



Photos by Todd Lack

The Happy Hill Cemetery was hit hard by severe weather last week.



Volunteers needed after Happy Hill Cemetery hit by storm

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Happy Hill Cemetery Friends invites volunteers to help clean up the historic Happy Hill Cemetery, on Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Willow and Pitts streets in Happy Hill. Help is also needed on May 28. The group has been working for years to restore the historic cemetery, located in the city's oldest black community, which was hit hard in last week's severe weather

and is now littered with downed branches and trees. Volunteers are encouraged to bring yard tools and chainsaws, etc. and wear sturdy shoes and gloves. This is part of the group's regular cleanup efforts that take place every second and fourth Saturday morning. For more information, contact Maurice Pitts-Johnson at 336-815-8417.

Police seeing increase in credit card fraud

WSPD has investigated 125 cases of credit card fraud this year alone

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Investigators with the Winston-Salem Police Department say they have seen a significant increase in credit card fraud this year. According to Detective Scott Sluder, the department has investigated 125 cases since January. Of those reported cases, 117 people still had their credit or bank card

with them. Sluder said in many of the reported cases, thieves used a device called a "skimmer" to get victims' credit card numbers. WSPD officers say skimming devices have been found on ATM machines at two local bank branches. The average costs in the reported cases were over \$300. Officers would not release the name of the banks' branches that were compromised. As he stood before the room filled with fellow officers, fire fighters, other first responders and various outlets, Sluder urged residents to be mindful of suspicious activity. He mentioned skimming devices are usually external card readers placed on

ATM machines or gas pumps. "Be mindful of suspicious activity," he said. "When at the pump or using ATM machines, check to make sure there's not a device on top of the card slot." Sluder mentioned although credit card fraud is almost impossible to prevent, there are a number of ways to ensure your credit card information is safe, including monitoring your bank and credit card accounts regularly and using cash when possible. Here is a list of helpful tips that can help you avoid credit card fraud: *Lock down your credit report with a security freeze, which essentially shuts off access to your credit history by new would-be lenders.

*Never give out credit card numbers over the phone/Internet unless it is a reputable company that you have contacted. *Never give your social security number to someone you do not know or a business you are not familiar with. *Shred all important documents such as bank statements and credit card bills. *Do not give out personal information over the phone or on the Internet. *Guard your privacy and do not let anyone intimidate you into giving them your information. For more information on how to avoid credit card fraud, visit the city's official website at www.cityofws.org and go to the crime prevention programs link.

Community Briefs

Minister Jerry Arnette gains master's degree

Minister Jerry Arnette, husband of gospel radio personality Anita "Boss Lady" Dean-Arnette, graduated from Carolina Christian College in Winston Salem on Saturday, May 14, with a Masters in Religious Education.



Arnette

Work Family Resource Center celebrates 25th anniversary

Work Family Resource Center, a non-profit organization connecting families and businesses to quality child care, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and recently named Suzanne M. Isenberg as their Development Director. Suzanne has worked with several non-profit organizations in Forsyth County including Senior Services, Inc., Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, and Leadership Winston-Salem. Work Family Resource Center is located at 530 N. Spring St. For more information, visit www.workfamilyresource.org.



Isenberg

Samaritan Ministries celebrates its 4 millionth meal in the Soup Kitchen

Samaritan Ministries celebrated the serving of the 4 millionth meal in its Soup Kitchen on May 11 at 11 a.m. The milestone meal is a measure of the extent of hunger in a community with a poverty rate estimated at 24 percent, said Sonjia Kurosky, Samaritan's Executive Director. Because of a desire to protect Soup Kitchen guests' privacy, someone was chosen to serve as the ceremonial 4 millionth guest. The Soup Kitchen opened in March 1981, and served less than 30 guests lunch. Today the Soup Kitchen regularly serves 350 to 400 people lunch. It also serves breakfast and dinner to an average of 75 men a day who stay in the shelter. It took 14 years to reach the 1 million meal mark in 1995. From there it took another eight years to reach the 2 millionth meal in 2003, and less than seven years to reach the 3 millionth meal in September 2010. For more information, visit www.samaritanforsyth.org.

Salemtowne to celebrate Shining Lights

The nonprofit Salemtowne strives to make life better for older adults throughout Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, and the community celebrates those seniors who share this mission. The community's volunteer service award, called the Salemtowne Shining Light Award, honors individuals who reflect Salemtowne's commitment to support the wellbeing of others. Nominations for the Salemtowne Shining Light Award, which is open to volunteers age 62 and older, will be accepted through May 27. The winner will be announced in June. Applications are available in person at Salemtowne, 1000 Salemtowne Dr., online at salemtowne.org or requested via email at marketing@salemtowne.org. Applications may also be sent to marketing@salemtowne.org or Salemtowne Retirement Community, Attn: Nikki Burris, 1000 Salemtowne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

Community Calendar

Accepting applications now - Juneteenth Festival's call for artists and vendors

Triad Cultural Arts is seeking performers, choirs, dance teams, spoken word artists, craftsmen, artists, authors and vendors for the annual Juneteenth Festival to be held Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, which will include Biotech Place and Bailey Park in Winston-Salem. Interested persons should apply online www.triadculture.org or call 336-757-8556.

