

## Community Briefs

### André Watts withdraws from Symphony's opening season concert

With deep regret, André Watts has withdrawn from his appearance at the Winston-Salem Symphony's season-opening 70th Anniversary Gala Concert on Sept. 17 due to ongoing treatments for prostate cancer. Pianist Andrew von Oeyen will perform Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 in his place. The season-opening 70th Anniversary Gala Concert will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Reynolds Auditorium at 301 N. Hawthorne Road in Winston-Salem. In addition to Johannes Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2, the Symphony will perform Ludwig van Beethoven's Egmont Overture, which was played at the Symphony's first concert in 1946. They also will play the Carmen Symphony in 12 Scenes by Georges Bizet/José Serebrier. Tickets are on sale now at [WSsymphony.org](http://WSsymphony.org) or 336-464-0145 and start from \$30.

### Emergency assistance office announces new hours

The Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Office located at 901 N. Cleveland Ave. is adjusting its hours of operation. The office will close each day from noon until 1 p.m. for Emergency Assistance staff to break for lunch. For residents in need of assistance, the office will continue opening at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until December 1. Beginning December 1, the Emergency Assistance Office will also be open on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The Salvation Army Emergency Assistance office offers aid in the form of food, clothing, furniture, transportation and utility and rent assistance for families and individuals in crisis. For more information on services, call The Salvation Army Emergency Assistance Office at 336-245-2096 or 336-245-2084.

### The North Carolina Black Repertory Company announces new hire

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company's Board of Directors has announced the appointment of performing artist, producer, director, and arts educator Hilda Willis as the Company's new Director of Education and Associate Artistic Director of the NCBRC Teen Theatre Ensemble. Willis formerly served as Executive/Artistic Director of PAPY, The Performing Arts Program for Youth founded by Jane Fonda in 1993. She has also served as Artistic Director for The CityKids Foundation, Michael Bolton's Safe Space of New Haven, National Black Theater's Children's Theatre, and The Positive Youth Troupe.

### Senior Services, Inc. announces \$5.5 million "Aging with Purpose" campaign

According to the latest census, the number of seniors in the Triad will nearly double in the next 25 years. About 20 percent of the 65-plus population will need significant assistance to manage normal activities of daily living. As a recognized leader in aging, Senior Services, a nonprofit in Winston-Salem is taking steps to address the increasing number of seniors needing help in the coming years. This month, Senior Services, Inc. will kick-off the public phase of its \$5.5 million "Aging with Purpose" campaign to expand its capacity to serve area senior citizens, launch a pilot program to bring renewed purpose and meaning to seniors' lives, and begin a community-wide planning process to make Forsyth County the best place to age in the country. The campaign is being led by Robert J. Johnson, Jr., Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of BB&T. Honorary Co-chairs are Richard Budd, Chairman Emeritus of The Budd Group, and Kelly S. King, Chairman and CEO of BB&T. To learn more about Senior Services or the Aging with Purpose campaign, please contact Kristen Perry, VP of Community Engagement, [kperry@seniorservicesinc.org](mailto:kperry@seniorservicesinc.org); Richard Gottlieb, President and CEO, [rgottlieb@seniorservicesinc.org](mailto:rgottlieb@seniorservicesinc.org); or Lee Covington, Chief Operating Officer at [lcovington@seniorservicesinc.org](mailto:lcovington@seniorservicesinc.org).

### U.S. News Ranks WFU among top 30 national universities, 5th in undergrad teaching

U.S. News and World Report's 2017 Best Colleges guide ranked Wake Forest University 27th overall among 310 national universities and 5th for its commitment to undergraduate teaching. Wake Forest has been ranked in the top 30 in the national universities category for 21 consecutive years and was also 27th in last year's guide. This year's rankings highlighted Wake Forest's study abroad program, low student/faculty ratio and small class size. Fifty-eight percent of undergraduate classes at Wake Forest have fewer than 20 students and only one percent of Wake Forest's classes have more than 50 students, the lowest of any top-30 school. The Wake Forest School of Business undergraduate program was ranked 38th.

### Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center honored with Mission: Lifeline achievement award

Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center has received the Mission: Lifeline Gold Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication. Forsyth Medical Center is recognized for having an 85 percent composite adherence and at least 24 consecutive months of 75 percent or higher compliance on all Mission: Lifeline STEMI Receiving Center quality measures to improve the quality of care for STEMI patients. In addition, Forsyth Medical Center has also been recognized as a recipient of Mission: Lifeline's Gold-Plus award. Forsyth Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for the quick and appropriate treatment of STEMI patients by providing emergency procedures to re-establish blood flow to blocked arteries when needed.

