

# Community Calendar

# Black celebrates 80th birthday

June 27

### Community Fun Day

The Ministries of Truth Church invites you to Community Fun Day on June 27 at 4 p.m. at 145 Alice Street, off of Northhampton Drive. Attendees will play games, eat and have wholesome fun.

July 17

### Kids' Day Celebration

The 30th District Masonic Family's Kids' Day Celebration will be held Saturday, July 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rupert Bell Recreation Center. There will be food, drinks and snacks, and school supplies for all children attending. Entertainment will include games and contests and live performances.

June 21 through July 23

### Summer Fine Arts Camp 2004

The Artistic Studio School for Performing Arts, 202 W. Fourth Street in the former Davis Department Store building (entrance on Town Run Strollway), will hold its annual Summer Fine Arts Camp from June 21 through July 23. Summer Fine Arts Camp 2004, "A Camp Where Your Child Is the Star," is for ages 6 through 14. The camp will focus on dance, acting, playwriting, voice and etiquette. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Janice Price is the artistic director.

For a free brochure, further information or to register, call 723-7473 or send e-mail to ArtisticStudio@aol.com.

July 23-25

### Walter and Ella Allen Gwyn family reunion

The Walter and Ella Allen Gwyn 40th consecutive family reunion will be held July 23-25 in Winston-Salem. Events will include two receptions, bowling, breakfast, church service, awards, door prizes, fashion entertainment and dance. For a complete itiner-

ary, contact (336) 774-1744, (336) 659-6135, (336) 995-6963 or (336) 661-9581.

The banquet will be held July 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Holiday Inn Select, 5790 University Parkway. Entertainment/dance for children and adults will be from 8 to 11 p.m.

Aug. 13-15

### Class reunion

Atkins Honorary Class of 1972 will host a reunion Aug. 13-15 at the Holiday Inn Select, 5790 University Parkway. If you have any questions, contact Deborah Shivers (Epps), chairman, at (336) 816-3321; or Pierre Burton, co-chairman, at (336) 925-1447.

Aug. 30

### West Forsyth Class Reunion Class

West Forsyth Class of 1973-1974 will hold a reunion Aug. 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Monique's Event Center, 71 Waughtown Street.

### Other

#### Free warm water exercise classes

The Shepherd's Center of Winston-Salem will offer free warm water exercise classes beginning July 8 for Forsyth County adults aged 50 and over. The classes will be offered Thursdays for eight weeks (two one-hour classes starting at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.) at Sticht Center Pool at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The deadline to register is June 24. Call Lois Steichen at 748-0217. Participants pay for parking.

#### Weekly reading program

"Reading One to One" will meet on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. at Ivy Arms Community Center, 1115 E. Second Street. This after-school program, sponsored by the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., is a part of the sorority's national reading initiative that targets kindergarten through third-

graders. The objectives of the program are to increase the reading achievement and mastery of basic reading skills for children in our community and to instill a love of reading and a love for books in the youngest reader.

#### NCSA to offer stage combat summer session

N.C. School of the Arts will offer a new summer session for 2004: Introduction to Stage Combat. The three-week session, July 5-23, will take place on the NCSA campus in Winston-Salem. The session is an addition to the NCSA School of Drama's regular five-week summer session (June 20-July 23), for aspiring actors and actresses.

For more information, or to register, write the NCSA Office of Admissions at 1533 S. Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27127-2188; e-mail admissions@ncarts.edu; or telephone (336) 770-3290. Additional information is also available on the NCSA Web site.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Guster Mae Canty Black was born in Camden, S.C. June 24, 1924, to Spencer and Rosa Rivers. Mrs. Black came to Winston-Salem at the age of 7 years old. She grew up on Chicago Street.

As a young lady, she married Ernest B. Black, and they moved to Graham Avenue. They were married for 40 years until his death in 1988. She joined Hanes CME Church and has been a faithful member for 73 years. She has been a member of the Senior Gospel Choir and the Missionary Board.

Mrs. Black has four girls and two boys, of which one son is deceased. She has been living at Mount Zion Place for the last 13 years. Jesus has blessed her see to 80 years, and may she have many, many, more.

She has 13 grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren.



Guster Mae Canty Black and family members.

## Brown makes dean's list at High Point University

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Vernell Brown made High Point University's dean's list for the spring 2004 semester. Dean's list students are those who have attained a 3.5 GPA for the previous semester based on a 4.0 scale.

High Point University is a

liberal arts institution with about 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students at campuses in High Point and Winston-Salem. The university offers 47 undergraduate majors, 11 graduate-degree programs and one graduate certificate program.

Brown lives in Pfafftown.

## Bethania will host Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration July 3

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Saturday, July 3, starting at 10 a.m., the town of Bethania will host an Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration. There will be something for everyone on this day of down-home fun.

The main thrust of events planned include a farmers market, historic home and garden tours, memorabilia of the "good ol' days," period exhibitors and vendors, front-porch artists, children's games and crafts, and food. One thing that makes this event so different from other celebrations of the holiday is the historic home and garden tours. Some of the finest 18th century homes in the area will be on display. Many of the residents are descendants of the original settlers.

The town of Bethania celebration on July 3 complements events in Old Salem and Bethabara on July 4, all in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Moravian settlement of the Wachovia tract. The Wachovia tract comprises the bulk of Forsyth County. Bethania, a National Historic Landmark, was the first "planned community" in Wachovia, preceding Old Salem. Bethania also was the first N.C. town to celebrate Independence Day.

Here's an excerpt from the Bethania Historical Association newsletter:

The history of July 4 as described in the records as a great cloud lifted from the people of America. The official notice ending the American Revolution was received with great joy. The North Carolina Governor issued a proclamation "calling upon all good people to fittingly celebrate this event." We know of two congregations that complied.

"In Bethania, the band ushered in the first fourth of July (July 4, 1783) with an early morning recital. A prayer service at ten o'clock featured an exposition on Psalm 46. A lovefeast that afternoon attracted many Bethania neighbors. That evening residents marched through the village in candlelight procession."

To get to the celebration in Bethania on July 3, take Reynolda Road (N.C. 67) north to the first traffic light past Old Town School, turn right on Bethania Road and right on Main Street. Park at Bethania Moravian Church.

For more information, contact: Karen Keller, town of Bethania, at 922-4744, townofbethania@aol.com; or Dee Parrish at 748-2054 (day), 922-7211 (evening) or DeeParrish@triad.rr.com.



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