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Community Calendar

Laugh out Loud

Representatives from the Library's Adult Outreach Department are expecting to have a fun time teaching interested persons how to use humor to reduce stress in their daily lives on Friday May 16 at 10:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. Call 703-2940 for more information.

Freedom Songs

A concert, "Freedom Songs," featuring The Ambassador Gospel Choir, will be presented at 4 p.m. on May 17, in the James A. Gray, Jr. Auditorium in the Old Salem Visitor Center. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale now. Call 336-721-7350 for more information or to purchase tickets.

The Night the Portraits Spoke

A puppet show, "The Night the Portraits Spoke," is set for 1 and 3 p.m. on May 17 in the Old Salem Children's Museum. The puppet show highlights African American individuals who have paved the way for others with their contributions to our history. This production concentrates on those whose significant achievements may be little known to children. The puppet show is free with the purchase of a Children's Museum or an Old Salem All-in-One ticket.

Juneteenth seeks talent

The Triad Juneteenth Celebration will include a Father and Son fashion show to present a positive visual of male role models in our community. Fathers are invited to participate with their "sons." All men are welcome who serve as a father figure, even if it isn't biological. The fashion show will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m. at the Anderson Center. Youth, ages 8 - 18 years old who would like to perform at the Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 21 are also welcome. Interested persons are asked to call to participate. The number is 336-788-1665 or e-mail info@triadculturalarts.org.

Community yard sale

Positive Image Performing Arts Dance Teams' Fundraising Committee and Carver High School's Marching Band will sponsor a community yard sale on May 31 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Carver High School's parking lot (rain or shine). Families/Groups/Vendors can purchase a space for \$25. For more information, call 971-1890.

A.H. Anderson Class of 1968 reunion

The 40th Class Reunion of the A.H. Anderson class of 1968 will be celebrated during the weekend of June 7. All 1968 graduates are invited to come to the luncheon celebration on Saturday at the Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, 4965 University Pkwy. at 2 p.m. The Sunday morning service will start at 11 a.m. at Dreamland Park Baptist Church, 2340 Dunbar St. To make your reservation and for additional information, contact one of the following Steering Committee members: Laura Hayes Allen, 788-2165; Pat Bitting, 661-1444; the Rev. Ronald Fisher, 725-6412; or Shirley Hall Johnson at 282-1118.



Troy Hayden with the legendary YMCA mentor, Mo Lucas.



Adult Achiever Darryl Prince Jr., with his father, Darryl Prince.



Pepsi's Mike Bevilacqua with Judge Camille Banks-Payne.



County Commissioner Walter Marshall with his wife, Paulette.



Judge James Beaty, left, with his wife, Toy, and Chief John Gist with his wife, Vanessa.



Shonnette Gardner presents a special honor to long-time volunteer, Shelia Astrop, right.



Teen Achiever Brittney Gauden, center, with her mother, Charlene, and sister.

ART OF ACHIEVING

Annual gala honors brilliant black students

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

As a single mother raising children in a society where black youths are likely to be a statistic rather than a success, Glenda Hayden knew that June Cleaver parenting techniques would not work for her; she had to employ more guerilla-like approaches.

"I told my kids flat-out that if I ever had to come to their school because of them acting up, I was going to embarrass them in front of their classmates ... and they knew that if they ever got locked up, I was not coming to get them out of jail," Hayden said matter-of-factly.



Business Achiever Grantheum Johnson.

The fear factor worked. Her daughter just ended a stellar college career with a degree from the University of North Carolina Charlotte, and her son, Troy Hayden, is a straight-A student at Carver High School who will soon be a freshman at N.C. A&T State University.

Momma Hayden also utilized other keys to ensure her children's successes. She kept them in "The Word" and involved in programs and activities that preached and practiced the same high standards that she has for them. One of the those programs is the Winston Lake Family YMCA's Black Achievers. Troy Hayden was one of a dozen high school seniors feted last week at the Black Achievers' annual gala for completing the academic achievement program. Hayden also was recognized as the winner of the program's most prestigious honor - the \$3,000 Moses H. Lucas Scholarship.

"This program is the cornerstone of this (YMCA) branch," Jarrod Covington told the hundreds gathered in the Benton Convention Center banquet hall for last Thursday's gala. At that time, Covington was the executive director of the Winston Lake Y. He left that post last Friday to head two Y branches in Memphis, Tenn.

Y branches across the nation sponsor Black Achievers programs, in which young men and women are paired with adult business professionals for mentoring purposes. The teens also tour college campuses, local corporations and take part in community service projects.

See Achievers on B14



This year's crop of achievers earned thousands of dollars on scholarship money.



Photos by Jason Pitt & Kevin Walker

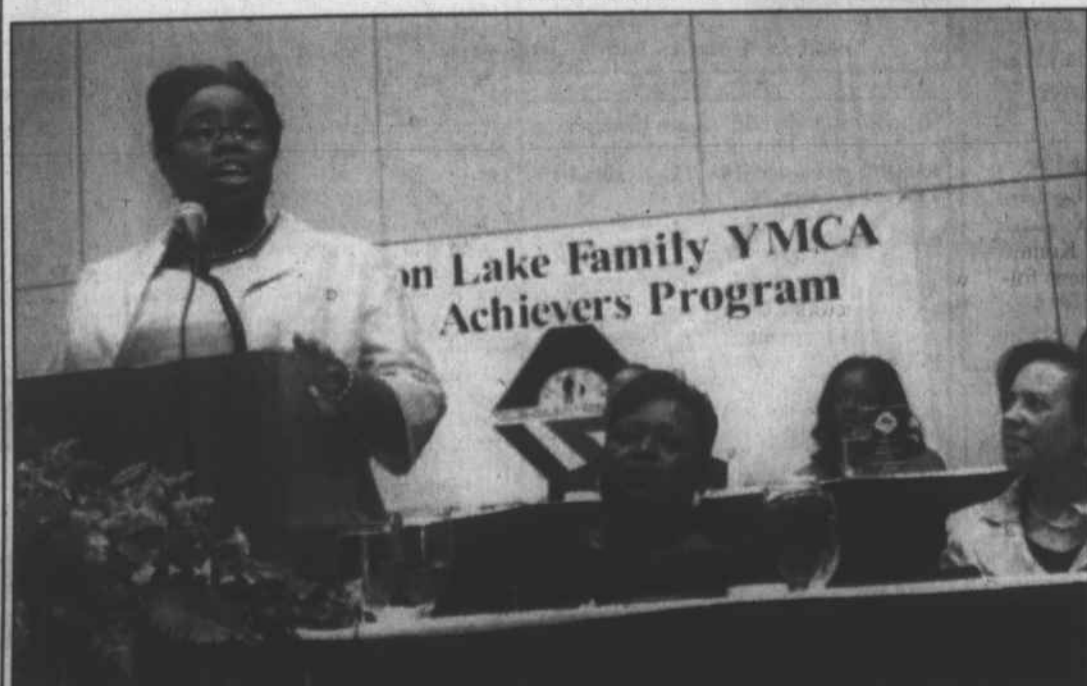
Darryl R. Matthews Sr. address a crowd of several hundred last week at the Benton Convention Center.



Left: Barbara Hayes Scholarship Winner Latisha Hardee poses with Hayes.



Right: Award winner Brenda Diggs with husband, James.



Winston Lake Y Black Achievers Director Candice Benbow at the podium. Also pictured are N2K Charities' Priscilla Jackson and Pepsi's Renee Ballard, far right.



Jarrod Covington encourages the crowd to support Winston Lake's Black Achievers Program.