

Community Briefs

Omaha Star publisher dies in Nebraska

Dr. Marguerita Washington, publisher of the Omaha Star, the only black newspaper in Nebraska and a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (as *The Chronicle* is), passed away on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Josie Harper Hospice House in Omaha, Nebraska. Her memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m. at Salem Baptist Church, 3131 Lake St., Omaha, Neb. 68111.

The Mildred D. Brown Memorial Study Center has established a scholarship in her name. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dr. Marguerita L. Washington scholarship fund may be sent to: The Mildred D. Brown Memorial Study Center, c/o American National Bank, 3147 Ames Ave., Omaha, NE 68111. Those making donations should indicate it is for the Marguerita L. Washington scholarship fund on the memo line of the check.

Hearings set on new African-American monument

RALEIGH – Gov. Pat McCrory is inviting the public to four hearings in March on Tuesdays in Greensboro, Charlotte, Rocky Mount and Fayetteville to provide feedback concerning a new monument on the State Capitol grounds in Raleigh dedicated to commemorating the achievements of African-Americans.

The public hearings will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the following locations:

*March 1 at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum, 134 South Elm Street in Greensboro;

*March 8 at the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American + Culture, 551 South Tryon Street in Charlotte;

*March 22 at the Braswell Memorial Library, 727 North Grace Street in Rocky Mount;

*March 29, at the Shaw Auditorium at Fayetteville State University, 1200 Murchison Road in Fayetteville.

Individuals or groups wishing to voice opinions or support for the new monument are invited to the four public hearings or can contact the Deputy Secretary of Natural and Cultural Resources Kevin Cherry at 919-807-7280 or mailing address 4610 MSC, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-4610.

Winston-Salem Writers names winners of play contest

Winston-Salem Writers has announced the winners of its annual 10-Minute Play competition.

*First place: "Not Available in Stores," by John Woestendiek, Bethania, NC

*Second place: "Reading Signs," by Marilynn Anselmi, Rocky Mount, NC

*Third place: "When Wolfbane Blooms," by William Coleman, Carrboro, NC

The winning plays will be stage-read on April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Milton Rhodes Arts Center, Mountcastle Forum. Tickets are \$5 for members of Winston-Salem Writers and \$7 for non-members and are available at the door.

Founded in 2005, Winston-Salem Writers is a group of writers who write fiction, non-fiction, plays and poetry, and who care about the art and craft of writing.

Novant Health opens respite rooms for patient families

Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center opened four respite rooms that provide a private space where patient families can nap, shower or have quiet time. These rooms, funded by the physicians through Novant Health Foundation Forsyth Medical Center, will give families the separate space they need while spending countless hours in the hospital with loved ones. Many families with a critically ill loved one in a high-acuity area of the hospital, like the intensive care unit, are reluctant to leave the hospital. These rooms will allow families to take a break, while remaining nearby. Each room is equipped with two twin beds and a full bath.

The medical executive committee funded a \$10,000 grant through Novant Health Foundation Forsyth Medical Center to redecorate four rooms on the fifth general floor, formerly the sleep center. For more information, visit NovantHealth.org or call 336-718-2101.

Hillary for North Carolina office opens in Greensboro

Former U.S. Senator Kay Hagan, Greensboro City Councilman Jamal Fox, and Hillary for North Carolina have opened a grassroots organizing office in Greensboro at 2300 W. Meadowview Rd. At the opening event, local supporters and community leaders discussed why Clinton is the only candidate capable of doing all aspects of the job as president and why she is best suited to break down the barriers everyday North Carolinians face ahead of the March 15th primary. The Hillary for North Carolina campaign also emphasized the importance of casting ballots for Clinton during the early voting period, which begins on March 3.

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem receives grant

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Joey Logano Foundation. "The funding from the Joey Logano Foundation will allow us to implement the needed upgrades to our information technology systems to meet the needs of the older adults we serve," according to Sam Matthews, Executive Director. The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is an interfaith ministry that promotes and supports successful aging by providing direct services, volunteer opportunities and enrichment programs for older adults. The Shepherd's Center is certified as a senior center of excellence through the N.C. Division of Aging and Adult Services. For more information, call 336-748-0217 or visit www.shepherdscenter.org.

Experiment in Self Reliance launches financial literacy program

The Experiment in Self Reliance (ESR) will launch a new program this April called the Road to Empowerment series. This series will provide six financial literacy classes to individuals in our community and will teach them the fundamentals of job search and asset building. The cost to attend is a one-time fee of \$10. Each session is held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings beginning April 14 (participants only have to attend one per week). Sessions are two hours long, and breakfast/dinner will be provided accordingly. All classes will take place at ESR. For more information, please contact Kimberly Simms at kimberly.simms@eistr.org or at 722-9400 ext. 111.

Community Calendar

Sign-up now - Feb. 27 - Police Department test for potential applicants

The Winston-Salem Police Department is accepting sign-ups for a preliminary reading test for potential applicants to be administered Saturday, Feb. 27. Two testing sessions will be held, at 9 a.m. and at 11 a.m. Sign up online by clicking on the Employment link at WSPD.org. The test will be held at the Beaty Public Safety Training & Support Center, 1200 N. Patterson Ave. There is no fee. Participants will take the reading portion of the Test of Adult Basic Education: Signing up is the first step of applying to be a police officer. For more information call the police recruiting office at 336-773-7925 or send an email to recruit@wspd.org.

