

# COMMUNITY

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## Community Calendar

**Columbus Day golf event**  
The Columbus Day Golf Classic is on Monday, Oct. 13 at Winston Lake Golf Course. The event will benefit the American Postal Workers Union's Support Our Troops Program.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. tee off. The event is captain's choice, 4 man teams. The cost is \$35 per person for pre-registration and \$70 the day of tournament. Mulligans are \$5 with a maximum two per person. It is \$100 to sponsor a hole-recognition sign. The first-place prizes are Callaway Mini Looper Golf Bags. Contact Lisa at 336-682-9107 to register or for more information.

### AARP meeting

The Forsyth AARP October Chapter will have its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Winston-Salem State University in the Anderson Conference Center Main Dining Room. The program's title is, "Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft," and will be presented by the Better Business Bureau's David Darlymple.

All AARP Chapter Programs are open to the public. Persons age 50 and older are invited to join and become active with the local chapter.

For additional information, contact Nancy Hall at 336-765-2215 or nancapy@msn.com.

### NAACP to interview those who want offices

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Branch NAACP will hold interviews with those interested in running for an executive office or as a member of the Executive Committee. The interviews will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Branch Office, 4130 Oak Ridge Dr. Candidates must be a NAACP member in good standing as of April 1, 2008.

For more information, call Coe Fields at 336-723-0547.

### Mt. Tabor Class of '88 reunion

The Mount Tabor High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20th reunion Saturday, Nov. 29 from 7 - 11 p.m. at the Winston-Salem Prime in the Downtown Marriott Hotel.

There will be a cash bar, hor d'oeuvres, a DJ and cocktail attire is required. The event is \$40 per person, before Oct. 31; \$50 before Nov. 15 and \$60 per person cash at the door. For questions, contact tabor88reunion@yahoo.com; Mail payment to MTH Reunion, 1959 N. Peacehaven Road, Box 270, Winston-Salem, NC, 27106.

There will be a reunion family event on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Children's Museum, 390 S. Liberty St.

### Trip to Bayou Classic

A trip is being planned to New Orleans for the Bayou Classic from Nov. 27 - 30. The game will be between Southern University and Grambling State. For further information, call Robbie Allen at 336-788-9649, Cleve Roseboro at 336-671-1259 or Charlene Roseboro at 777-8150.



Ben Bendor leads students in a lively presentation.

Photos by Todd Luck

## MAD ABOUT MATH

Innovative educational show visits local schools.

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Math and fun don't usually go hand in hand.

Arithmetickles is changing that by visiting schools across the country. The numbers-based, high energy performance that gets students to participate in various math games was in town last week visiting three elementary schools. Last Friday's show at Easton Elementary had students racing to the stage to take part in the fun as their classmates cheered them on.

Ben Bendor, who created the show with his wife, Sandra, more than 11 years ago, was part ringleader, part Bob Barker as he led the kids in Arithmetickles. On the stage, Bendor lets students use made up names and often spins outrageous stories using them as characters. Along the way he asks them questions that require some simple math - such as how much an item costs if it is on a half-off shelf. There was a quiz show at the end where kids answered math questions to claim squares on a giant tic-tac-toe board. The audience hummed the "Jeopardy!" theme song as players contemplated the answers.

Bendor is one of four "hosts" that do Arithmetickles shows across the country. He says no matter how good a host is, it is not he or she that makes the show exciting for students. The kids, he says, like seeing their classmates on stage and in action.

"Kids ... admire it and the reason is not me or the other hosts. I mean we are nice,



Easton teachers get involved in the action.

but they see their friends and their teachers on stage," said Bendor, who says the show evolved from games he and his wife played with their own kids.

For their part, teachers were called to the stage to perform mock television shows to demonstrate everyday uses of math. While the students gave the show high marks for its excitement and candor, teachers were

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A student contemplates her answer as one of her classmates gets anxious to answer the question himself.



Kids voice their support for their classmates from the audience.



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