### Now through Oct. 1 - Winston Lake Road Closed

The portion of Winston Lake Road off Waterworks Road that leads to Winston Lake has been closed to facilitate construction of the new Winston Lake Aquatic Park. The closure will remain in place for up to 60 days. Access to picnic shelters 2, 3, and 4 at Winston Lake Park is available via the park entrance on Old Greensboro Road.

### Through Oct. 12 - Small Business "Pathway to Success" Series

The Forsyth County Public Library Southside Branch will hold the "Pathway to Success" series in the library auditorium, 3185 Buchanan St., for those thinking about starting their own business. Join us for one session, or all, as your schedule allows. Sessions run Wednesdays through Oct. 12 from 6 - 8 p.m. These programs are part of the Small Business Series at Forsyth County Public Library, in partnership with Forsyth Tech Small Business Center. Call 336-703-2980 for directions to Southside. For more information, call 336-703-3023 or email [lohmanj2@forsyth.cc](mailto:lohmanj2@forsyth.cc). You may also register for each session at Forsyth Tech Small Business Center by calling 336-757-3810. All programs are free and open to the public.

### Today, Sept. 15-17 - Big 4 Alumni Celebration

The Big 4 Alumni Association of Forsyth County, Inc. will hold its annual Big 4 Celebration Sept. 15 - Sept. 17. In addition to the traditional worship service, Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon, Friday Family Event and Saturday Gala, the Big 4 added a new project last year which is "Day of Service." For tickets to the Big 4 events, visit [www.Big4fc.org](http://www.Big4fc.org) for more information and a schedule of events. Tickets to the Big 4 events can be purchased at the American Legion Post 128 at 4817 Old Rural Hall Road. Interested people also can call (Paisley High grads) 336-764-0980 or (Carver High grads) 336-767-1487 or (Anderson High grads) 336-331-3261.

### Today, Sept. 15 - Heroes for the Homeless Awards Breakfast

The 4th Annual Heroes for the Homeless awards breakfast hosted by the Bethesda Center will take place today, Sept. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at Bridger Field House at BB&T Field. Heroes for the Homeless recognizes individuals and organizations who have committed resources, time, and energy to supporting the homeless population in Forsyth County. This year's honorees include Alan Caldwell, Caroline Stopyra, Love & Faith Christian Fellowship, and the City of Winston-Salem Community and Business Development Department. Tickets are \$35 or you can reserve a table for 10 for \$500. Proceeds from tickets, table reservations, and sponsorships help support the Bethesda Center and their mission to help the Homeless "BStrong365" days a year. Ticket and tables can be purchased at the Bethesda Center or online at [www.bethesdacenter.org](http://www.bethesdacenter.org).

### Today, Sept. 15 - Town Hall Candidates Meeting

Forsyth County Democratic Women and Young Democrats will present a Town Hall meeting today, Thursday, Sept. 15. There will be a wine & cheese reception at 6 p.m. before the Town Hall, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Candidates confirmed as of Monday are: Carrie Vickery, Josh Brannon, Marilynn Baker, Ed Hanes, John Larsen and Jeff MacIntosh.

### Today, Sept. 15 - Masonic Center Open House

The Masonic Center of Winston-Salem, 4537 Country Club Road, will hold an open house today, Sept. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Masonic Center of Winston-Salem, a state-of-the-art meetings and events venue, was built as the fraternal home to some 1,200 Freemasons in the Triad, as well as to serve the community through the use of this facility as a place to gather, celebrate and learn. The Grand Opening Celebration will be held on October 23, 2-5 p.m., and is open to the general public. The new center has the latest in multimedia technology with professional audio, lighting, large screens and laser projectors and can accommodate groups of 10 to 450. Email [gary@masoniccenterws.com](mailto:gary@masoniccenterws.com) to RSVP. For more information, visit

<http://MasonicCenterWS.com>.

### Today, Sept. 15 - Fall Fashion Show

Bevello will host a Fall Fashion Show at the Thruway Center store today, Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). The show will feature the newest color and fashion trends for fall. Attendees will enjoy complimentary light bites and beverages throughout the event. Reserve your seat today for the fashion show by contacting the store at 336-722-6470 or at [thruway@bevello.com](mailto:thruway@bevello.com).

### Sept. 16 deadline registration for Oct. 1 - "News Media 101"

The Winston-Salem Chronicle is sponsoring a free seminar for nonprofits called "News Media 101: Getting Your Message Across," from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 1. It will be at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive in Winston-Salem. Registration is required. The deadline for registration is Sept. 16. To register, send the full name of the nonprofit organization's representative, the name of the nonprofit organization, cell phone number (home phone number if the person doesn't have a cell phone) and email address to [letters@wschronicle.com](mailto:letters@wschronicle.com). Please put in the subject field "Registering for News Media 101." For more information, call 336-722-8624, ext. 108.

