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Community Calendar

Atkins Alumni fish fry
The Simon G. Atkins Alumni Association, Inc. is having a fish fry fundraiser on Saturday, July 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on New Walkertown Road, across from the New Evergreen Cemetery. Fish and smoked sausage plates are \$6.

Family Fun Youth Day
A Family Fun Youth Day will be held at the Anderson Rec Center, 2450 Reynolds Park Road, on July 15 beginning at noon. There will be fun, food and activities and speakers will address issues like HIV, Alzheimer's and domestic violence.

CSI Camp
The Winston-Salem State University NC-MSEN Pre-College Program will host its first CSI Summer Camp from July 16-20 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. for rising 7th and 8th graders. The program will include hands-on activities related to crime scene investigation, as well as presentations from guest speakers on topics like chromatography, fingerprinting, blood typing and blood splatter trajectory. A fee of \$150 will be charged for each participant and lunch will be provided. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Contact Dr. Vincent Snipes (snipesv@wssu.edu) at 336-750-2488 or Joseph Baker (bakerjc@wssu.edu) at 336-750-2995/2996 to sign up or for more information.

Yoga for women
An adult beginners yoga class for women will be held at Rupert Bell Rec Center, 1501 Mount Zion Place, on Monday July 16 and Aug. 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Dorinda Phillips at 336-727-2051 to register.

Northwest Midget event
The Northwest Midget Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading/Dance League is hosting a Community Assembly Day and registration from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 at North Forsyth High School, 5705 Shattalon Drive. It will include refreshments, a Q&A session and a meet and greet with the Executive Board and Association members. For more information, contact President Loran Perkins at www.nwmpwfl.org.

Sethos Temple fish fry
The Sethos Temple Shriners will hold a fish fry fundraiser on Saturday, July 21 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Hall, 2511 Old Greensboro Road. Plates are \$7 and include bone or filet fish with baked beans, slaw, bread and cake. Call 336-671-6006 for tickets or more information.

Happy Hill Cemetery meeting
The Happy Hill Cemetery Friends will meet today (Thursday, July 12) at 5:30 p.m. at the Sims Recreation Center on Alder Street. The agenda will include an update on the cemetery cleaning project. Call Maurice Pitts Johnson at 721-1081 for more information.



Victor Johnson addresses youth on the last day of the golf clinic.



Malcom Gant prepares to hit the ball as Coach Robert Bethea looks on.



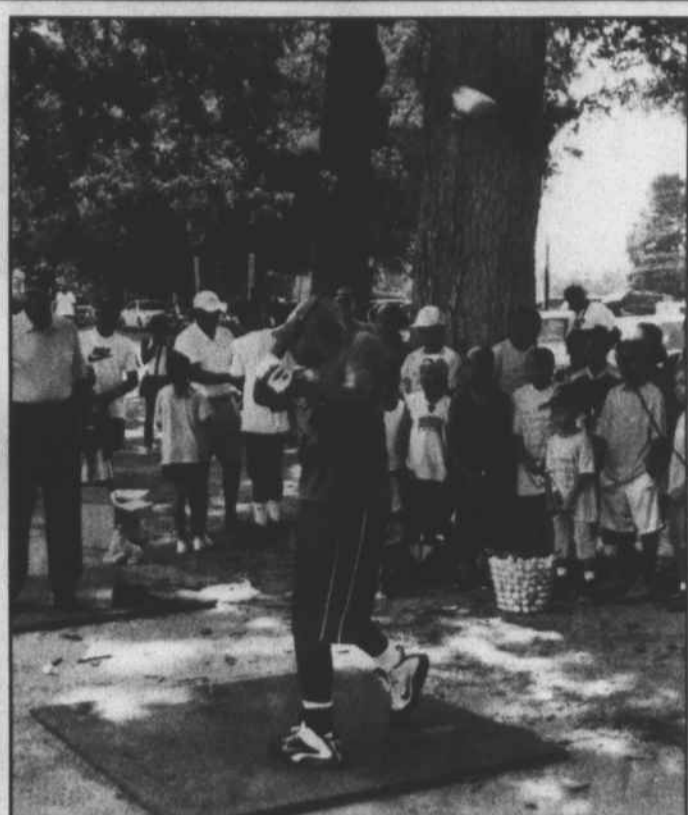
Victor and Constance Johnson are honored by Coach Robert Bethea for their 15 years of service with the clinic.



