

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Dealing with mental illness

The Mental Health Association in Forsyth County will hold an informational meeting for families dealing with mental illness Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 20 at noon. Both meetings will be held at The Mental Health Association, 4265 Brownsboro Road. Professionals will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. For more information call Donna Camp, 759-9370 extension 229.

## Volunteers needed

Single Parents Searching for Solutions will open a support center later this year. The group currently has a number of volunteer positions available. For more information e-mail them at spss@alltel.net.

## Volunteer opportunity

Volunteers are needed for "Excellence Triathlon and Splash-N-Dash." The event, which will be held Sept. 18 at Tanglewood Park, is a benefit for domestic violence intervention programs and the Forsyth County Women's Shelter. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt and admission to the park. For more information call Jan Lawlor at 716-4327 or Mary Teague at 777-3014.

## Forsyth County Department of Public Health

The department is looking for community residents concerned about the high incidence of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases in the county to serve on a special task force. For more information call STD Action Group at 727-2436 ext. 3855.

## Entertainers needed

Auditions are open for magicians, jugglers, comedians and tumblers to perform during a vaudeville show during the "5 by O'Henry Plays" at the Greensboro Historical Museum. For more information call Linda Evans, 373-2610.

## Grants available

The Central Piedmont Regional Artists Hub has grants available for artists in Guilford and surrounding counties. The grants can be used to cover the costs of a host of expenses, including exhibitions, training, travel, work facilities and equipment. For more information call The United Arts Council of Greensboro, 373-7523 extension 248.

## ONGOING EVENTS

"Summer Salon," an exhibit featuring the works of Greensboro artists, continues through Sept. 12 at the Greensboro Artist

League, 200 N. Davie St. For more information call 333-7485.

## Senior Financial Care

The Winston-Salem Senior Financial Care service is available to adults over 60 years of age who live in Forsyth County. A counselor can help clients with personal budgeting, balancing their checkbooks and writing monthly checks. For more information call the office at 725-1972.

## Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers needs your help in identifying the suspects responsible for the March 14 arson at Saint's Delight Church on Barry Street in Winston-Salem. Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 will be given for information that leads to the solution of any unsolved crime. Your identity does not have to be revealed. If you have any information you may call Crimestoppers at 727-2800.

## Hepatitis Education Support Group

If you have a friend or loved one coping with hepatitis and you want to learn more about this disease and talk about your experience with others, you may participate in a hepatitis support group monthly meeting every third Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Digestive Health Specialists building in Winston-Salem. For more information call 768-6211.

## AUG. 12

## Ambassador meeting

The Ambassador Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Chamber Board Room. The meeting will include a briefing from the education department of the Chamber of Commerce.

## AUG. 13

## Diabetes screening

A free diabetes screening will take place at the BestHealth Resource Center in Hanes Mall from 9 a.m.-noon.

## AUG. 14

## Pond community reunion

The ninth annual Pond Community Reunion will be held at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary and parking lot of Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St.

## Back to school rally

Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will hold an education rally from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Activities, which include games for children and speakers for adults, will focus on the roll of parents and students in education. School supplies will be passed out. Refreshments will be

served and the church's Children's Community Choir will perform.

## AUG. 17

## Miss America to talk about diabetes

Miss America 1999, Nicole Johnson, will discuss the ups and downs of living with diabetes at High Point's Oak Hollow Mall. The discussion is part of the mall's first annual Diabetes Health Fair. Johnson, who suffers from the disease, is crisscrossing the nation to educate the millions of Americans afflicted with diabetes. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Miss America will speak at 3 p.m. For more information call 768-1027.

## Soccer clinic

Soccer clinics will be held Aug. 14 and 21 at Happy Hill Park. Each event is open to boys and girls ages 6-10. Transportation will be provided from 14th Street Recreation Center, Reynolds Park Recreation Center and Salem Gardens. The event is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Initiative, The Winston-Salem Optimist Youth Soccer League and the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department.

## Bodybuilding championships

The eighth annual Atlantic Coast Bodybuilding & Fitness Championships Pro-Qualifier will take place at The Carolina Theater, 310 South Greene Street in Greensboro. The event features some of the nation's top male and female drug-free amateur bodybuilders and fitness competitors. Special guest posing appearances will feature Richard "Tricky" Jackson and Eric "Big E" Harris. Prejudging starts at noon with finals at 7 p.m. For additional information call 812-8085 or call 333-2605.

## Art auction

The Winston-Salem Jaycees will sponsor an art auction at the Benton Convention Center starting with a preview at 7 p.m. and auction at 8 p.m. For ticket information call 777-3663.

## AUG. 15

## Poetry contest

Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest. To enter, send one poem on any subject and any style, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 126, Hollywood, CA 90028 or enter on-line at: www.famouspoets.com. The deadline for entering is today and a winners list will be sent to all entrants on or before Sept. 30.

## Stress seminar

A free seminar on stress will be held at the Carver School Road Branch of the Forsyth County Library. Catherine Jourdan, a licensed counselor, will suggest ways to ease everyday stressors. The library is at 4915 Lansing Drive. For more information call 716-3066.

