

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The North Carolina A&T State University National Alumni Scholars Program

Applications for the NC A&T National Alumni Scholars Program are now available. Please contact Velma Simmons at 721-9991. Applications can be picked up at 544 N. Graham Ave.

Mayor seeks citizens to serve on board and commissions

Mayor Jack Cavanagh is accepting applications for citizens interested in serving on the Historic Properties Commission. There are two vacancies. The deadline for all submissions is Jan. 10. Applicants interested in applying should contact Liebe Wesley, the volunteer coordinator for the mayor's office, at 748-3550, and ask for an application.

Parent to parent

The Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro will hold a series of workshops for parents and individuals who work with children. For more information about workshops and programs, call 230-2138.

Scholarships available

Scholarships are now available for individuals interested in careers in library sciences. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and represent one of four ethnic groups: African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders,

Latinos/Hispanics and Native Americans. For more information about the scholarship program, call (800) 545-2433 extension 5020.

Free health screenings

Free, confidential health screenings and information about wellness issues are available from a host of agencies throughout the community. For more information call 727-2436 extension 3855.

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.

Free legal counseling

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers free legal counseling to people age 60 and over who meet certain financial guidelines. The clinic is open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and is located in the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation on the medical center campus. For more information call 713-8630.

Crimestoppers

for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, said he is aware of at least three LIFT students applying to attend Carver in January.

But Hinson says it is possible that other students have applied to reenter the system.

Laura Krumpler, who argued the state's case, was out of town this week and unavailable to comment on the case.

LIFT supporters packed the courtroom last week. Among them were students, staff members and prominent people from the community.

State Reps. Larry Womble and Pete Oldham sat side-by-side. Former Alderman Virginia Newell and County Commissioner Walter Marshall were also on hand.

Marshall, who sits on the Board of County Commissioners with Parmon, called the revocation of the school's charter "a miscarriage of justice," saying that the school was denied due process.

"I think if (LIFT) gets support from the community it has a good chance of remaining open," Marshall said. "Right now is the time for people to see that there is a need for a program like LIFT."

Many people have whispered that LIFT is being singled out by the state because it is a black charter school. They say the overwhelming majority of charter schools that have recently had their charters revoked are run by African Americans or serve black children.

Parmon and Marshall stop short of calling the state's actions racist, but they both say they are baffled.

"LIFT was making strides," Marshall said. "It's beyond me why the state revoked its charter. It's beyond everybody."

Officials with the state office of Charter Schools could not be reached by presstime to comment on how they plan to proceed in the case involving LIFT.

Chronicle Reporter Paul Collins contributed to this story

come from a long line of wood artists to master the craft. Fakeye says the students he teaches embrace the art form wholeheartedly.

"The technique can be taught," he said matter-of-factly. Fakeye is a strong advocate of the arts. He says he believes the arts help young people, especially, learn creativity, patience, determination and other life lessons.

For him, art has become cathartic. For almost half a century, he has used it to release negative energy, channeling it into something beautiful.

"When I feel unhappy or upset, I work and all of that comes out of me," he said.

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. Calls are anonymous. If you have any information call Crimestoppers at 727-2800.

Grief support group

Carousel Family Center Bereavement Support Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The group is open to children, teens and adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. The center is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to complete an hour-long orientation program.

For more information call the Hospice Grief Center, 768-3972.

Artist Grant Program

The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County is currently accepting applications for its Regional Artist Grant Program. This program is designed to assist artists in the advancement of their professional careers. The program is open to artists residing in Forsyth, Davie, Davidson, Stokes, Surry and

Yadkin counties. Applications are available in the reception area of the Arts Council office at 395 W. Fourth St. Completed applications are due by March 1, 2000.

Cars, trucks and boats wanted

Big Brother/Big Sisters of Forsyth County are asking for donations of unwanted cars, trucks and boats in the Cars for Kids' Sake program. To make a hassle-free donation call (800)710-9145 and a CFKS representative will arrange to pick up the vehicle. The donor may be eligible for a tax deduction.

Yoga classes

The Central North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold YOGA, an exercise program designed specifically for individuals who are diagnosed with MS. Classes will be held Saturdays Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5 and 12 from 10:30 a.m. till noon at the Martinet Outpatient Rehabilitation Center in Kernersville. To register, call 759-2105 or (800) 229-8776. Space is limited.

Have an ice day

The LJVM Coliseum Annex will open its doors for ice skaters through Jan. 1 from noon to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission for the public skating sessions are \$5 and \$2 for skate rental. Non-skating spectators get in free when accompanied by a paying skater. Call 727-2978 to arrange a group outing at least a week in advance.

Dec. 31

Ring in the New Year

First Night Piedmont will take place at the LJVM Coliseum Annex beginning at 5 p.m.

For more information call 727-2978.

Festival of Lights

The Tanglewood Festival of Lights show will run through Jan. 9. The light show is three miles long. It begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m.

Doll show

The Sawtooth Center will show a collection of Brown Sugar and Spice Dolls from Regina Perry. For more information call the center at 722-2625.

Jan. 5

Human relations meeting

The Human relations commit-

tee will hold its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. in the Greensboro City Council Chamber, located in the Melvin Municipal Office Building. The public is invited.

Story time

The Winston-Salem Barnes and Noble will present "Cat Stories" at 10 a.m.

Jan. 7

The Bernstein Bears appear

Mama and Papa Bernstein Bear will appear at Barnes and Noble at 7 p.m. The two will tell stories, and parents are encouraged to bring a camera.

Writers' Group meeting

The Writers Group will meet at Barnes and Noble at 7 p.m.

Jan. 8

Black Achievers

Wanda Starke from WXII TV and Robin Adams, director of University News Service at UNC-Greensboro, will host a communications workshop at the Winston Lake Family YMCA at noon. The two will also meet with communications and arts/entertainment students.

LIFT

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Last week's hearing on the fate of the restraining order was delayed because the state was unable to present its entire case.

Both sides called witnesses at the hearing to further their conflicting claims.

Most of the witnesses for LIFT testified the school was well on its way to reducing its debt, even though the state was greatly underfunding the school.

Several people, including an accountant who worked for the school, testified that LIFT had substantially reduced its debt by \$100,000, from \$141,000 to \$41,000.

One LIFT witness said it was possible that the school could now be in the black if it had received its full funding from the state, which the school has not received since last summer.

The state said that it would eventually explain why funds are being withheld from the school.

"We have done everything the state has asked us to do," Parmon said.

Parmon believes that the state is refusing to acknowledge the strides LIFT has made in fixing its financial problems. She added that she is happy that information about the school's debt reduction became public during the hearing.

"Some people don't want the (public) to know that we reduced our debt by \$100,000 while only receiving one-twelfth of our money from the state," Parmon said.

Parmon said she hopes the state will not fight to revoke the school's charter while students are in the midst of a school year.

She says that to her knowledge, only three of LIFT's more than 125 students have applied to return to the public school system in January. She expects the remaining students to be back at school on Jan. 3.

Doug Hinson, a spokesperson

Artist

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The city's Arts Council brought him here three years ago to work with students at Wiley Middle School. It's an experience, he says, he thoroughly enjoyed.

He has also worked with students at Winston-Salem State University.

Leon Woods, an aspiring woodcarver, was one of the students Fakeye worked with at WSSU. He has been making regular visits to the Durotoyes' house to work with Fakeye over the last week.

Fakeye says you don't have to

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