

HAPPENINGS

August

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.

Sledge

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.

TORIF presents: **Community Awareness Explosion**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Boys and Girls Club, 2901 Milton Road. For information call (704) 392-6114. Ministry, music and free giveaways.

Gospel stage play "A Dead Man Walking," Pease Auditorium, Central Piedmont Community College. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the theatre box office at 1201 Elizabeth Ave. or by phone at (704) 330-6534.

WTVI Family Fun Fest, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 3242 Commonwealth Ave. Food, games and musical entertainment with appearances by PBS children's characters Arthur, Clifford and WTVI's Bev and Seemore Goodstuff. Free. For information, call (704) 371-8839.

30 Lauren Griffen, author of "This Scatter of Blossoms," at Wine-Up, 3306 N. Davidson St. Admission is \$5. Call (757) 572-2230 for information.

31 "Polish Joke," Actors Theatre of Charlotte, through Sept. 17. Admission Wednesday and Thursday \$20 for 7:30 p.m. curtain; \$25 for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., \$25 on Sept. 11 matinee at 2:30 p.m. Call (704) 342-2251 for tickets.

September

2 Gullah/Geechee Nation International African Music & Movement Festival, St. Helena Island. Two-day festival shows African Diaspora's links to the Gullah/Geechee people through storytellers, dance and marketplace. For information on tickets, contest and vendor details, call (843) 838-1171.

3 Igunnuko African Heritage Festival, Frazier Park. A family-oriented celebration of the arts to preserve, educate and promote traditional African, African American and Caribbean history and culture. Two-day festival features live performances of African drumming and dance, spoken word, reggae, gospel, African and other cultural entertainment. Free.

4 Moscow State Circus, Cricket Arena, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Showtimes 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Adult tickets \$22; children \$7.50.

12 The Spoken Word, Union County Public Library, Monroe. Open Mic format. Any type of clean poetry welcome. Each poet is given three minutes to perform up to three poems. Call (704) 283-8184, extension 232 to register.

13 Tomeka M. Winborne, author of "Where My Strength Come From" at Wine-Up, 3306 N. Davidson St., 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call (757) 572-2230 for information.

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.

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.urbanleaguecc.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 cen-

ture 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.

Tosco Music Party, 7 p.m., Spirit Square Center for Arts and Education. Tickets \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5.50 under 16. Performers include Jonathan Byrd, Dromedary, Pura Fe, Ravi and Phil Carias.

27 Nikki Turner, author of "The Glamorous Life" at Wine-Up, 3306 N. Davidson St., 7 p.m. Admission \$5. Call (757) 572-2230 for information. She will also sign copies of her novel at Real Eyes Bookstore from 6-8 p.m.

29 Cook Dixon & Young, Ovens Auditorium. Three Original Tenors perform songs from the CD "Cook Dixon & Young in Concert."

October

1 Tiffani Johnson Basketball Camp, Grady Cole Center, 310 Kings Drive. Two-day basketball skills camp and throwback game featuring former Garinger High School standout Tiffani Johnson (WNBA Houston Comets). Proceeds go to scholarship funds for college-bound students. For information, call Rosalyn Johnson McDowell at (704) 891-2362 or Cynthia Smith Perkins at (704) 596-0107.

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.

9 "Mill Village: A Piedmont Rhapsody," 2 p.m., Levine Museum of the New South. Program in conjunction with Charlotte Symphony Orchestra to connect mill communities to music. Local composer David Crowe composed original chamber work performed by the CSO.

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 or contact information to www.westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com

Charlie Wilson & The Gap Band and the Stylistics, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, 8 p.m. Part of N.C. A&T State University homecoming. Tickets are \$30 and \$45 and available at the Coliseum advance box office or www.tickets.com.

15 Olympic High School Class of 1985 reunion. For information, call (864) 234-5566 or e-mail classevents@bellsouth.net.

Gospel Music Day '05, featuring Tonex, Paramount's Carowinds Padiam Amphitheater. Tickets range from \$19.99 to \$39.99 for Gold Circle adult. Advance tickets available through Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500. Discount group tickets available by calling (800) 888-4386.

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

MILL MUSIC



Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will perform David Crowe's "Mill Village: A Piedmont Rhapsody" Oct. 9 at Levine Museum of the New South.

FAMILY REUNION



Thousands of people turned out for the Ebony Black Family Reunion last weekend at Marshall Park. The reunion featured musical acts, comedians, food and information booths.

REAL MAN FISHING



Andre Lomax admires his fish caught in Reedy Creek Park during a trip by the TRUE MAN leadership group sponsored by BRIDGE Jobs Program.

Notes

Millions More Movement-Charlotte Local Organizing Committee town hall meeting Aug. 27, Main Library, 310 N. Tryon St. Includes a presentation and discussion on reparations. For information, call Ahmad Daniels at (704) 537-1533 or e-mail ahmad@bellsouth.net.

"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.

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 doggers. Free. For information, call (828) 258-6101, extension 789.

Strikes for Tikes, AMF Carolina Lanes, 11210 Brigman Road, Matthews. Theme is retro bowling, so wear your hippest outfit. For \$25 donation, participants will have free shoe rental, three hours of free bowling and goody bag. For information or to sign up, call (704) 372-2263. Sponsored by Youth Harbor.

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. 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.

Benjamin Kubie, education and outreach associate for the N.C. Dance Theatre and former principal dancer will talk "Ballet 101" Sept. 4 at 7 p.m., at West Boulevard Public Library, 2157 West Blvd. Kubie will talk about what goes into the making of a ballet and NCDT. To make a reservation, call (704) 336-6802.

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.

NAACP Ashanti Awards celebration Sept. 9-10. Golf tournament Sept. 9, Highland Creek Golf Course. Awards and silent auction Sept. 9 at Westin Hotel, 6 p.m. For information, call Kenneth White at (704) 549-9555.

"An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf," Sept. 8-24, South End Performing Arts Center, 201 Rampart St., 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Matinee Sept. 11 at 3 p.m.; pay what you can Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors.

Medal of Honor in the Arts, Oct. 21, Winthrop University, 8 p.m. Honoring Ray Doughty, Harriet Goode, Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Charles Randolph-Wright and Walter Roberts and Georgina Wooton-Roberts. Tickets are \$50 and proceeds will fund scholarships in visual arts, dance, music or theatre at Winthrop. For information or tickets, call (803) 323-2399.

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.

Art Works 945 fourth annual outsider art auction, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10. Features works by Charlotte's homeless at Hodges Taylor Gallery, 401 N. Tryon St., 6 p.m.

"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.

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 or e-mail editorial@thecharlottepost.com.