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Community Calendar

Democratic fundraiser

Tickets are on sale for the Forsyth County Democratic Party's Annual Gala, which will feature keynote speaker James "Jim" Clyburn, U.S. House of Representatives Majority Whip. The 2010 Gala's theme is "Moving Forward in Harmony with Democratic Rhythms," and will take place on July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 460 N. Cherry St. Entertainment is being provided by the Charlie Culbreath Trio.

The annual semi-formal Gala is the organization's largest fundraising event of the year. Tickets are \$60/person and \$480/table. A pre-event reception with Clyburn will take place at the home of Redge and Jane Hanes in Pfafftown from 5-6:30 p.m. Tickets for the VIP Reception are \$250.

Tickets for both the Reception and Gala can be purchased at the Forsyth County Democratic Headquarters (336-724-5941) or online at the organization's Web site: www.forsythdemocrats.org

Pledger Family Reunion

The families of Thelma Miller, Lillie Warren, Grace Transou, Mary Mills, Nora Scales and Charlie Pledger will have their annual family reunion on Saturday, July 10 at the Carl Russell Recreation Center from 1 - 5 p.m. All family members and friends are asked to bring a covered dish and join the fun and celebration. For more information, contact Clara Cremedy at 336-595-4062.

Film screening

The International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro will screen S. Pearl Sharp's award winning documentary "The Healing Passage, Voices from the Water" on Friday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. The filmmaker will be present for a post-screening dialog. The Museum is at 134 S. Elm St. Sharp will also sign her book "Black Women for Beginners" in Greensboro at Borders (3605 High Point Road) on Saturday, July 24 from 1 - 3 p.m. In the film, prominent cultural artists explore the present-day residuals of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and use their art to create paths to healing. For more information, call the Museum at 336-274-9199 or go to www.sitimovement.org.

W-S Indian events

The Winston-Salem Indians will have sign-ups at the East Winston Shopping Center on July 10 and July 17 and at the Ray Agnew Sports Complex, off of Waterworks Road, on July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Indians Football Camp will be July 5-30 at the Agnew Complex from 6 - 8 p.m. They will be hosting a football camp for Prepstar Elite Sports on July 24 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be NFL players there. Young players can be registered at www.PreparstarEliteSports.com for a fee of \$25 that can be paid online.



WSSU Graduate Students and professors pose with JaRavion Clemmons.

Photo by Todd Luck



The interior of the new playhouse.



JaRavion with his mother, LaWanda Clemmons.

A Place of His Own

Students create dream playhouse for disabled boy

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Young JaRavion Clemmons now has a playhouse filled with furnishings designed just for him by Winston-Salem State University students.

Master's of Occupational Therapy students spent a day last week installing furniture, playthings and decorations in the new playhouse for JaRavion, who has special needs. The three-year-old is visually impaired and born with schizencephaly, a brain abnormality, and spastic cerebral palsy. The playhouse was built in the backyard of the Clemmons family's home as a project of



Grad Students Jennifer Scruggs and Leah Black work inside the playhouse.

Rebuilding Together, a group that provides free home modifications for people with disabilities. The non-profit also made modifications to the Clemmons' home to make it more accessible for JaRavion's wheelchair.

"It's clearly a perfect project for the students to use their skills to develop various stimulation devices for JaRavion," said Cindy Arrington, local Rebuilding Together president, of having the students furnish the interiors.

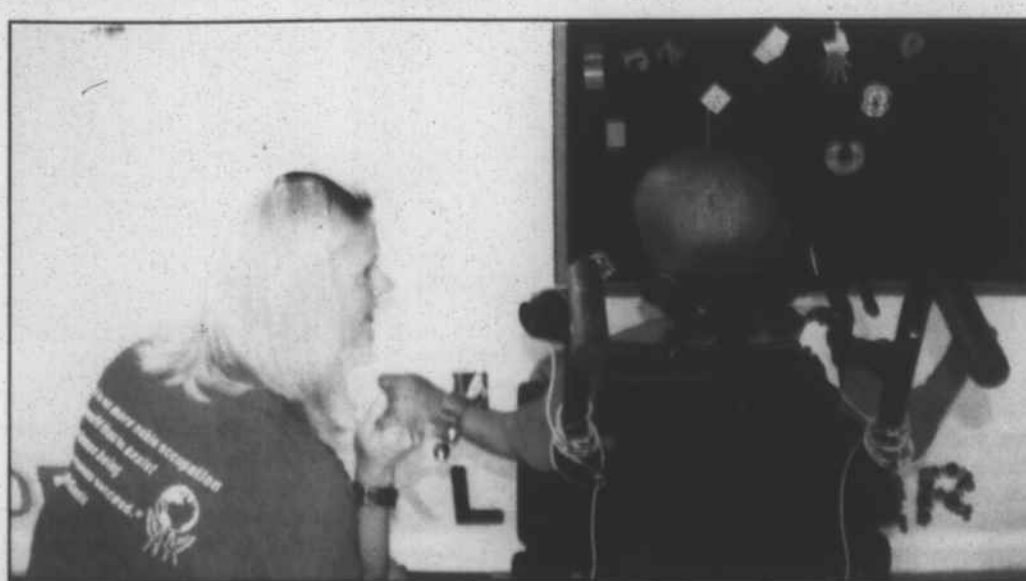
Occupational Therapy Assistant Professor Brenda Kennell said she trains her

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Left: Grad Students Connie Reynolds and Ash Taylor.

Right: Connie Reynolds with young JaRavion Clemmons.



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