

# COMMUNITY

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Your stories, your voices

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## Community Calendar

### Trip

The Funtime Club is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City, N.J. Oct. 26 - 28. All interested in going are asked to call 336-767-0105 and leave a message for more information.

### Free yoga, pilate classes

Kuriakos House, 4311 Carver School Rd., will give six free yoga and pilate-style exercise classes for those 21 and over on Aug. 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 4 and 11. The one-hour classes will start at 5:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own floor mats and towels. The classes will be led by Amatulla Saleem and Annette Nichols.

### Substance abuse help

If you or a family member is struggling with substance abuse HELP is a phone call away. The Twin City Area Narcotics Anonymous Helpline can be reached at 800-365-1035 or online at www.tcana.org. For meeting schedules and additional information for this 12-step Recovery Program, please call the number or visit the Web site.

### Youth Revival

Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries will have a Youth Revival on Friday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Reggie Hunt of Cornerstone Summit of Boone, will be the guest speaker. The revival will conclude on Sunday morning, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. with Minister Carl Archie as the guest speaker. Services will be held at the Hawthorne Inn, 420 High St. Everyone is invited. Pastor Alice Mitchell is the host pastor.

### Atkins Reunion

The Atkins High School classes of 1943, 1944 and 1946 through 1951 will celebrate their 11th Biennial Reunion Aug. 8-10. These classes are the oldest group of Atkins High classes that still celebrate a joint reunion. This group has gathered every other year, except for 2000, when the All Atkins High School Millennium event was held. This year's theme is "Yes We Still Can - We are the Camels."

The activities will include the Chew & Chat Fellowship, Karaoke, individual class business meetings, photo sessions, games, R & R, a formal banquet, a church worship service (Galilee Missionary Baptist Church) and an old fashion picnic/cook-out.

### Meet the Principal

Downtown Middle School, 280 South Liberty St., Principal Annie Fleming-Weaver will host a "Meet the Principal" event on Sunday, Aug. 10 in the school's cafeteria from 3-4 p.m. There will be punch, cookies and a discussion about the principal's vision for the school this year. Please post this event in the calendar. Call the school at 336-748-3838 for further questions.

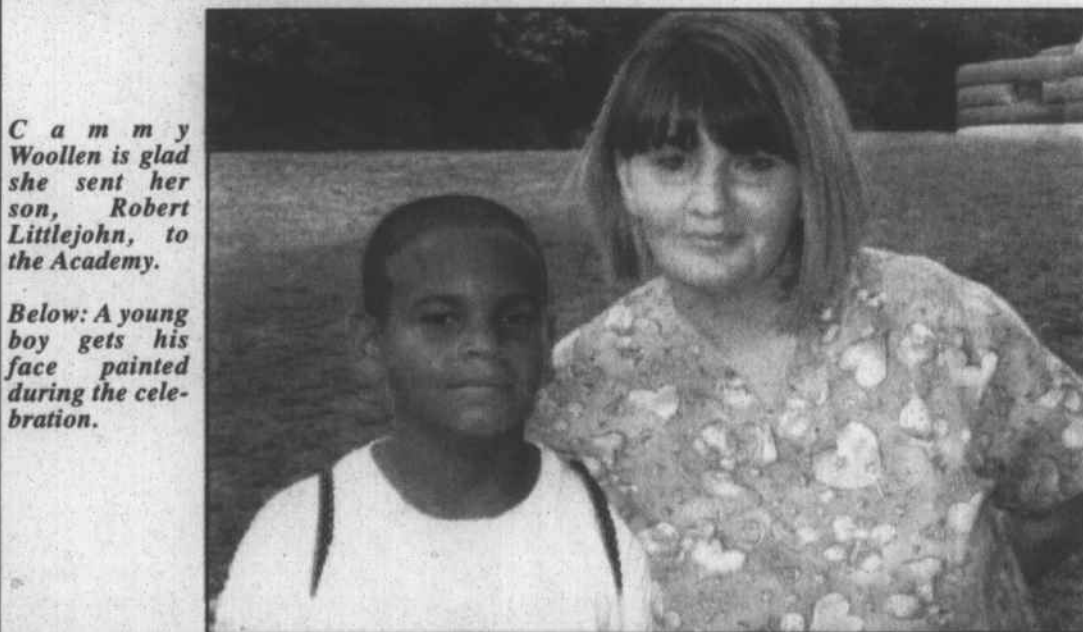


Academy students enjoy one of the attractions at last week's celebration.

Photos by Todd Luck



Two girls wait for a cool treat.



Cammy Woolen is glad she sent her son, Robert Littlejohn, to the Academy.

Below: A young boy gets his face painted during the celebration.



## AN END & A BEGINNING

Philo Success Academy succeeds in getting kids excited about school

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THE CHRONICLE

Many kids spent the last few weeks of their summer vacation trying not to think about their inevitable return to school.

But more than 50 students at Philo Middle School did just the opposite - visiting their school for a two week Success Academy to get a jump start on learning.

The students, all rising sixth graders who will start at Philo in the fall, got a sample of what their new middle school experience will be like, including working with some of the same teachers who will instruct them this fall.

The Academy is part of the Graduating Our Future program, which is funded by the United Way and designed to increase the graduation rate in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. Other program partners include the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Family Services.

The program is focused on Parkland High School, which has the lowest graduation rate in the county. Philo is also a major focus since many of its students will enroll at Parkland after their middle school years.

Hans Rheinschild, a language arts instructor at Philo and the Academy's academic coordinator, expressed satisfaction with the Academy, which ended last Friday.

"What we got here is a whole group of kids who are excited about coming back to school in two weeks," said Rheinschild. "And that excitement will become contagious."

Rheinschild used the Academy as a way to give students a "tasty scoop" of the book "The Loin, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." The Academy kids got a preview of what is to soon come, since Rheinschild has his students read the famous first book in the "Chronicles of Narnia" series at the beginning of every school year.

To mark the end of the Academy, many students and their parents attended a fun-filled celebration at Philo, complete with face painting, food and music. Students also got to make their



Aisha Thompson with her son, Terrell.

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