

ARTS & LIFESTYLE

Of Interest ...

Carrboro Film Fest accepting entries

Professional, amateur and K-12 filmmakers are invited to submit short films for the seventh annual Carrboro Film Festival, which will be held on Nov. 18 at the Carrboro Century Center.

The Festival is one of the largest festivals of its kind in the Southeast. Submissions are open to any filmmaker who has "breathed the good air of North Carolina" sometime in their lives. Works must be under 20 minutes run time, including titles and end credits.

Films received by Aug. 20 carry a \$10 entry fee; after that, the fee goes to \$15 per film. Online and DVD submissions close September 30. Details for submitting can be found at www.carrborofilmfestival.com. For more information, email filmfest@carrboro.com. Previous festival award-winners include Wiggle Room, an animated short that has qualified for Oscar® consideration.



Maxwell cancels tour

NEW YORK (AP) — R&B singer Maxwell has cancelled his short U.S. tour after developing vocal swelling and hemorrhaging.



Maxwell

A representative for the singer said Friday that he has been advised by doctors to rest and undergo treatment. Maxwell's six-date summer tour had shows planned for Los Angeles, Atlanta and Newark, N.J. for July and August.

Maxwell said in the statement that canceling the tour "sucks" and he plans to hit the road when his new album, "blackSUMMERS'night," is released later this year.

The 39-year-old made his return to music in 2009 after a seven-year break with the platinum album "BLACKsummers'night." It won the singer-songwriter two Grammy Awards, among other accolades.

The statement also said refunds are available at the point of purchase.

Mundy joins Sawtooth

The Sawtooth School for Visual Art has hired Kevin Mundy to fill the newly-created position of Sales and Marketing manager. Mundy brings with him a broad range of sales and marketing management experience, having worked previously for Sara Lee/Hanesbrands, the United Way, AIDS Care Service, and most recently, Express Graphics.

He earned his BA degree in Spanish and government from Wofford College, and holds a Master's in International Business from the University of South Carolina.

"The board made the strategic decision to create a new staff position to concentrate specifically on increasing class enrollments and to develop partnerships and sponsorship opportunities with area businesses and organizations," said Sharon Hamilton, president of the Sawtooth School's Board of Directors. "We are delighted to have Kevin on board to fill this role. He has experience in both the corporate sector and the non-profit world that will help us take the Sawtooth to the next level."

Support for the position comes from The Winston-Salem Foundation, and was made from funds provided by the Charles Babcock, Jr. Field of Interest Fund and the Community Arts Fund.

Sawtooth School for Visual Art is the premier community visual art school in the Piedmont Triad and provides art education for all ages.

Workshop for writers planned

A workshop for aspiring writers will be held on Saturday, June 30 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Laurel Learning Center of the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center, 420 High St.

In a media release, Destined for Success, which is hosting the event, states that the event will offer attendees an opportunity to learn from and communicate with established authors in an intimate, casual environment. Financing strategies for publishing and publishing options are among the topics that will be discussed.

Organizers say that several authors will be on hand, including Charles "Silent War" Crouch, Michelle Thorne, Tamico Jones, K.R. Spoon and Alicia Clinton.

The event - which is open to writers and poets of all skill levels, ages 16 and up - is \$25 and includes lunch.

Destined for Success is a non-profit organization with a mission to inspire individuals to fulfill their maximum potential, promote educational development by placing an emphasis on literacy, and developing leadership to enhance the community.

For more information, visit www.AliciaClinton.com or call 336-734-4565.



Charles Crouch

Bassett campaigns for Obama in NC

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Actress Angela Bassett, who spent a portion of her childhood in Winston-Salem, hosted a rally last week in Fayetteville for Organizing for America North Carolina, President Obama's grassroots reelection effort.

Designed to energize female voters, the "Our Voice" event was held at the Metropolitan Room. Bassett and members of the local Women for Obama chapter discussed what's at stake for women in this year's election.

"When I think about my vote, I think about my kids and their future. The moms out there know what I mean," said Bassett, who earned an Oscar nomination for "What's Love Got to Do With It" and has also appeared in films like "Malcolm X" and "Waiting to Exhale." "We all want our children to have a chance to go to the best schools. So does President Obama. He's making college more



Photo courtesy of OFA

Angela Bassett speaks at an Organizing for America North Carolina event.

affordable. He's making loans more accessible and easier to pay back. He knows the only way we can out-compete the rest of the world is if we out-educate the rest of the world."

The Obama campaign is hoping to sway women by touting the president's work to ensure

equal pay for an equal day's work and expand access to quality, affordable health care, child-care and education.

"I want my son and my daughter to be paid the same for doing the same work - no matter their gender," continued Bassett, who is married to actor Courtney

Vance. "Mitt Romney hasn't said whether he supports this Paycheck Fairness Act, which is a bill that would go even further than the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to stop unequal pay before it starts. As a woman, I can't trust Mitt Romney to stand up for me."

