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Community Calendar

Memorial walk

The "Memorial Walk to Remember Children" will be held Saturday, July 26 at 9 a.m. at Miller Park, on the corner of Queen and Knollwood streets. The two-mile walk is to memorialize all children who have died too soon and to help bereaved families in their journey through grief. To register to walk or for more information, visit <http://www.memorialwalktoremember.info>.

Fashion show/fundraiser

The Essence Dance Group will sponsor a fashion show on July 26 at 2 p.m. at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the group. Donations are welcomed and refreshments will be served. For more information contact, Priscilla at 336-997-6184 or 336-997-4949.

LEAP program accepting applications

Kennedy Learning Center is accepting applications for 2008-2009. There are limited 6-7, 7-8, and 8-9 Leap slots available. Students must have been retained and be over the age for his or her current grade. Students must apply to LEAP and participate in a parent/student interview with KLC personnel. Students most likely to be successful are those who are proficient in reading and math with few behavior or attendance problems. KLC is at 1000 Highland Avenue. Call 336-727-2085 for more information.

Baptist Association meetings

The High Point Educational and Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. John Jackson, will host its 14th General Session, July 20 - 25. The opening session will be Sunday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Gregory K. Moss, president of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C.

Daily sessions, Monday through Friday, will start at 9 a.m. at Ashley Elementary School, 1647 East 21st St. in Winston-Salem; and nightly sessions will convene at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, 132 South Glenn Ave. in Winston-Salem.

Art show opening

5IVE & 40RTY in the Downtown Arts District will present "Michael Northuis, eye cons (fine art cartoons)" July 25 - Aug. 30. The exhibition is the first regional showing of new works by Northuis in more than five years. There will be an Opening Reception with the artist on Thursday, July 24 from 5:40 - 7:40 p.m. For more information call 336-724-2474 or email amy@5iveand40rty.com.

Trip to Crumpler

The Funtime Club will travel to Crumpler, N.C. Aug. 16. There, the group will tour the Cheese Factory and store and visit the Farmer's Market and enjoy traditional country food. The bus will leave Northside Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. and return by 6 p.m. Call 336-767-0105 for more information.



A young girl surveys a bingo card during the weekend reunion.

Photos by Kevin Walker



Sonya Brown enjoys the day with her kids, Emmanuel, Isaiah, Brianna and Jordan.

ROOTS

Former neighbors recall the old Happy Hill

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Were it not for one fateful day more than 40 years ago in historic Happy Hill, Joe Robinson may have been a plumber, a fireman - a lawyer, even. He would've never blown into a horn; the world would have been cheated out of one of its great jazzmen.

"We were walking in the woods one day and came across this beat-up, old bugle ... seeing it, just triggered something in me," Robinson recalled Saturday during the annual Happy Hill Reunion.

As he spoke, Jerry Hinson - who was among the group of youngsters with Robinson that day - stood nearby, adding his own memories of that day.

"(Robinson) was welcome to it," Hinson said with a chuckle. "I wasn't gonna put my mouth on something lying in the woods."

Robinson and Hinson have told the story dozens of times and people have heard it dozens of times. But it never gets old, not for the storytellers or the listeners.

Founders Ben Piggott and Rock Bitting.

Keeping the past alive has become a main pillar of the Happy Hill Reunion, which began 15 years ago during a time when it seemed a wide gulf existed between the community and its historic roots.

"There was a lot of violence and things happening at the time," said Rock Bitting, who founded the reunion with Ben Piggott. "We wanted to remind people how great this community was. Everything that you can imagine came out of this neighborhood - doctors, lawyers, teachers, athletes ..."

The city's oldest African-American community, Happy Hill's roots date back to the late 1700s, when slaves from the nearby Salem community settled in the area. Happy Hill resi-

See Happy Hill on B11



Left: Joe Robinson with his longtime friend, Jerry Hinson.

Right: Earl Byers has a chat with Eugene Baskins.



Artists Derek Stallings and Derrick Monk create masterpieces.



Kids take a break from the heat.



Quilla Smith enjoys the event with Patricia Sadler.

Far Right: Two youngsters pass the time by playing with an action figure.

