

# HAPPENINGS

## August

**11 "Matt & Ben,"** North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Production of Charlotte's Off-Broadway Theatre. For information, log on to [www.blumenthalcenter.org](http://www.blumenthalcenter.org).

Author **T. Lynn Ocean** signs and discusses the novel "Fool Me Once," Joseph-Beth Books, 7 p.m.

**Double Oaks YWCA steel band concert,** Double Oaks Pre-K and Family Center, 6:30 p.m. Free. Sponsored by Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Education Institute.

### 12 Open Air Shake-

**speare,** Union Elementary, Lincoln County, 6:30 p.m. One-act versions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Free. Call (704) 735-ACT1 for information.



**Brown** **13 Rhythm & Blues Shag** Review featuring **Nappy Brown and Chick Willis,** JBz Beach & Blues Club, 2311 West Sugar Creek Road. Tickets \$12 with limited reserve seating. Doors open at 8 p.m. For information, call (704) 596-9194.

**Open Air Shakespeare,** Lincoln Charter, Lincoln County, 6:30 p.m., Lincolnton. One-act versions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Free. Call (704) 735-ACT1 for information.

**15 Undergraduate Juried Exhibition,** Rutledge and Patrick Galleries, Winthrop University. Through Sept. 2.

**19 Open Air Shakespeare,** Betty Ross Park, Lincolnton, 6:30 p.m. One-act versions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Free. Call (704) 735-ACT1 for information.

**20 Alpha Luau,** Marriott Executive Park Hotel, 5250 Westpark Drive, 9 p.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Music by Peace & Love Band and DJ Tab D'Bia\$. To buy tickets online, log on to [www.betanulambda.org/luau](http://www.betanulambda.org/luau) or contact a chapter member.

**Open Air Shakespeare,** Highland Drive Park, Lincolnton, 6:30 p.m. One-act versions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Free. Call (704) 735-ACT1 for information.

**Great Gatsby Gala,** Hyatt Charlotte at SouthPark, 8 p.m. Includes music by the Kings of Swing, costume contest and dance competition. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. For information, call (704) 525-2955 or (800) 477-2955. Proceeds go to Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Vintage celebration,** 8 p.m., Museum of York County, 4621 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill. Learn the techniques of tasting wine with products from 20 wines and specialty beers. Admission limited to first 300 people. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. For information, call (803) 366-2010, extension 223.

**23 Auditions for "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"** Children's Theatre of Charlotte, 1017 East Morehead St. Call (704) 376-5745 for more information. Second audition on Aug. 24.

**26 Percy Sledge** headlines "Shaggin' Queen City Style" 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Oasis Shrine Temple. Tickets are \$30, which includes live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. For tickets or information, call the Metrolina Native American Association at (704) 926-1526.

**Open Air Shakespeare,** East Lincoln Recreation Center, Eastern Lincoln County, 6:30 p.m. One-act versions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Free. Call (704) 735-ACT1 for information.

**27 Shagging at the BRIDGE,** 8 p.m., Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 800 Briar Creek Road. DJ is Dr. Chris Beachley of the Wax Museum. Cash bar, door prizes. Shaggers welcome. Cost \$15 per person.

## September

**15 Reflections,** Afro-American Cultural Center Attic Theatre. Presentation of spoken word and theatrical works featuring participants from Harambee, adult performing arts workshops. Admission \$5, free to AACC members.

**North Carolina Dance Theatre** open house in NoDa, North Davidson and 28th streets. Free.

**16 Latin American Excelente Awards,** Westin Hotel. Black tie event honors excellence in the Latin American community. For information, call (704) 568-6966.

**"Tuff Shuffle: Backstage with Louis Armstrong,** 8 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center Attic Theatre. Written and performed by historian/actor Danny Mullen. Performances on Sept. 17 at 8

p.m. and Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. Admission \$15; \$20 for two; \$10 for AACC members, ASC Givin' & Livin' card holders and Charlotte Shout Rewards passholders.

**17 Woman Speaks Festival,** 10 a.m., Extravaganza Depot. Includes submissions of poetry, short stories, song lyrics contests. Deadline Aug. 1. For information, e-mail [WomanSpeaks@aol.com](mailto:WomanSpeaks@aol.com).