## ADA to meet

The Forsyth Chapter of the American Diabetes Association will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, corner of Country Club and Peace Haven roads. Dr. John Butterworth will discuss anesthesia, surgery and recovery. For more information call 945-2563.

## Task force to meet

The Greensboro Task Force on Citizens Review Board Issues will meet at noon in the plaza level conference room of the Melvin Municipal Building. The Commission on the Status of Women will meet at 1 p.m. in City Council chamber.

## Study results released

Forsyth County Early Childhood Partnership will release the findings of a major study on the needs of young children in the county. A special session for child-care providers begins at 4:30 p.m.; a full session for the community opens at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at The Children's Center, 2315 Coliseum Dr.

## AUG. 19

## Conflict management workshop

The Family Support Program of St. Peter's World Outreach Center will hold a special workshop on conflict management at 6:30 p.m. for parents of young children and child care providers. The church is at 3683 Old Lexington Road. The event will be held in Mobile Unit #2. For more information call 784-9339.

## Children of divorce

A two-session workshop for parents on helping children deal with the problems of divorce will be held Aug. 19 and 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Life Council of Greater Greensboro, 301 Washington St., Suite 204. For registration and fee information call 333-6890 extension 221.

## BLR to meet

The Black Leadership Roundtable of Winston-Salem will meet at 6 p.m. at the Winston Mutual Building. For more information call 784-9373.

## Youth Expressions

Greensboro's African American Atelier will present "Youth Expressions," an exhibit of works by young people who participated in the organization's youth program. The exhibit runs Aug. 20-27. The Atelier is at 200 N. Davie St. in Greensboro.

## AUG. 21

## Boston Reunion

The Boston Round-Up is a community day of fellowship when past and present residents and friends of the community are brought together for a day of fellowship. The event begins at 3 p.m. at the Grassy Knoll between 13th, 14th and Cherry streets.

## Back-to-School Extravaganza

The Black Child Development Center of Greensboro will hold its annual Back-to-School Extravaganza Aug. 21 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1210 S. Eugene Street.

Experts will be on hand to discuss social promo-

## Revival

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Wade. "We don't want little colored grades. What are your expectations for yourself?"

Wade explained that once he made up his mind to do what smart kids always did such as going to the library, going to the computer lab, completing homework daily and staying focused, his instructors began to see him differently and he saw himself differently. Although he was an outstanding athlete, he discovered that he needed to be competitive academically also.

"People began to treat me like I was smart. You don't have to wait until you are in your sophomore year of college to find out you are smart. There is no shame in the good grades game," Wade said. "I know that when you get good grades, kids talk about you, and often girls would rather get C's and D's so that the boys won't distance themselves from them. They will get good grades or you should leave them alone. Demand that they get good grades, and they will."

Wade also called for parents who were willing to stand and be counted in the learning process.

"We need stand-up parents, parents who will support schools. We need parents who will stand up for the child and stand up to the child...The world is not understanding, so we must be. The world is not compassionate, so we must be," Wade said.

Fields stressed that Latham uses an expectation guide to explain what they want from teachers, students and parents. He advocates that when examining standardized test results, item analysis reveals what is being taught and whether concepts are being grasped.

"Testing in this state is not diagnostic or prescriptive. It is political," Fields said.

He encouraged parents to read to their kids, talk to them, hug them and tell them that

they love them. Reading soup cans, creating chore lists, reading and writing back for comprehension of the Bible or other materials can be helpful for their development.

## AUG. 24

The Kernersville Little Theater will hold auditions and volunteer sign-up for the musical "Big River." A free pre-audition workshop will be held today at 7 p.m. Auditions and sign-ups will be held Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. All events will be held in the Kernersville School Auditorium. For more information call 993-6556.

## AUG. 26

St. Peter's Family Support Program will hold a workshop for child-care givers at 12:30 p.m. The workshop is open to parents of small children and professional child-care providers. Limited child-care will be provided. The event will be held at St. Peter's World Outreach Center, Mobile Unit #2, 3683 Old Lexington Road. For more information call 784-9339.

Johnson of the school board expressed his findings about the standardized test scores.

"When I looked at the performance of black kids, I saw such a wide gap between the black and white kids...Churches are getting involved. I'm glad to see this revival. We need to be concerned about this problem," Johnson said. He encouraged students to practice daily attendance and orderly discipline.

"Black youth comprise 42 percent of the student population, but they make up 62 percent of students who are suspended, put out of school and in in-school suspension," Johnson said. "Parents, every chance you get praise your children. Don't put them down...If he is wrong, scold him. Parents should visit their kid's school at least four times a year to find out the trouble and straighten it out. It works. We will have to get back to where we were. Parents should be concerned about when their kids learn."

Johnson noted that the kids enrolled in the Equity + schools tended to do better on the end-of-grade tests than those at the majority of schools. He pointed to the smaller class sizes and additional funding for these schools, which make the environment more conducive to working individually with a child.

The next academic revival is set for Oct. 17, and Wade expects more to attend. He also plans to conduct the following workshops: "Boys to Men (Ages 9-13); Personal Development and Academic Achievement" on Sept. 11; "Boys to Men (Ages 14-18); Personal Growth and Academic Achievement" on Sept. 18; and "Seven Strategies for Moving to the Next Level - Personally and Professionally" on Oct. 2.

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