Now through May 31 - Winston-Salem Writers will be accepting entries

Winston-Salem Writers will be accepting entries for the 2016 Flying South competition from March 1 through May 31. There will be \$2,000 in prizes awarded. Best in category winners will be published in Flying South and will receive \$500 each. The Winston-Salem Writers President's Favorite will also receive \$500. Entries are accepted for fiction, nonfiction and poetry and all entries will be considered for publication. For details on submitting, go to www.wswriters.org.

Now through May 31 - Scholarship applications accepted

Professional Women of Winston Salem (PWWS) is making a scholarship available for single, employed mothers who are working to complete a college degree. Applicants must live or attend school in Forsyth County, NC. The \$1500 scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 2016. Go to <https://www.pwws.org/scholarship-fund-donation/> to complete an application online. All applications must be received by 5/31/16.

Today, May 19 through June 12 - 'The Tempest' performances

In collaboration with University of North Carolina School of the Arts students, New-York based Rhinoleap Productions unveils a modern, experimental interpretation of 'The Tempest,' directed by Patrick Phillip Osteen (UNCSA '11) on-stage in multiple venues in North Carolina, May 19 - June 12. The production will be in Winston-Salem on the following schedule: May 19-20: Performances will be at 8 p.m. at Catawba Theater on the UNCSA campus, 1533 S. Main St., Winston-Salem. Invited dress rehearsal (5/19) will be a free invited dress rehearsal at 8 p.m. Preview (5/20) will be at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. May 22, 26-28, 29: Mountcastle Forum, a part of the Milton Rhodes Center for Arts, 251 Spruce St N, Winston-Salem. Preview performance begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Performances (5/26-5/28) will be at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50. Sunday Matinee (5/29) will

be at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50. Please visit www.rhinoleap.com to reserve tickets online. Performances will also be in Greensboro and Asheville.

Today, May 19 - Growing "community" in community gardens

Whether your community garden is just starting or has been growing for decades, getting (and keeping) people involved is the key to success. Join Forsyth Community Gardening today, Thursday, May 19, from 6 - 8 p.m. at West Salem Community Garden, 501 S. Green St., to learn and share tips on engaging garden members, organizing your group, and cultivating shared work and play to keep your garden well-tended, productive, and fun. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/FCG-SGS>, or call 336-703-2850. For accommodations for persons with disabilities or Spanish translation, please contact our office at 336-703-2850 at least two weeks before the event. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/FCG-SGS>.

Today, May 19 - Old Salem Presents Salem Creek Tour

Join Old Salem Museums & Gardens for a tour of Salem Creek as part of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Salem. The "Salem Creek Tour: History and Nature" will take place today, Thursday, May 19 from 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. On the Salem Creek Tour attendees will learn about the history of the creek and consider the natural environment, including a stop at the Brothers' Spring. A tour booklet is included. Shoes for soggy ground and uneven terrain are suggested. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required and space is limited. Please call 336-721-7307 to reserve your spot. Check-in on the day of the tour will be at Central Park Tennis Courts at 803 E. Salem Avenue in Winston-Salem. For more information, visit oldsalem.org.

May 20 - Second Spring Arts Festival

Second Spring Arts Festival, celebrating the creativity of seniors, will be held on Friday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Milton Rhodes Arts Center, 251 N. Spruce St. N.C. Poet Laureate Shelby Stephenson will open the festival with music and poetry. There will be musical entertainment, literary readings, book signings, and visual art featuring seniors 60 and older. For more information, go to www.secondspringarts.org.

May 20 - Marching dance team forming

Under the artistic direction of

Dezmond Woods, Positive Image Performing Arts (PIPA) has created a marching dance team named The Dancing Empirettes. We are creating a purple dynasty of elite-level dancers that will be trained in various marching styles of dance, along with ballet technique, jazz, hip-hop and tumbling. The team will perform and compete. Teams within the empire will be divided into levels for ages 4-17. Choreography will be tasteful, classy and age appropriate. The first practice as well as parent meeting will take place on Saturday, May 20, 1:30-4 p.m. The registration fee is \$5. Tuition per month is \$20. Most practices will take place on Saturdays. Dancers should wear black dancewear, Jazz shoes or sneakers, and hair should be neat. For more information, contact PIPA at 336-893-6571 or visit www.pipartsnc.com/dancing_empirettes.htm.

May 20 and 21 - "Dar He: The Emmett Till Story"

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will present "Dar He: The Emmett Till Story," May 20 and 21 at the HanesBrand Theatre, 209 N. Spruce Street. "Dar He: The Emmett Till Story" depicts the story of a Chicago youth who travels to Mississippi in August of 1955. Till engages in an incident with a local woman, and then is kidnapped, tortured and murdered. The drama touches on the thoughts of Till; portions of the trial, the accuser's acquittal and later confession. Performance dates are Friday, May 20 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are available at www.ncblackrep.org or call 336-723-2266.

May 21 - Physical Therapy Cares 5k and fun run/walk

Physical Therapy Cares 5k and fun run/walk to benefit the MSWfit Foundation, a local nonprofit committed to serving people living with MS and to provide access to a free fitness and wellness program, will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 9 a.m. on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Registration is \$25 before May 14 and \$35 after May 14. To register, go to <https://runsignup.com/race/nc/winstonsalem/ptcares5k>.

May 21 - Honor Your Mother breakfast

Honor Your Mother breakfast celebration will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for a free breakfast at the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center. Anyone can participate and join in the celebration. The sponsors are Mark Redd Concessions, AAU Bonding, Winston-Salem Recreation

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