

Special Visitors



Wake Forest Baptist Photo

A huge basketball fan, sixteen-year-old Ryan Shelton had a great time meeting all of the ACC mascots. The mascots visited Brenner Children's Hospital as part of an outreach initiative for the 2015 ACC Men's Basketball Tournament.

Modern Chevrolet teams up with Little League

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Modern Chevrolet is partnering with the North Forsyth Little League in Winston-Salem. Modern Chevrolet has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program to provide new equipment, a monetary contribution, invitations to FREE instructional clinics, and an opportunity for community members to earn additional donations for their league via a Test Drive fundraiser.

"Playing the game of baseball helps kids develop skills like leadership, cooperation and sportsmanship while bringing families and communities together to show their support. Modern Chevrolet and Chevrolet Youth Baseball are proud to participate in a sport that brings so many smiles to kids and families in Winston-Salem," said Bryan Johnson, Community Relations Manager for Modern Chevrolet. "Chevrolet believes that in play, there are possibilities, and it supports the spirit of teamwork that baseball instills in its players."

This year marks Chevrolet's Youth Baseball program's 10th year. Since its introduction, it has helped aid local teams, benefiting more than 3.5 million young people in communities where Chevrolet's customers live, work and play. In 2014, more than 1,600 Chevrolet dealers participated across the country.

Modern Chevrolet will present the North Forsyth Little League with an equipment kit that includes useful items such as bags, batting tees, catcher's gear, water bottles and Chevrolet Youth Baseball T-shirts. The sponsorship also includes youth clinics featuring current and former MLB/MiLB players and coaches, and instructors from Ripken Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association.

In addition, Modern Chevrolet will present a check representing a one-time monetary contribution to North Forsyth Little League. Sponsored leagues across the country will have the chance to earn additional funds as community members take test drives at their partnering dealership to help support the league.

For more information about Chevrolet Youth Baseball, please visit www.youthsports wired.com.

WSSU Young Alumni plan second run for scholarships

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The Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Young Alumni Council is sponsoring its second annual WSSU 5K/10K Run on Saturday, April 11 in the Anderson Center Parking Lot on the WSSU campus, 601 S Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

The group wants to raise money for scholarships to WSSU so that students who want to attend the university can be assisted financially.

People who register for the run are able to get exercise and spend the morning with a lot of fun people while raising money for student scholarships.

The 5k/10k is a part of the Young Alumni Council's first Young Alumni Weekend, but people can register even if they are not an alumnus of WSSU.

Those interested in event vending to market a business to the Winston-Salem and WSSU Ram community at an affordable rate should contact Kennette Burgess to secure your vending sponsorship or for more information. Email kennetteburgess@yahoo.com or call 336-782-5892. Deadline is April 4.

Event details and schedule

The 5K/10K will start at 8 a.m. with pre-run activities beginning at 7:30 a.m. On-site packet and T-shirt pickup will open at 7 a.m. Parking is free and will be in the parking lot of the Anderson Center.

Pre-Race Packet and T-shirt pickup date/time will be available in March.

The course will start at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University, run through Reynolds Park and back to the starting point at the Anderson Center. Volunteers will be strategically placed to keep runners on track.

More information will be provided the race gets closer.

1. For anyone who would like to volunteer, go here to sign up: <http://goo.gl/forms/yNB3BWVQ07>
2. To register to run or walk, register easily online at www.tinyurl.com/wssu5k10k.
3. Vending spaces are available for \$75 a spot.

Nuggets prove too hot for Heat in Hanes Hosiery game

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Recently at Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center in the 15 and under age basketball championship, the Heat and the Nuggets went down in a clashing battle in front of a sold-out crowd to see who would come out victorious and take bragging rights of the best team this year.

In a strong-fought effort, the Nuggets come out in victory, 51-49, behind the coaching efforts of Avery Faucett, who stepped in for Lauren Huddleston and Jordan Ballard (pre-Law students at Wake Forest) who couldn't make it because Wake Forest is on their spring break.

The Nuggets, which all season had a consistent balance attack of pushing the ball up the floor and attacking the basket, along with sharing the ball to also get easy scores, came into this game with the same mentality and game plan that pushed them over the top to claim the win.

The balance attack was led by a future star in the making and the seasons/tournament's MVP Jordan Timmons, who led the team with 23 points, nice assists, key defensive stops and late game free throws to help close the game out.

To help contribute to the Nuggets' Championship win was the play of Javon "Little Man" McCallister (8 points), who showed exceptional ball handling and passing skills with a skilled floater.

