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JUNE 7, 2012



Community Calendar

Father's Day program

Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center will sponsor a program to honor fathers on Sunday, June 10 from 3 - 5 p.m. Anyone who would like to participate and honor their father (living or deceased) by singing a song, presenting an award, presenting flowers, reciting a poem, playing an instrument, drawing a picture or whatever your heart desires is welcome to do so. The center is at 3521 Carver School Road. For information, contact Benn Piggott at 336-727-2580 or Mike Thomas at 336-725-5614.

NBN Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods is hosting its first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, June 16 from 12-5 p.m. There will be live entertainment provided by N & F Entertainment, bingo, and a cake walk. Spaghetti plates are \$7. Desserts made by neighbors will be \$1. To pre-order tickets or for more information, contact Nakida R. McDaniel at 336-757-2562 or 336-602-2519 or email nmc-daniels@nbncommunity.org. Also visit the web site at nbncommunity.org.

Senior Prom

The Golden Crowns Annual Senior Prom, which was postponed because of damage to the 14th Street Recreation Center's roof, will now be held on June 15 at the Center, 2020 East 14th St., from 6 - 10 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Call 336-997-2519 or 336-727-2891 for more information.

Day party for teens

The YMCA Jazzy Jumpers and Positive Image Performing Arts dancers will host an out of school day party for teens on Friday, June 8 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The day will include a dance party, basketball, swimming, games, prizes and jump-roping classes. There will be separate activities for boys and girls. The cost is \$20 per child. Call 336-245-0314 for more information.

Car show

Bow-Tie Boyz will hold its 2nd Annual Car and Truck Show on June 16 from 11-4 p.m. in the parking lot of Johnny & Junes Ultra Saloon, 2105 Peters Creek Pkwy. The rain-out date is June 23. For more information, go to www.bowtieboyz.weebly.com.

Columbia Heights/Anderson reunion

The 1962 Class of Columbia Heights/A. H. Anderson Senior High School will hold its 50th Class Reunion from July 13-July 15 at the Anderson Center and the Clarion Sundance Plaza Hotel & Spa. Contact Shirley Bates Hairston at 336-784-9424 or Marian Webb Jones at 336-767-2489 for more information. You may also send an e-mail to ch_andersonshs62classreunion@hotmail.com.



Latisha Di Venuto raps.



Jonathan Cox sings an original song.



Jared Smith dances as Michael Jackson.



Eurydice White performs a spoken word piece.

Stars on the Rise



Winners Krystal Cooper and Ashlee Dance perform.



Neveah Graham dances to a gospel song.



Nicholas Brown sings a Whitney Houston song.



Dancer Morgan Smith performs.



Music on Purpose's Davar Dove (on piano), Joseph Sanchez (left) and Andrew Varela entertain the crowd.

Locals compete for Marvtastic Talent Extravaganza crown

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The competition was fierce Sunday as local acts competed in the North Carolina Black Repertory Company's first ever Marvtastic Talent Extravaganza.

The Black Rep has been searching for the area's most talented residents for the past several weeks. Open auditions were first held. Thirty acts were picked to compete in several sub-categories, such as Hip Hop/Spoken Word, Gospel and R&B/Jazz/Pop. Nine finalists were selected by a panel of judges to compete in Sunday's Best of the Best finale at The Arts Council Theatre.

Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, NCBRC production director and widow of NCBRC founder Larry Leon Hamlin, said the talent contest drew impressive performers ranging in age from eight to 80.

"Winston-Salem has a lot of excellent artists within the community. This gives them an opportunity to shine and show people what they can do," she said.

WQMG deejay Renee Vaughn and comedian Debra Terry emceed the finale, which was judged by a panel that included famed Saxophonist Joe Robinson and longtime Black Rep Musical Director Tony Gillion.

Nicholas Brown was one of the youngest contestants. Although he is just 11, he was already a veteran performer before he performed Whitney Houston's "I Look to You" on Sunday night. Nicholas started singing in the choir at his church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He's performed at other Black Rep events and has sung the national anthem at Winston-Salem Dash and Winston-Salem State University basketball games.

"It feels great," Brown said about making the finals. "It feels like I'm moving towards the top."

Contestant Jonathan Cox, 28, said music runs in his family. His mother is a music professor at the University of Dayton in Ohio, and the rest of his family are singers. Cox, assistant director for multicultural affairs at Wake Forest University, has performed at open mic events, but the Marvtastic Talent Extravaganza was his very first talent competition. He performed "Rearview," a song he penned himself, while playing his guitar.

"I just love it. I've always loved music," said Cox. "I've always considered it the background to my life."

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