done an excellent job balancing the work of the Boys and Girls Clubs with the over-arching mission of The Salvation Army. She is passionate about ministry to children and youth and has committed over half of her life to this effort."

Adams began her career with The Salvation Army of Greater Winston-Salem Boys & Girls Clubs as a program assistant in June 1986. In September 1996, she became the executive director.

During her tenure as executive director, Adams has been involved with the State selection process for Youth of the Year. She has been a contributing partner to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America North Carolina Area Council. She is involved with planning for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Southeast Leadership Conference.

Bar certifies Vickery as Family Law Specialist

The North Carolina State Bar has certified Carrie F. Vickery, an attorney with the Holton Law Firm, PLLC, as a Family Law Specialist.

Vickery has been practicing law with the Holton Law Firm, PLLC since 2009. Her practice is predominantly in family law but also includes criminal defense and general civil litigation.

Vickery joins a total of only 247 attorneys across the state who have been certified in the field of family law across the state of North Carolina. More information about Vickery can be found at www.waltherholton.com/carrie.php.



Vickery

Congresswoman accepting entries for the congressional app challenge

U.S. Rep. Alma S. Adams (NC-12) announced she is accepting entries for the Congressional App Challenge. Established in 2013, the Congressional App Challenge is a national competition that allows high school students from across the county to create and exhibit their software application, or "app" for mobile, tablet or computer devices. The competition is meant to encourage student engagement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education.

The Congressional App Challenge is open to all high school students and those eligible to attend public high school in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District. Students may work individually or in teams of up to four. All entries must be original in concept, design and execution. Students entering the competition must register in advance to show their intent to participate and then submit their app's source code along with a YouTube or VIMEO video that explains their app and what they learned through the competition.

The deadline to submit is 11:59 p.m. EST on Jan. 15, 2016. The winner of the app challenge will have their app displayed in the U.S. Capitol. For more information about the Congressional App Challenge visit Congresswoman Adams' website at <http://adams.house.gov/high-school-congressional-app-competition>.

John Allison named executive in residence

The Wake Forest University School of Business welcomes John Allison as executive in residence with the BB&T Center for the Study of Capitalism effective Nov. 1.

Allison is the retired president and CEO of the Cato Institute, as well as the retired chairman and CEO of BB&T. During his tenure as CEO from 1989-2008, BB&T grew from \$4.5 billion to \$152 billion in assets to become the 10th largest financial institution headquartered in the U.S. He was recognized by the Harvard Business Review as one of the 100 most successful CEOs in the world over the last decade.

Graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a degree in business administration, Allison received a Masters in Management from Duke University. He is also the recipient of six honorary doctorate degrees.

Allison is also the author of two books: "The Financial Crisis and the Free Market Cure," and "The Leadership Crisis and the Free Market Cure."

Dr. Bethea receives AOTA Fellowship

Dr. Dorothy Bethea, chairwoman of the Occupational Therapy department at Winston-Salem State University, who of five North Carolina occupational therapists, which will receive the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Roster of Fellows Award.

The award recognizes occupational therapists that through their knowledge, expertise, leadership, advocacy and guidance have made a significant contribution over time to the profession with a measured impact on local, national and international consumers of occupational therapy services and to members of the Association.

Since 2004, Bethea has served in various positions with the national accreditation agency, working collectively with the board to help create educational standards for OT academic programs, and performed onsite visits for OT assistant level, masters and doctorate level programs.

"For me, this recognition is of great significance because it culminates over thirty years of dedication to a profession that I love, and that has afforded me opportunities to impact the healthcare and education of others," said Bethea. "However, even more so, the personal growth is awe-inspiring and deeply valued."

Parent Power

SciWorks is having a family fun night for parents and kids today (Dec. 3) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the SciWorks museum, 400 Hanes Mill Road. There will be a free light meal from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., along with a musical performance, costume contest, museum exploration and holiday laser show in the planetarium and more. For more information, contact Sharon Frazier at 336-748-4000 extension 34225 or email sfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

TUBACHRISTMAS concert

TUBACHRISTMAS, a free holiday concert of Christmas carols, will be on Friday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Contemporary Worship Center, 300 N. Cherry St. The concert is presented by Piedmont Federal Savings Bank and will be conducted by David Palmer, and guest conductor Peter Perret. TUBACHRISTMAS is celebrating 42 years and brings together tuba and euphonium players to feature in Christmas carols. For more information, contact Jason Theil at 336-354-1500 or email jason@dwsdp.org.

Camp Lejeune health meeting

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) invites the public to hear from the authors of a group of health studies conducted to understand the impact of exposure to contaminated drinking water at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The authors also will answer questions about the studies and their results. The quarterly Community Assistance Panel (CAP) meeting will take place on Friday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. The authors will discuss the study results on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Both meetings are open to the public and will take place in Tampa, Fla. For those who wish to attend, the meeting will be held at: Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33607, www.grandtampabay.hyatt.com. The meetings can be viewed online. Details will be available at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/capmeetings.html>.

Board of Trustees meeting

The Board of Trustees of the UNC School of Arts will have its regular meeting on Friday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. in the Eisenberg Social Hall of Hanes Student Commons on campus at 1533 S. Main St. For more information, call 336-770-3399.

