

# COMMUNITY

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NOVEMBER 15, 2012



## Community Calendar

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### Shepherd's Center Volunteers Needed

The Shepherd's Center needs caring volunteers to assist seniors with transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, minor home repairs, friendly visits and caregiver respite. Volunteer opportunities can accommodate a variety of schedules. Reimbursement is provided for orientation and mileage. Call 336-748-0217 for more information.

### Girl Scout Volunteers Needed

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) has opportunities for volunteers who are committed to helping girls develop courage, confidence and character. Must be at least 18 years of age or older, be a positive role model and must become a member of the Girl Scouts for \$12 per year. Volunteers can lead troops, help with events, serve on committees or help at camp. Visit [www.girlscoutsp2p.org](http://www.girlscoutsp2p.org) for more information or contact Leisa Fink at 336-274-8491 or e-mail [lfink@girlscoutsp2p.org](mailto:lfink@girlscoutsp2p.org).

### Food Collection

Lowes Foods' annual food drive, "Friends Feeding Friends," has already begun collecting food donations in all Lowes stores across North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia and will continue through Monday, Dec. 31. These donations will be delivered to the local food bank agencies in the areas where the food is collected. In-store, customers may purchase pre-made bags of non-perishable items most needed or donate cash at the register in \$1, \$3 and \$5 increments.

### Free Admission for Veterans

Reynolda House Museum of American Art, 2250 Reynolda Rd., will offer free admission to veterans and their family members (up to five) Nov. 1-21 to view the "Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey" exhibit.

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### Art Reception at Senior Services

The Senior Services Center, 2895 Shorefair Drive, will host a reception for local artists Bonnie Dempster (watercolor) and Mary Martha McKinley (oil) on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Their paintings are currently being exhibited in the Senior Services Center Gallery through Dec. 31. Viewing hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Sawtooth Open House

The Sawtooth School of Visual Art, 251 N. Spring St., will hold an open house on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m. entitled "The Sights and Sounds of Artists in Action." Tour the school's recently renovated studio classrooms. See live demonstrations by Sawtooth artists and instructors. Learn the history of the Sawtooth Building. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Visit [www.sawtooth.org](http://www.sawtooth.org) for more

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Old Richmond Elementary School students wave flags at the end of their Veterans Day program.

Photos by Todd Luck

## Students Salute Veterans

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THE CHRONICLE

The student body of Old Richmond Elementary School in Tobaccoville became a flag waving chorus on Friday during a special Veterans Day program.

For over a decade, the school has saluted the men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces during an assembly the Friday before the federal Veterans Day holiday, when local schools are closed. Principal Brian Brookshire told his 450 students - who were seated on the floor of the school's auditorium for last week's program - that Veterans Day is far more than just another day off from school.

"Today is, of course, a celebration," said Brookshire. "It's a day in which we honor our veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to this great country. We appreciate the sacrifices and the commitment that you made to keep this country safe. It's an opportunity to say, 'thank you.'"

As part of the annual tradition, veterans from American Legion Post 290 in King take part in the program, posting the colors, leading students in the Pledge of Allegiance and performing "Taps" to close the program. In between all that, the vets sat up front and listened as students, led by music teacher Cathy Moore, sang the national anthem and other patriotic songs.

"You see why we like to come out here?" said Post 290 Assistant Chaplain Don Adams. "It's 'cause of you kids."

The students heard from 1st Sgt. Kenneth Thompson, who served in the Air Force in the 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron based at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C. Before he retired in 2010, Thompson had seen action in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He spoke about how veterans have



Veterans salute the flag during the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."



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made sacrifices for their country for as long as the United States of America has existed.

"Since 1776, no generation of Americans has been spared the obligation of protecting freedom," said Thompson. "...Our veterans embody the choices of our nation to protect liberty and

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Post 290 Assistant Chaplain Don Adams praises the students.



1st Sgt. (retired) Kenneth Thompson speaks.



From left: Lincoln Pattisall, Matthew Waddell, Aidan Chiotti, Emily Hatcher, Daniel Kimel, Blake Collins and Devon Pulliam perform.



From left: Morgan Brookshire, Ayden Rutledge and Ashani Williams sing during the program.