

Community Calendar

May 4

Chicken/fish fry

The Forsyth Chapter of the American Business Women will have a chicken/fish fry on Friday, May 4, from 11-3 p.m. at 980 E. Second Street. The cost of dinner with dessert will be \$6. Orders of six or more will be delivered. To place your order, call 725-4202. This activity is a scholarship fund-raiser.

May 5

The Math and Science Academy of Excellence Summer Program at WSSU

Applications are due May 5 for The Math and Science Academy of Excellence Summer Program at WSSU. Virginia Newell is director of the program. Rising sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are welcome to apply through your school counselors.

Bivouac Lodge 503 to sell fish dinners

Bivouac Lodge 503 will sell fish dinners on May 5. The dinners will consist of a choice of bone or filet fish with baked

beans, slaw, hush puppies, dinner roll and poundcake slices. Feel free to dine in with the brethren or take out. The event will be at the Masonic Temple, 1025 E. 14th Street from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Charity donation is \$5. Funds raised will be used to assist families in distress and in need of assistance. The Brethren of Bivouac Lodge 503 thank you for your support, which will enable us to reach out to even more people in the communities. Linwood Jerald Jr. is lodge worshipful master.

Old School Variety Show

The Old School Variety Show will be presented May 5 at 7 p.m. at Carver High School Auditorium. Arnita Dean (Boss Lady) will be MC. This is an NDI Production. For more information, call Delores J. Wall, 723-3911; Nathaniel Williams, 924-6339; Ike Howard, 750-2120.

May 11

Regular monthly NARFE meeting postponed until May 11

The regular monthly meeting of the National Association of Retired and Working Federal

Employees (NARFE) is postponed until Friday, May 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Elks Lodge, 3340 Silas Creek Parkway.

Sue Sloop, vice president, will highlight issues received at the recent Legislature conference held in Washington, D.C. All federal retirees and employees are invited to attend.

For more information, call (336) 721-1783.

May 13

Mother's Day Gospel program

A Mother's Day Gospel program will be held Sunday, May 13, at Carver High School at 4 p.m., with The Expression, Mighty Wonders, The Stars of Joy, The Peacemakers, The Knights of Harmony. Donations are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call Leo Adams at 788-0938 for more information.

May 19-20

Native American Pow Wow

The 14th Annual Native American Pow Wow will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May

19 and 20, on the Richmond Community College campus in Hamlet. Opening ceremonies will begin at noon each day, with closing at 8 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Featured: Native American dancing, storytelling, survival skills demonstrations, plenty of food along with authentic Native American silver jewelry, pottery and other wares.

John Blackfeather from Hillsborough will be the master of ceremonies along with Easter Bull Drummers from Greenville, N.C.

For information, call (910) 582-7184 or (910) 582-7010.

May 26

Livingstone College president to speak

The Greensboro chapter of the Livingstone College Alumni Association will present "An Evening with Dr. Freeman" in honor of Algeania Warren Freeman's appointment as 11th president of Livingstone College. The event will be held at the Hayes-Taylor YMCA, 1101 E. Market Street, Greensboro, Sat-

urday, May 26, 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 12. Proceeds will benefit Livingstone College. For more information, call (336) 375-3044 or (336) 274-0145. Beatrice Asbury Houston is program coordinator for this event. Curtis Douglas is chapter president.

June 19

Porter/Poindexter family reunion

Registration forms for the Porter/Poindexter family reunion have been mailed. The 2001 reunion will be held on Saturday, June 19, at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons. The cost is \$15 per person.

If you have not received your registration form, contact Clyde Glenn or Harrison Porter at (336) 416-2410. Leave your name and address. Also, you may send an e-mail to P and P Reunion@aol.com or write us at The Porter/Poindexter Family Reunion, 2065 Waccon Path, Winston-Salem, NC 27127.

Other

HIV, syphilis and diabetes screening

Free and confidential HIV, syphilis and diabetes screening. Afternoons and evenings. Call Rachel at 722-5774 for times and location. Sponsored by HOPE and the Health Department.

Pageant

Fantasia dance group of Winston-Salem will sponsor a Junior Miss and Miss pageant. If you have a daughter between 9 and 16 years of age who would like to participate, call Priscilla Jimenez at 785-1684 for more information.

Children's Home seeking volunteers

The Children's Home is seeking volunteers, single and married adults over 21 years old, to work with "at risk" youths and their families. Training is provided. For more info, call volunteer coordinator, 721-7699, or visit our Web site: thechildrenshome.com.

Poisons

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or unavailable to children.