Canned goods collection

Southeast Middle School's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Second Harvest Food Bank are collecting canned goods by holding a "Fill the Bus" campaign event Friday, Dec. 4, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the school's front parking lot at 1200 Old Salem Road in Kernersville. For more information, contact Stephanie Gentry at 336-703-4219 or sjgentry@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

PTA Bingo

Lowrance Middle School will have a bingo game on Friday, Dec. 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Atkins High School at 3605 Old Greensboro Road. A meal will be provided from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$7, which includes one bingo card, a hot dog, chips and a drink. There will be raffles for gas cards, an iPad, other prizes and a silent auction. For more information, call 336-703-4181.

Holiday shopping opportunities

Bookmarks is teaming up again with Associated Artists and the Sawtooth School for Visual Art with several events to help with holiday shopping on Friday, Dec. 4, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts at 251 N. Spruce St. The Bookmarks Holiday Bazaar will feature local vendors and artists selling book crafts and books. Charlie Lovett, New York Times bestselling author, will be giving two short talks about his new book "The Further Adventures of Ebenezer Scrooge". He'll speak at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Hanes Conference Room. A reception for "The More the Merrier," Associated Artists' annual holiday art exhibition, will take place beginning at 5 p.m. "Deck the Halls" is Sawtooth School for Visual Art's largest fundraising event. Beautifully displayed in their gallery and gift shop setting, Deck the Halls features a unique variety of works from Sawtooth faculty, students, and regional artists. This year, Deck the Halls will be free and open to the public beginning Dec. 4 and running through Dec. 21. Hours of operation on Dec. 4 are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more information, visit bookmarksnc.org.

Author to hold workshop

Sarah Loudin Thomas, inspirational writer will share book tour ideas and her writing on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Reynolda Public Library, 2839 Fairlawn Drive.

Thomas is the author of the novels, "Miracle in a Dry Season," and "Until the Harvest." She will have books available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 336-703-2960 or visit www.wswriters.org.

Too sweet for Diabetes workout-a-thon

"I Am 2 Sweet 4 Diabetes" will have its workout-a-thon on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 4399 Carver School Road. This event is a fundraiser for Diabetes Awareness. Registration is \$20. Checks or money orders are made payable to: I am 2 Sweet 4 Diabetes, 310 Healy Drive, Suite 201-F, Winston-Salem, NC. 27103. For more information, call 336-986-9606.

Christmas Extravaganza

Livingstone College is having its annual Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Varick Auditorium. The show will feature members of the Salisbury Symphony, the Livingstone College Concert Choir, drama and theater arts students and a live nativity scene. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors over 60 and free for kids 6 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Livingstone's cashier's office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at www.livingstone.edu/tickets.

'Proposal' Auditions

Twin City Stage will hold auditions for Neil Simon's "Proposals" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 at the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. No appointment is necessary. There are roles available for five men ages 22-60 and four women ages 22-45. For more information, please call Twin City Stage at 336-748-0857 extension 209 or visit the website at www.twincitystage.org.

Small Business Center seminars

The Forsyth Tech Small Business Center is having several seminars on Monday, Dec. 7 and Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Innovation Quarter, 525 Vine St. The Dec. 7 sessions are as follows: "Ending email madness," from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and "Ask the Marketing and Sales Coach," from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Dec. 8 sessions are as follows: "Building your formula for success," from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and "Business info to go," from 9

a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Nell V. Perry at 336-757-3801.

Youth chorus auditions

The Winston-Salem Youth Chorus invites children ages 8 to 18 to audition for the Winter/Spring 2016 Season, which begins on Jan. 4. Auditions will be held from Monday, Dec. 7, through Wednesday, Dec. 9. For more information and to schedule your audition time please go to www.wsyouthchorus.org or call 336-703-0001.

"Stuff the Patrol Car"

The Winston-Salem Police Department is holding a "Stuff the Patrol Car" toy drive from Monday, Dec. 7 through Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Walmart on Hanes Mill Road. A police officer will be there to accept new, unwrapped toys for children, socks, toothpaste and other personal items for elderly citizens in assisted living facilities. For more information, contact Pam Peoples-Joyner at 336-773-7962 or Sgt. Mark Snow at 336-414-4190.

Happy Hill Park improvements update session

City officials will hold an update session Tuesday, Dec. 8, to allow citizens to review concepts for making improvements to Happy Hill Park, based on comments received at earlier public input sessions. The meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gateway YWCA, 1300 S. Main St. Citizens may drop in any time. In November 2014, voters approved \$5 million in bonds to redevelop and upgrade Happy Hill Park. For more information, call CityLink 311.

Fire station meeting

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke will hold a meeting about the renovations of Fire Station No. 9 on Ogburn Ave., on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Carver School Road Library, 4915 Lansing Drive. Residents will get to preview the design. The renovations will add a new engine bay for a ladder truck to help meet National Fire Protection Association standards. The remodel also will expand the dormitory, including a bath and shower, to accommodate a two-company occupancy. For more information, visit 2014Bonds.cityofWS.org.

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