### Sept. 16 - Oct. 2 - Theatre Production of "Chicago"

Theatre Alliance will present "Chicago" on weekends from Sept. 16 - Oct. 2 at Theatre Alliance, 1047 Northwest Blvd. Tickets to Chicago are priced at \$18 for Adults and \$16 for students/seniors. There is also a \$2 per ticket discount available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Theatre Alliance Box Office (Fridays from 12:30-3 p.m.), online at [www.wstheatrealliance.org](http://www.wstheatrealliance.org) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006. Please call Theatre Alliance at 336-723-7777 with any questions about this or future shows.

### Sept. 16 - Winston-Salem Football Classic Banquet

The inaugural Winston-Salem Football Classic banquet will be held on Friday, Sept. 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. Please join us for a celebration that commemorates the historic achievements of the legendary William "Bill" Hayes who served as the head football coach at Winston-Salem State University from 1976-1987 and the head football coach at NCA&T University from 1988-2003. In his combined 27 seasons as a head coach he compiled a career college football record of 195-104-2. Hayes returned to WSSU in 2009 to serve as the Athletics Director. Featured keynote speaker will be Leon Kerry, former CIAA Commissioner, with honorary tributes by Steve Willbourn, Joseph Taylor, and Dr. Nathan E. Scovens. Tickets are \$75 each which includes general admission to the WSSU Rams vs. Virginia Union University Panthers football game on Saturday, Sept. 17. Purchase tickets at the Bowman Gray Fieldhouse or online at [http://www.wssurams.com/information/Winston-Salem\\_Classic\\_Banquet](http://www.wssurams.com/information/Winston-Salem_Classic_Banquet).

### Sept. 17 - Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Employee Recruitment Fair

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will hold an Employee

Recruitment Fair on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Education Building, 4801 Bethania Station Rd. Representatives from all schools and departments with current vacancies will be on hand to answer questions. Some interviews may be conducted on site, and candidates are encouraged to bring multiple copies of a resume. The district is in need of a variety of teaching candidates as well as classified personnel. Bus drivers (and substitutes), child nutrition workers (part-time positions available), and teacher assistants are high-demand positions. If you have questions, please contact human resources at [staffing@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:staffing@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) or 336-748-4079.

### Sept. 17 - 7th Annual Kickball Classic Tournament and Food Truck Festival

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of High Point invites friends and community members to join them at their 7th annual kickball classic tournament and food truck festival fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 121 SW Cloverleaf Place, High Point. For the last 7 years, The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of High Point has hosted an adult Kickball Classic Tournament where local teams come together to raise money and play for the year's kickball championship title. There will also be food trucks on site. Admission to the food truck festival is free. The proceeds from this event directly benefit the programs of The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of High Point. For more information about the kickball classic, door prize drawing or food truck festival, please call 336-881-5436.

### Sept. 17 - Grandfather Mountain Girl Scout Day

As part of Grandfather Mountain's 46th annual Girl Scout Day, all Girl Scouts and troop leaders receive free admission on Saturday, Sept. 17, with proof of membership, while discounted admission is available for family members joining them. This year's event, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., focuses on plant life. For more information, visit [grandfather.com](http://grandfather.com), or call 800-468-7325. For more information on Girl Scout Day, call the Grandfather Mountain Naturalist Office at 828-733-4326.

### Sept. 17 - Madd Hatter's Tea Party

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens and the Winston-Salem Festival Ballet are joining to present the Madd Hatter's Tea Party, Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens, 215 S Main St., Kernersville. Come for a morning of teatime antics with the Madd Hatter and croquet fun on lawn of the Queen's Court. Tickets may be bought through [www.winstonsalemfestivalballet.org](http://www.winstonsalemfestivalballet.org) or the Winston-Salem Arts Council Box Office at 336-747-1414. All tickets \$20.

### Sept. 17 - Free Outdoor Movie Experiment in Self-Reliance

Experiment in Self-Reliance, in partnership with Forsyth County Public Library, Forsyth County 4-H, and Great Commission Community Church, will host the final movie of its three-part Family Film Fest: Outdoor Movie Series, on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. This free community-centered movie will be held at Experiment in Self-Reliance, at 3480

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News Media 101: Getting Your Message Across

Donna Rogers, managing editor at the Winston-Salem Chronicle, will lead a free presentation called "News Media 101: Getting Your Message Across"

The seminar will be Saturday, Oct. 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4129 Northampton Drive, Winston-Salem.

Nonprofits are invited to register a representative to attend the seminar on all kinds of news media (print, online & broadcast).

To register, send your name, the name of your nonprofit organization, your cell phone number (home phone number if you don't have a cell phone) and email address to [letters@wschronicle.com](mailto:letters@wschronicle.com). Please put in the subject field "Registering for News Media 101."

The deadline for registration is Sept. 16th.