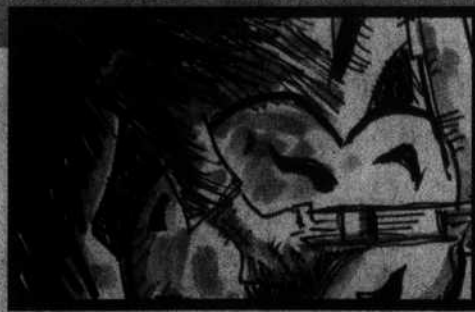


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Liberty Street Market reopening?

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The City of Winston-Salem is pursuing a proposal to once again make the Liberty Street Vendor's Market into a venue for farmers to sell produce.

The market is comprised of two covered shelters the city built on a vacant Liberty Street lot it owns. The market, which cost \$350,000 to design

and build, opened in 2014 with farmers and other vendors selling their wares. The city contracted with Mercedes Miller's Mercedes-Empowers Inc. to run it. Low vendor and costumer turnout resulted in the market closing and Miller ending her contract with the city in 2015.

Since then, it's been run by the city's Community Development Department and hosts community



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events. It's used regularly for food distribution by

Second Harvest Food Bank and for activities by Cleveland Avenue Transformation Team and area churches.

During a meeting on Monday, March 20, the City Council finance committee gave staff approval to pursue an unsolicited proposal it received to reopen it as a farmers market for a six months trial period.

Mayor Pro Tempore



File photo

The City of Winston-Salem is pursuing a proposal from R and Company, LLC to reopen the Liberty Street Vendor's Market.

Vivian Burke said she wanted to see the market become active again so the city could see a return on its investment. Council

Member Denise "D.D." Adams concurred.

"The people in the

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Photos by Tevin Stinson

Students from Hanes Magnet School make their game plan before the relay race during the Kick Butts Celebration held on Wednesday, March 15.

Local students 'kick butts'

Hundreds say no to tobacco during annual National Kick Butts Day

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

More than 300 students from schools across the county "kicked butts" last week when they celebrated National Kick Butts day inside the Fairground Education Building

Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against tobacco companies that use images of teenagers in their ads to increase sales.

Although the United States has made great strides in the fight against youth tobacco use every day, more than 3,000 youth under age 18 try smoking for the first time and 700 youth become daily smokers.

Here in Winston-Salem, the fight against teen tobacco use is headed by a collection of organizations known as "No'Bacco."

Headed by the Forsyth County Youth Tobacco

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Local students prepare their no smoking display during the Kick Butts Day celebration held at the Fairgrounds Education Building on Wednesday, March 15.

Clyburn and Valentine to take top honors at gala

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

This Saturday, The Chronicle will celebrate individuals and organizations in the community who work effortlessly to improve the lives of others in during the 32nd annual Community Awards Gala.

Since the mid-1980s, The Chronicle has hosted the event to shine a light on the good deeds of people in the community.

What began as a small



ceremony held in a conference room has grown to become one of the city's most anticipated events. Chronicle Publisher Emeritus Ernie Pitt said he had no idea the event would grow to what it has become today.

This year's event, held inside the M.C. Benton Convention Center, will recognize individuals, locally owned businesses, nonprofits and churches for their dedication to make Winston-Salem a better place.

Taking home the top awards for Man and Women of the year is the Rev. James Clyburn and Dr. Peggy Valentine.

A 1971 graduate of Atkins High School, Rev. Clyburn has been working to improve the quality of life for others for more than 40 years. While serving as the pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church, Clyburn still finds times to give back to the youth where they need it most, in our schools. For 23 years Rev. Clyburn, has served as a teacher at West Forsyth High School in Clemmons, NC. It is Rev. Clyburn's vision that the church serve as leaders in the

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Rev. James Clyburn




Dr. Peggy Valentine

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