

Sigma Gamma Rho turns 90

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council, which comprises all nine of the historically black fraternities and sororities, recently acknowledged the success and countless achievements of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., which marked its 90th anniversary on Nov. 12.

Sigma Gamma Rho was organized in 1922 by seven school teachers on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. It is the only one of the four historically African-American sororities in the National Pan-Hellenic Council that was established on a predominantly white campus. Today, Sigma Gamma Rho impacts communities



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through its signature international program, Project Reassurance, which focuses on preventing low birth weight babies. It is also the only sorority partner of The Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative, a \$16 million, six year grant partnership with the CDC to fight against HIV/AIDS in the populations that are hardest hit by the disease. The local Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority kicked off its The Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative this month. Lisa B. Allen is leading the initiative.

Celebrations to mark the sorority's 90th anniversary are underway across the country. Most events will commemorate the lifelong work and legacy of the illustrious founders of the organization.

Gold Award for Leak

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Katherine Leak has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

To earn the award, Leak, the daughter of Bob and Karen Leak and a member of Troop 41242, partnered with the Bethesda Center. She staged "Sleep Out to Speak Out" to raise awareness of the issues facing the homeless population in Forsyth County. Participants slept outside and spent the evening creating hygiene kits to give to local homeless people. She also collected reusable water bottles and created posters for the Bethesda Center that gave tips on how to stay safe and hydrated.



Leak

"Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award designation is truly a remarkable achievement, and this young woman exemplifies leadership in all its forms," said Marcia Cole, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont. "She saw a need in her community and took action. Her extraordinary dedication, perseverance and leadership, is making the world a better place."

The Gold Award recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action projects. After the minimum requirements are completed, the Gold Award project is the culmination of a girl's demonstration of self-discipline, leadership ability, time management, creativity, initiative and a significant mastery of skills. Each girl must dedicate a minimum of 80 hours to planning and implementing her project, which must benefit the community and have long lasting impact.

Family launches Marvtastic Travels

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Marvtastic Travels, an affiliate of Aladdin Travel & Meeting Planners, is now open for business.

Annie Hamlin Johnson, the mother of late National Black Theatre Festival Founder Larry Leon Hamlin, is behind the venture, along with her daughter, Sherrie Darlene Hamlin-Robinson, and son-in-law, C. J. Robinson. The company's logo was designed and created by Larente Hamlin, the son of the NBTf founder.

The founders say that the main focus of the company is to offer affordable cruise and or resort vacation packages for families of all sizes, high school reunions and church groups.

"By God's will and the help of family, friends and business associates, (we) are looking forward to building a successful travel agency," the company owners stated in a news release.

Call 336-575-5018 for quotes or more information.



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Annie "Mama Marvtastic" Hamlin Johnson (center) poses with her daughter, Sherrie Darlene Hamlin-Robinson, and son-in-law, C.J. Robinson.

Community Center holds Fall Festival

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The Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center held its Third Annual Fall Festival on Halloween night, Oct. 31, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

More than 65 children, along with 20 adult

volunteers, enjoyed games, candy and prizes.

"This is a safe way of giving children candy without worrying about people putting needles or drugs in their bags," said Center Supervisor Ben Piggott.

Piggott also thanked Swing Phi Swing Social

Fellowship Inc., Beverly Ligons, Joshua Jefferies, Ronald Couthens, the King and Queen Bridge Club, the Carver Road Senior Citizens Club, Karen Sterling, Torry Myers, Terry Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Williams and the Winston-Salem

Recreation and Parks Department for their volunteering help.

On Nov. 16, the Center held its 20th Annual Bingo for Turkeys event.

For more information, call 336-727-2580.



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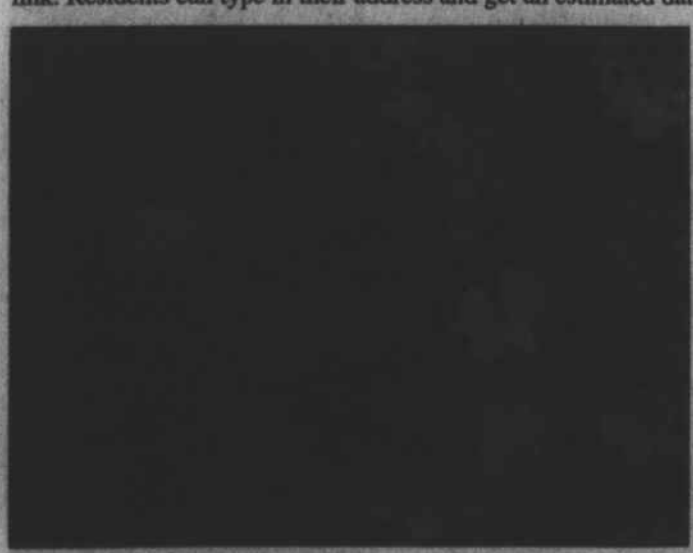
Volunteers, attendees and Center staffers.

Leaf collection underway

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City crews have started collecting leaves. Citizens can track the progress of leaf collection online to get a better idea of when a leaf-collection truck will be in their neighborhood.

To track progress online, go to Sanitation.CityofWS.org and click on the Leaf Routes link. Residents can type in their address and get an estimated date for their next leaf collection.



Residents who do not have access to a computer can call CityLink at 311 and a City Link agent will look it up. Keep in mind that the date will be only an estimate, because inclement weather and other factors can affect the pace of leaf collection.

City leaf trucks will make three passes through each neighborhood. For leaf collection follow these guidelines:

- Rake leaves to the edge of the yard,

behind the curb, and not in the street.

- Sticks, rocks, and other debris may damage city equipment, so leaves only.
- Do not park vehicles on, in front of, or near leaves.
- Do not put leaves on a tarp.
- Leaf collection is provided to single-family houses only.

Residents MAY NOT burn leaves inside the city limits. For year-round leaf collection, put leaves in a city yard-waste cart. Call CityLink 311 for information about how to get a yard cart.

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