WSSU Athletics Director Bill Hayes speaks to the kids.



Former Clinic Coach Samuel Puryear Sr. (left) with young awardees Chantel Thorns and Amaria Hines and Victor and Constance Johnson.



Chantel Thorns takes a swing.

Photos by Todd Luck

Swing Kids

School Board's Johnson continues longtime youth golf clinic

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Victor Johnson's annual Junior Golf Clinic ended last Thursday at Reynolds Park Golf Course with words of wisdom from Winston-Salem State University Athletic Director Bill Hayes.

Hayes addressed nearly 75 youngsters who had spent the last four weeks learning the basics of the game from Johnson, a former educator and member of the City-County School Board and several of his longtime golfing buddies.

Hayes drew puzzled looks when he asked the kids if they'd ever been bitten by an elephant or a giraffe. No child raised his or her hand. When he asked if they'd ever been bitten by a mosquito, almost every hand shot-up.

"See what I'm telling you? It's always the little things that hurt ... it's always the little things you got to take care of," said Hayes.

He urged the youngsters to take care of "little things" by learning how to listen to coaches, teachers, parents and other adults. He said the discipline they learned from golf would help them become better listeners.

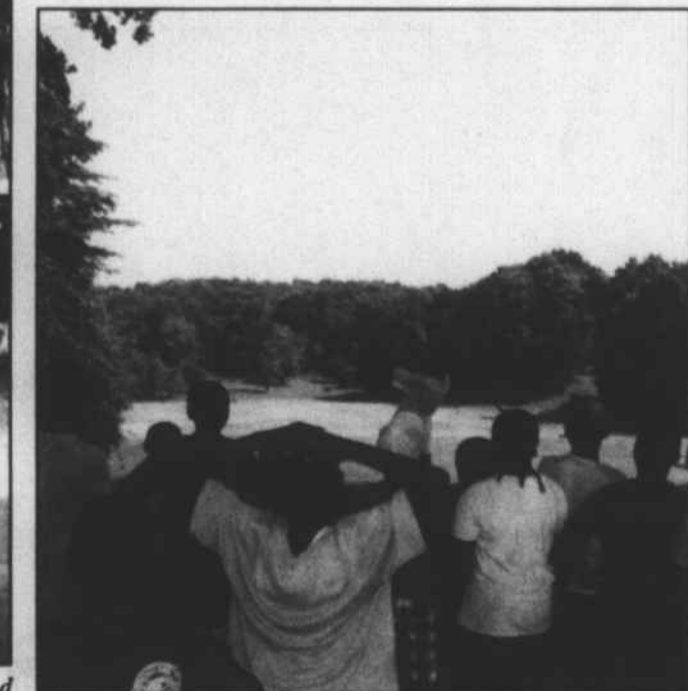
Though Hayes's illustrious career was built around football, he told the group that the golf course has benefits that the gridiron doesn't. Golf is a great way to meet and talk casually with people from all walks of life. Hayes said it is one of the reasons why so many business deals are often made on the green. He added that unlike football or basketball, which players age out of or quit because of injuries, golf can be played at any age.

"Golf is something you can do for the rest of your life," said Hayes. "It might be the greatest of all the lifetime sports and you've learned it, you've picked it up and I encourage you to keep going."

Johnson and his wife, Constance, have held the golf clinic each summer for the past 15 years for kids between the ages of 6-16.

Johnson started the free clinic to expose kids from low income families to the sport, which compared to basketball and football, can be expensive when considering the costs of equipment and green fees. Like Hayes, Johnson believes golf teaches many lessons. That is why he insists that the kids who take the clinic leave with much more than the ability to swing a club.

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Fellow clinic participants watch as Malcom Gant swings.

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