"Some household plants can be toxic," Sumner said. Some examples of toxic plants that can be grown in or near homes are Dieffenbachia (elephant ear), azalea, rhododendron, mountain laurel. If you don't know whether a plant is nontoxic, keep it out of reach of children and call the Cooperative Extension Service county office for information, Sumner advises.

"Keep alcohol away from children," Sumner continued. Children's systems are more susceptible to alcohol than adults.

Make sure the condition of the home is safe. For example, "...make sure the paint is in good condition, make sure it is not peeling and chipping, and make sure it is not lead-based. New paint is not going to have any lead in it."

"Rodenticides, mouse and rat killers - have those out of reach," Sumner said. For example, you have to put the rodenticide where the mouse is, but not where a child can reach it.

"Don't take medication in front of small children. They mimic what adults do. They're not going to know the difference between something that's good for them and something that's not," Sumner said.

Poisonous gas, such as carbon monoxide, is another area of concern. Sumner recommends getting a carbon monoxide detector for the home.

In general, what do you do if a possible exposure or exposure occurs? "If it's life threatening call 911 - you can put that in caps, italicize and underline. Then call the Poison Center in Charlotte, 1-800-848-6946," Sumner said.

If the child has poison in his or her eye or on the skin, gently wash it off with water, Sumner said. If the poison is in the eye, wash it off by pouring water from a glass three or four inches away from the eye. Don't use a water hose because water can have enough pressure to damage the eye. Use lukewarm water, about body temperature. Hot water could damage the eye. Cold water would be uncomfortable.

"Don't induce vomiting or give the child anything to drink or eat until you call the Poison Center. If they've gotten into something, wash it off and then call the Poison Center," Sumner said.

It's a good idea to have activated charcoal (medical preparation) - a special type of charcoal, specially prepared and a special size - on hand in case a child eats or drinks a poison. (Charcoal briquettes won't do.) "Charcoal is not a poison, so it is not absorbed by the person," Sumner said. But don't give activated charcoal

(medical preparation) to the child before you call the Poison Center.

The Poison Center is an emergency telephone resource of poisoning information, staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by registered nurses and pharmacists (specialists in poison information) who are specially trained to provide diagnostic and treatment advice for acute and chronic poisonings to the public and health-care professionals. These poison specialists are backed up by board-certified medical toxicologists, also available 24 hours a day.

Sumner said the Poison Center's staff "can assess a situation and recommend action that can be done quickly. Speed is sometimes important."

He said the center does not bill for its services, and it even has a Spanish interpreter.

"In North Carolina, we haven't had any fatalities (from poisonings) the last couple years," Sumner said. "The Poison Center last year received over 50,000 calls. They separated those calls into inquiries; exposure with no effects, mild, moderate and severe effects. Most of the 50,000 (did not) have adverse effects."

In 1999, there were 89,547 calls. Some 54.4 percent of total calls were children less than 6 years of age. Seventy-nine percent of the human exposures were handled on site without need for further medical attention.

Sumner said that during the year-long "Stop Childhood Poisoning" project, he and others will be looking for opportunities to alert the public to the hazards of such things as pesticides, cleansers, automobile products, household products, personal care products. He hopes to do that in a variety of ways, including partnering with retail stores. "Hopefully, they'll let us put up things..." he said.

He also plans to communicate with media and go to public activities. "The state health fair (will be) in Raleigh in a couple weeks and we will be there," he said.

Explaining how he got involved in poison prevention, Sumner said: "A couple of years ago I began looking at poisonings with pesticides and expanded to poisonings with products in general..." He said he went to state agencies to try to develop a program to increase public awareness about such things as pesticides, cleansers, automobile products, household products, personal care products.

The N.C. Pediatric Poison Prevention Project is being funded solely through fees collected from companies that register pesticides for sale in the state. The N.C. Pesticide Environmental Trust Fund provided the bulk of the project's initial funding. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency Region IV office donated funds to the effort through its Urban Initiative Program.

surgical sciences (hypertension) at WFUBMC. The NHLBI funding will allow the program to expand its activities, including conducting additional education programs in schools and churches.

"The NHLBI grant will enable the DR CHIP program to learn how to best use case managers with the inpatient care of heart attack and heart failure patients and to develop better methods for continuing health education," said Moore. "This information can then be applied to communities nationwide."

Grant

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divascular screenings, referral and treatment services and public and professional education since 1999. The program, which is a partnership between the Danville Regional Medical Center, the Danville/Pittsylvania Public Health Department and the Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control (COSEHC), is coordinated by Michael Moore, M.D., a clinical professor of internal medicine (nephrology) and



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