**19 Urban League Guild golf tournament,** Verdict Ridge Golf & Country Club. Noon shotgun start with events including closest to pin contest and \$6,000 putting contest. For details or sign-up, log on to [www.urbanleaguucc.org](http://www.urbanleaguucc.org).

**23 The Charlotte Post Best Awards Banquet,** Adam's Mark Hotel. Keynote speaker Kati Haycock. Reception at 6:30 p.m.; dinner follows at 7:30 with live auction. Proceeds benefit The Charlotte Post Scholarship Foundation. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling (704) 376-0496.

**24 "Revelry and Revolution: An 18th century dinner theatre experience,"** Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Colonial-style meal, live music and colonial dancing. Make reservations by calling (704) 568-1774. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$65 per couple.

## October

**3 Illusionist Lyn Dilies** will join maestro **Albert Moehring** to open the Charlotte Philharmonic's

16th season with "Magic at the Philharmonic" at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Belk Theatre. Also featured are selections from John Williams' "ET Selections," "Mars" from The Planets by Holst and "Galup of the Comedians" by Kabalevsky. To buy tickets or for information, call (704) 846-2788 or log on to [www.charlottephilharmonic.org](http://www.charlottephilharmonic.org).

**14 West Charlotte High School Class of 1995 reunion.** Events through Oct. 16 include cocktail party/meet and greet on Oct. 14; banquet Oct. 15 and cookout Oct. 16. To indicate interest in attending, send an e-mail to [westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com](mailto:westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com) or contact information to [www.westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com](mailto:www.westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com)

**15 Olympic High School Class of 1985 20-year class reunion.** For information, call (864) 234-5566 or e-mail [classevents@bellsouth.net](mailto:classevents@bellsouth.net).

**Gospel Music Day '05,** featuring Tonex, Paramount's Carowinds Paladium Amphitheatre. Tickets range from \$19.99 for regular reserved season pass to \$39.99 for Gold Circle adult. Advance tickets available through Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500 or any Ticketmaster outlet. Discount group tickets for groups of 10 or more available by calling Carowinds at (800) 888-4386.

**21 Amy Grant** performs with **Charlotte Symphony Orchestra,** 8 p.m., Ovens Auditorium. Tickets \$22-\$75 and can be purchased by calling the Charlotte Symphony ticket office at (704) 972-2000 or Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500.

## CENTURY OF REUNIONS



PHOTO: CALVIN FERGUSON

Daiera Roberts, 96, helped host the 100th reunion of the Roberts, Borders, Mauney, Howell and Briggs families last week. The family is descendants of J.W. Roberts, who wrote his memoirs as a history to pass on to his heirs. Daiera Roberts is J.W. Roberts' daughter.

## BACKPACK TO SCHOOL TIME



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Charlotte Office Depot stores donated 1,000 backpacks to Charlotte-Mecklenburg students last week. The presentations, which included basic school supplies in every backpack, were made during the opening of Office Depot's seventh store at 9011 S. Tryon St.

## SUPER VOLUNTEER



PHOTO: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION ORGANIZATION

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Athletic Coordinator **Anthony James** (right) holds the Outstanding Volunteer Award presented to him by the National Association of County Park and Recreation Organization. The award cites James' volunteer work with inner city youth in the Charlotte Flight Club, of which he is head coach and cofounder. County Commissioner **Norman Mitchell** (left) congratulates James at the association's awards banquet July 15.

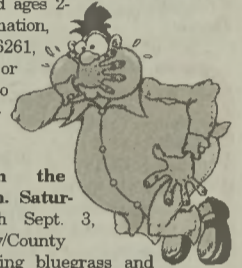
## Notes

**Dell Curry-Charlotte Bobcats basketball camp,** Aug. 8-12, First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 301 S. Davidson St. Children age 7-15 can spend a week with former NBA player and guests to learn fundamentals. To sign up or for information, call (704) 332-5437 or go online at [www.dcchairty.org](http://www.dcchairty.org).

