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Community Calendar

Clothing for sale

A Veteran Community Outreach Service Clothing will be distributed on Saturday, April 4 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the NAACP Enrichment Center, 4130 Oakridge Drive (corner of Butterfield and Oakridge). For a donation of \$1, new Hanes Brand items such as undergarments, robes, sweats, blouses, socks and shoes for women, men and children will be available. Specialty items will be sold for no more than \$5.

Hotdogs, beverages and fish sandwiches will be sold for a small price. Proceeds will benefit a local veterans' organization. For more information, call Peaches Bohannon at 336-723-9901 or Joy Samuel at 336-775-6610.

Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day

Tom Joyner's "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day" is scheduled for Tuesday April 7, 2009 from 9:00 until 2:00pm at Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency, 1102 E. Market St. in Greensboro. Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency, WEAL 1510 and WQMG 97.1 have partnered to sponsor this year's event for residents in the Guilford County Community. Free Health screenings and health education include sickle cell, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, colorectal cancer screenings (for colon cancer), HIV and syphilis screenings will all be offered. Breast and cervical assessments will be offered. For additional information, call 336-274-1507.

Hair Wars

Hollywood's 1st Annual Hair Wars will be held on April 5 at Carl H. Russell Center, 3521 Carver School Road, from 4 - 8 p.m. Featured salons will be Simply Marvalas, Harold's Hair Studio, Salon Expression, Nu Life Hair Gallery and Beauty Schools. DJ Byron Witherspoon will perform and vendors will also be on hand. For more information, contact Hollywood at 336-997-9656 or Tiffany Davis at 336-986-4483.

Spring Break Hoops

Spring Break Hoops and Cheer Camps began on April 1 at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center. It will continue today (April 2) and tomorrow at the Sims Recreation Center from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for ages 6 and up. Lunch will be provided and arts and crafts projects will be offered. For more information, contact Louis Vincent at 336-624-4188 or Galen Tidd at 336-714-5403.

College Night

The West Forsyth High School Guidance Department is inviting 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students and their parents to College Night on April 8 at 7 p.m. The program will be held in the West Forsyth Performing Arts Center Auditorium. Participating colleges and universities include High Point University, NC A&T, NC State, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Winston-Salem State University. Topics discussed will include factors important to college admissions, financial aid and scholarship information. The school is located at 1735 Lewisville-Clemmons Road in Clemmons.



Kids at the Arts Based Elementary School showed off their dogs last week during a special program.

Photos by Layla Farmer

BOOKS AND BARKS

AUTHOR PROMOTES NOVEL WITH CANINE-FRIENDLY EVENT

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

It, indeed, all started with a dog.

One by one, they pressed their way in the doors of the Arts Based Elementary School, one afternoon last week, owners in tow. Throughout the lobby, children's squeals of excitement and coos of adoration marked each canine's entry. Once inside, a fury of wagging tails and eager barks dominated the space, as the children scrambled to pat each hairy head.

It was billed as "The Kids Who Love to Read Bring their Dogs to School" event. The brainchild of Author Leigh Somerville McMillan, the event was a unique promotion for her debut novel, "It All Started With a Dog."

"We really wanted to create something that would get kids excited about reading and also about being a published author," explained McMillan's publicist, Cheryl Schirillo. "Anything you can do to get kids excited about reading and writing is wonderful."

Students and families at ABES, a publicly-funded charter school, were invited to bring their dogs to the school at the end of the school day on March 25, to mingle with the other dog lovers and learn a little about what it takes to become a novelist. The event was to take place outdoors, but when rain made that unlikely, the pooches were wel-



Above: Author Leigh Somerville McMillan prepares to read to the children from her new book.



Left: Two dogs get to know each other.

comed inside the school. Julia Toone brought her boxer, "Alvin," to the event at the behest of her sons, Ben

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Left: Students Halley and Alyssa with their mom, Gina Reece, and dog, Buster.

Right: Cheryl Schirillo introduces the author to the students.



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