The two head monsters in the paint, De'Andre Starnes (8 points) and Damel Fuller (8 points), both played just as their nicknames are "Monsters," with key rebounds and put backs and blocks in the paint.



Submitted Photos

The Hanes Hosiery 2015 15 and under Winter League champions, the Nuggets, show their trophies with their coaches.

Others who got involved were Jeremy Stowe (2 points) and Quinton Hairston (2 points), who made some very big plays down the stretch.

Players such as Bobby Shackelford, Vincent Moss and Armani McCray, even though they didn't score sure made some quality hustle plays, diving on the floor for the loose balls, take charges and giving a great overall defensive presence to help with the win.

In the game sports, there is a winner and a loser. While the Heat lost, the team put up a willing effort to fight hard to win the game. The Heat was coached by Matt Barnes (pre-Law student at Wake Forest).

The Heat lead by one of the top scores in the league the whole season, Joshua Crippen who had a game high 32 points, with many steals and fast break lay-ups to help try and push his team over the hump. Other players who contributed to the play of the Heat were, Brandon Adams (9 points) and Tacari Stokes (8 points). Players such as Jacorey Mitchell, Austin Phillips, Dae'coreyan Mouzon, Zhyer Mitchell, Jonathon Crippin, Kevin Williams, even though they didn't score they had some valuable minutes to help keep the Heat in the game and giving them a chance to win the game

at the end.

Hanes Hosiery Director, Coach Art Blevins was proud of all of the kids, and said, "It was game that you wish that there would have been no loser, because both teams played their hearts out. Watching these kids run up and down the floor, diving on the floor for loose balls, you can see the passion for the game

they played with."



Jordan Timmons, 12, the Hanes Hosiery 2015 15 and under Winter League's most valuable player, shows his off trophy with Hanes Hosiery Director Coach Art Blevins. Jordan has been playing in Blevins' leagues at Hanes Hosiery since he was 6 years old.

Book Review

Abdul-Jabbar writes children's book about basketball and life

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER FOR THE CHRONICLE

Oh, how you hate to lose! You hate it so much, in fact, that it's not really an option: you'll do anything and work hardest to make sure that you're not finishing last.

It's all or nothing for you, and in the new book "Stealing the Game" by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld, it's about more than how you play the game.

Everyone at Orangetree Middle School knew that 13-year-old Chris Richards was someone they could trust, a decent-enough student, but kind of quiet. Even Chris himself would admit that, and he was OK with it. He always thought his observation skills were better than anything else he did, except maybe basketball.

Yep, Chris was a good kid. So it came as a huge surprise to everyone when a cop came to algebra class and escorted him to the principal's office.

The whole mess started four days earlier. Jax, Chris's older brother, was the "Golden Boy." Always likeable, good-hearted, smart, capable, and responsible, Jax had spent the last year at Stanford University on a full scholarship, studying to be a lawyer. The Richards - both lawyers - were proud of him but when Jax came home and announced that he'd quit school, well, it was like World War III had started in the living room.

Chris had always looked up to Jax, and Jax's behavior didn't make sense. Then again, in Chris's world, not much did. Girls were a total mystery, teachers were a surprise, and most of his classes were a struggle. But basketball ... now,

that made sense. For Chris, the only thing better than a good pick-up game was drawing comics.

Ever since his parents started pushing Chris toward college, he wished he could tell them that being a comic book artist was what he wanted to do someday. He loved comics, loved collecting them, and he loved imagining ways that his own main character, Master Thief, could save the world.

But Master Thief couldn't save Jax. Jax, in fact, was in big trouble and he needed Chris's help with a real burglary.

Jax, you see, had a secret life, too ... Ka-thunk-ka-thunk-ka-thunk. If you've got a basketball fan around, that's a familiar sound at your house. But you'll silence that sound for a few hours, if you can swap the ball for this book.

More than just a basketball novel, "Stealing the Game" is also a mystery, solved by a sharp, smart, funny, and genuinely nice 13-year-old. The real Dream Team of authors, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld, introduce readers to that kind of kid, the one you wish your kids would hang out with. But while Chris Richards is surely the star here, the whole rest of the cast of this story appealed to me, too. And the book's Big Reveal? It's perfect. Three points.

Another nice thing: There's a strong girl b-baller here as well, which means that this isn't just a book for boys. Actually, it's not just a book for kids, either: for anybody, any age, "Stealing the Game" is a win.

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