HER SPECIAL DAY



Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

President Barack Obama talks with famed writer Toni Morrison in the Blue Room of the White House on May 29. On that evening, Morrison and several other icons received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Magazine celebrates Watson in Icon issue

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Our State magazine has dedicated its "icon issue" to the late Doc Watson, a North Carolina born and bred flat-picking guitar legend who died on May 29 in a Winston-Salem hospital. He was 89.

Watson is a member of the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Honor and a recipient of the National Medal of Arts. He hosted the popular MerleFest Festival, which features bluegrass, blues and folks acts, each April in Wilkesboro.

"We created our icon issue to showcase those extraordinary people, places and things in North Carolina that surpass our geographical boundaries and propel some of North Carolina's most notable images into the national spotlight," says Our State Editor Elizabeth Hudson. "And on our cover, we were so proud to pay tribute to Doc Watson - a beloved musical icon whose reach went well beyond North Carolina and resonated throughout the entire United States."

From sweet tea to the 82nd Airborne to the Mast General Store, Our State's July issue celebrates 100 Icons of North Carolina and includes a pullout, keepsake poster that illustrates the icons with original artwork and descriptions.

Seven of the icons are featured in full-length stories that answer the question: "What is an icon?" They are: Mayberry, Billy Graham, Doc Watson, furniture, Richard Petty, ACC on Basketball Road and the song "Carolina On My Mind."

The icon edition of Our State, a statewide magazine devoted to travel, history, people and places, went on sale June 26.



Live Like a Cat

Reid's new book offers feline-inspired advice

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem native Lana Reid has a new book out. "Survival Tips My Cat Taught Me" combines humor with feline-inspired advice on overcoming life's obstacles and achieving personal growth.

Reid, an award-winning author and public speaker who now lives in Los Angeles, has lived with cats her entire life. Over the years, she says she has come to realize that no matter what challenges came along, her beloved pets always seemed to have an innate ability to confront them and survive unscathed.

Inspired by watching her feline friends, Reid decided to write the book, which she uses to inspire humans to develop cat-like resilience with a combination of humor and practical advice.

Reid is no stranger to overcoming challenges. When she was just 32-years-old, her husband was killed, leaving her a grieving single mom with young daughter. Despite this tragedy, she said she found the inner-strength to keep going and ways to help others. The accomplished writer has touched many lives, and her daughter has grown into a successful and intelligent young woman.

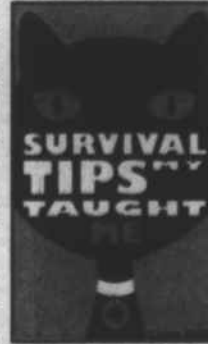
Lana's new book is dedicated to both her daughter and her cats, who she notes have all helped her survive the hard days.

Each chapter looks at a specific lesson that can be learned from cats and offers real-life advice. For example, in the first chapter, "When you get thrown in the water...Swim," Reid observes how cats that find themselves immersed in water will look incredibly furious, but will also do anything and everything possible to get out of the uncomfortable situation. When they do emerge, they look miserable for awhile, but they still survive.

To learn more about Lana Reid or to purchase the book, visit <http://lanareid.com>.



Reid



Miss North Carolina Photos

Alexandra Badgett dazzles judges and the crowd.

Badgett wins 'Outstanding Teen'

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Miss Lake Norman Alexandra Badgett took home the top honor as Miss North Carolina's Outstanding Teen last Thursday at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Badgett, a rising senior at Gaston Christian Academy, was chosen from a field of 35 competitors. As a two-time preliminary winner in the talent and fitness categories in preliminary competition earlier in the week, Badgett cruised into the top ten and the final five before being named the overall winner.

The daughter of Joe Badgett of Charlotte, and Veronica Badgett Perry and Curtis Perry of Denver, N.C., Badgett tapped to Natalie Cole's "It's Sand Man." She chose as her platform to combat teenage pregnancy by reaching out to at-risk teens, especially through opportunities to be involved in the perform-

ing arts.

On Saturday night at the same venue, Arlie Honeycutt, Miss Kinston-Lenoir, won the Miss North Carolina 2012 title.

With her vocal performance of Adele's "Someone Like You," Honeycutt edged out Bindhu Pamarthi, Miss Johnston County, to take home the \$15,000 scholarship award given to the winner. As first runner-up, Pamarthi will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

A rising junior at East Carolina University in Greenville, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in vocal performance, Honeycutt will have to put her education on hold as she prepares to compete in Miss America 2013 in Las Vegas in January.

Honeycutt is the daughter of Scott and Beth Honeycutt of Garner.



Honeycutt