Feb. 25 - A one-woman cabaret that explores the journey for perfection

Join Piedmont Opera for a very special event on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Hanesbrands Theatre, 209 N. Spruce St., when award-winning singer/actress Jennifer DeDominici explores diverse "perfect" women. Following the performance, Piedmont Opera will host a reception. General admission is \$26; student admission is \$14. Tickets are available by calling Piedmont Opera at 336-725-7101 or visit www.PiedmontOpera.org.

Feb. 25 - UNCOSA's Winter Dance Concert

UNC School of the Arts' Winter Dance concert opens today, Thursday, Feb. 25 and continues through Feb. 27 with shows at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Stevens Center, 405 West Fourth St. in downtown Winston-Salem. Tickets are \$18 regular and \$15 for students with valid ID, and are available at www.uncsa.edu/performance, or by calling the box office at 336-721-1945.

Feb. 26 - Quarry Park groundbreaking

The groundbreaking for Quarry Park has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at 2450 Reynolds Park Road. The park is being developed around the former Vulcan quarry. Voters approved \$5 million for Quarry Park and the Waughtown Connector in the November 2014 bond referendum. For more information about these and other bond projects go to 2014Bonds.CityofWS.org.

Feb. 26 - All-Bach Concert

Magnolia Baroque, Winston-Salem's acclaimed early instrument ensemble, will perform an all-Bach, Lenten-themed concert on the Music@Home concert series at Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church Street in Old Salem, Friday Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The music will be played on 18th century original instruments or replicas, as Bach might have heard it. Soloists will include Jason McKinney, Glenn Siebert, Mary Siebert, Mary Endsley Foil and Hannah Rose Carter. Admission is free.

Deadline Feb. 26 - Applicants Sought for Community Appearance Commission

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke is accepting applications from citizens interested in filling a vacancy on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Community Appearance Commission. The vacancy must be filled by a person who has demonstrated special experience or education in a design field, such as architecture, landscape architecture, horticulture, land use planning, historic preservation, or a closely related field. Applicants must reside in the city limits. The Community Appearance Commission seeks to enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetic

character of Forsyth County and the city of Winston-Salem for the education, pleasure and enrichment of city and county residents; and to improve the community's visual quality of life for generations to come. Interested candidates should contact the City Secretary's office at 727-2224 or send an email to melaniej@city-ofws.org. The application deadline is Feb. 26, 2016.

Feb 26 registration deadline - Youth Chorus offers introductory choral program

The Winston-Salem Youth Chorus invites any 2nd through 4th grade student who loves to sing an opportunity to join our "Spring Forward" chorus. This five-week singing group is an introductory choral program which includes learning solfege (do, re, me, etc.), singing in rounds, group singing, choral training and culminates with performing with the Winston-Salem Youth Chorus on stage at the Spring Choral Concert held at Ardmore Baptist Church. No audition is required, just of love of singing. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at Burkhead United Methodist Church beginning March 1. For more information and to register your child, please visit www.wsyouthchorus.org or call 336-703-0001. The deadline for registration is Friday, Feb 26.

Feb. 27 - Africa Family Day

Africa Family Day will take place Saturday, Feb. 27 at Piedmont Arts, 215 Starling Ave., in Martinsville, Va, from 1 to 3 pm. Guests will learn about African culture and art - from the ancient land of Mali to modern day - and master Griot, or storyteller, Fred Motley will captivate with tales that combine words, music and games. All ages are welcome. Admission is free. Snacks provided

by Chick-fil-A.

Feb. 27 - Triad Developers Conference

The second annual Triad Developers Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Wake Forest Biotech Place, 575 N. Patterson St. in Winston-Salem, in the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter. The Conference, held specifically for software development professionals and students, will cover current industry trends and topics by featuring expert speakers, panelists and instructors, and hands-on learning. In addition to career development, attendees will have an opportunity to further their network with staffing firms, technology companies, educational institutions and fellow technologists.

Feb. 28 - Girl Scout open house

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) is hosting an open house event at Keyauwee Program Center, 2574 Sweetbriar Road, Sophia, N.C., on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Girl Scout camp is open to the public. Families are encouraged to attend and discover the exciting summer resident and day camp programs designed for all girls entering grades 1-12.

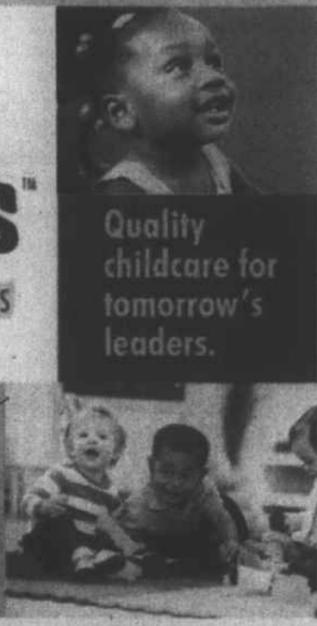
Feb. 28 - Carolina Stars Basketball Spring Try-Outs

Carolina Stars Basketball is having their Spring Competitive 2016 Tryouts on Feb. 28 for girls 6th, 7th, and 8th at Westchester Country Day School, 2045 N. Old Greensboro Road, High Point. If you are interested in playing competitive Travel Basketball, please visit our website to fill out an intent to tryout form. All tryouts and open gym dates are now posted. For more information contact Coach Grier at 336-991-0597 or go to www.carolinastarsbasketball.com.

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