Community Calendar

'Vanishing Pearls'

a/perture cinema, 311 West Fourth St., will screen "Vanishing Pearls: The Oystermen of Pointe a la Hache," a documentary about how a Gulf Coast fishing village coped with a devastating oil spill. For show times and ticket prices, go to aperturecinema.com or call 336-722-8148.

Atkins reunion, bus trip

The Classes of 1941 – 1952 of Atkins High School are preparing for their 14th Biennial Class Reunion, which is slated for Aug. 29 – 31 at the Ramada Inn and Plaza, 3050 University Parkway. The theme will be a "Tribute to our Queen of Hearts," and Annie Pearl Wilson will be honored. Alumni are being sought to take part in the planned activities of fun, which will include reflecting on old memories and inspirational moments. The class is sponsoring a bus trip to Harrah's Casino in Cherokee on Tuesday, June 19. For more information about the bus trip or reunion, contact Wilson at 336-723-8149 or Naomi Jones at 336-724-3759.

Guys and Dolls meeting

Families who were members of the Gamma Chapter of Guys and Dolls, Inc. are asked to come to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave., on Sunday, June 22 at 4 p.m. for a very important meeting. For further information, call either Nathaniel Rumph or Rudolph V. Boone Sr. at 336-767-4087.

Sign language sessions

The Adaptables will hold a basic sign language class every Monday from June 30 – Aug. 4 from 2–3 p.m at 3908 Westpoint Blvd., Suite B. Enrollees will learn basic grammar, vocabulary, finger spelling, numbers and deaf culture. The cost is $20 and includes all materials. The deadline to sign up is Monday, June 23. Learn more by calling Christina Moore at 336-767-7060 or emailing her at Christina.moore@theadaptables.com.

Business seminars

The Forsyth Technical Community College Small Business Center will host several upcoming seminars. They include the following: "Google Apps for Small Business" at the Transportation Technology Center on June 19 from 1 – 4 p.m.; "Thinking of Starting Your Own Business" at the Transportation Technology Center on June 20 from 3 – 5 p.m.; "Small Business Roundtable" at the King Chamber of Commerce on June 21 from 8 – 10 a.m.; "ABC Budgeting for Small Business" at the Transportation Technology Center on June 21 from 1 – 4 p.m.; "Small Business Roundtable" at the Urban League Quality of Life Center

Photos by Todd Luck

Above: Ribbon cutters (left to right) Larry Herzberg, Fred Bazemore, Vivian Burke, DD Adams, Twanna Wellman-Roebuck, Dell James, Dr. Frank James, Tommy Hickman, Mayor Allen Joines and William Womble.

Left: Experiment in Self-Reliance's new headquarters at 3480 Dominion St.

The New ESR

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Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) held a ribbon-cutting celebration at its new headquarters last Friday.

The 50-year-old nonprofit – which works to empower the working poor – will officially begin operating out of the new commodious building at 3480 Dominion St. on June 16.

ESR had rented its current location (the former City Memorial Hospital) off East Fifth Street since the 1970s. Officials said the agency had long outgrown the building.

The agency's homeowner training program – which teaches clients how to save for and buy a new home – was being held in the basement of an adjacent building. Its free tax preparation service, which prepares more than 2,500 tax returns for local residents each year, was spread over many locations throughout the city. The new building is designed to house all of the agency's programs and classes with room to spare and grow.
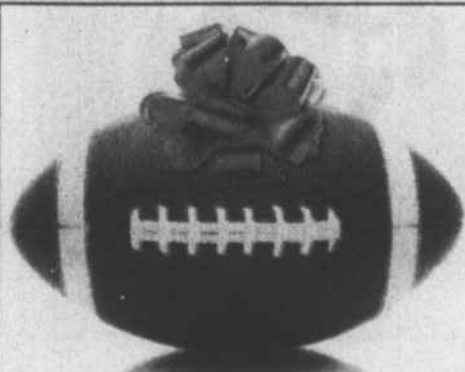
"We are so appreciative of having the time we spent in that

ESR Board Chair Larry Herzberg with Executive Director Twanna Wellman-Roebuck and Tommy Hickman (right).

Chris Bryan places an ESR time capsule down as (left to right) Patricia Mumford, Sallie Hughes, Evelyn Acree, Cindy Gordineer, Perry Peterson and Ed Welch prepare to shovel soil on a newly planted tree.