**North State Law Enforcement Officers golf tournament and scholarship fund drive,** Aug. 13, Renaissance Park Golf Course, 1525 W. Tyvola Road. Entry fee \$65 or \$240 per team. Starts at 8 a.m. Sponsored by Focus on Future Leaders Class III.

**Festi-Bull,** Johnson C. Smith University, Aug. 14, 4 p.m., Irwin Belk Complex. Activities for children and adults, music, free giveaways and food. Also meet and greet with JCSU athletes, cheerleaders and coaches. Free.

**"Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body,"** Discovery Place. Based on the best-selling book "Grossology," exhibit uses animatronics to tell the good, bad and ugly about runny noses, body odor and other body functions. Exhibit is free with paid admission to Discovery Place; \$8.50 for ages 14-59, \$6.50 for seniors and ages 2-13. For information, call (704) 372-6261, extension 300 or log on to [www.discoveryplace.org](http://www.discoveryplace.org).



**Shindig on the Green,** 7 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 3, Asheville City/County Plaza. Featuring bluegrass and mountain string bands, ballad singers, storytellers and cloggers. Free. For information, call (828) 258-6101, extension 789.

**Eastside Apprentice Institute,** through Aug. 19. A comprehensive forum that exposes sixth through ninth-graders to key principles of business ownership. Camp is held Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$25; camp fee is \$25 and lunch will be provided. For information, call Beth Durante-Holland or Johnnie Wallace at (704) 563-2100.

**Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg banquet/dance,** Aug. 19, Marriott Charlotte Executive Park, 5700 Westpark Drive. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:15. Tickets are \$50. For information, call Anna Hood at (704) 333-4685 or Connie Johnson at (704) 643-6686.

**Dell Curry Celebrity Golf Charity Classic,** Aug. 22, River Run Golf & Country Club, Davidson. Golf benefit for Charlotte-area children. For information, call (704) 332-5437 or log on to [www.dcccharity.org](http://www.dcccharity.org).

**Pre-Labor Day Golf Tournament,** Olde Sycamore Golf Club, Aug. 25. Sponsored by Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, registration is \$65 per player or \$260 for foursome. Deadline is Aug. 16. For information, call (704) 375-3900, extension 10.

Thomasboro Neighborhood Association and Thomasboro Church of Christ host **Community Fun Day** Aug. 27, 1 p.m. at the church, 216 Bradford Drive. Activities for families as well as food and vendors. For information, call Wanda Jones at (704) 392-4253.

**S. James Gates Jr.,** professor of physics and director of the Center for String and Particle Theory at the University of Maryland, will deliver Davidson College's Smith Lecture "What You May Not Know About Einstein's Legacy" Sept. 8, Duke Family Performance Hall. Gates is the first African American to hold an endowed chair in physics at a major U.S. research university. Free.

Gates

## Exhibits

**"Ancient Egyptian Art for the Afterlife,"** Mint Museum through Dec. 4. Exhibit is a selection of 90 ancient artifacts from a local private collection. Exhibit covers the Pre-Dynastic Period (4000-3000 BC) Old Kingdom (3000-2100 BC), New Kingdom (1350-1000 BC) and Ptolemaic Period (200-30 BC). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$3 for children 6-17.

Mint Museum of Craft + Design hosts **Murano: Glass from the Olnick Spanu Collection** through Aug. 21. More than 200 examples of blown glass will be showcased. Mint Museum of Craft + Design is located at 220 N. Tryon St. and open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Museum is free Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$3 for children 6-17. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or log on to [www.mintmuseum.org](http://www.mintmuseum.org).

**"Artistry Around Our Table,"** Afro-American Cultural Center, through Aug. 20. Exhibition features talents of AACC's Roundtable Professional Artist Fellows in multidisciplinary works. For information, log on to [www.aacc-charlotte.org](http://www.aacc-charlotte.org).

Concerts, art exhibits and community-oriented events can be submitted to *The Charlotte Post* P.O. Box 30144 Charlotte, NC 28230. You can fax (704) 342-2160, log on at [www.thecharlottepost.com](http://www.thecharlottepost.com) or e-mail [editorial@thecharlottepost.com](mailto:editorial@thecharlottepost.com).