

Voting

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Campbell wanted to add Miller Park Recreation Center, which Stuart was receptive to, and Brown-Douglas Recreation Center and the WSSU Anderson Center, both of which Russell said he wanted to think about. This brings the total of sites to 11.

Picking sites has some additional wrinkles this year. Senate Bill 325 is now law after the Republican majority in the General Assembly overrode the governor's veto, so BOEs must now open all sites from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. each weekday during the early voting period, which is now Oct. 17 through Nov. 3 with new require-

ments that all sites be open on the Saturday before Election Day.

The new 12-hour days at all sites are far more expensive with 11 sites, which would usually cost \$105,895, now costing \$299,200. This added expense threatened to strip the BOE's early voting budget, but county commissioners plan to vote on July 19 to add unused funds set aside for a second primary to the BOE's budget for a total of \$347,921. When the commissioners were briefed on the situation last week, several expressed dismay at the new requirements, with County Commissioner Vice Chairman Don Martin calling it an "unfunded mandate" from the state.

The new requirements also knocked out several potential sites, since they couldn't be used on every required day. Both St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Kernersville Library had events planned during the first week of voting when the BOE office is usually the only early voting site open.

Anderson Center had one conflict that first week: WSSU's massive homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 20, which includes a parade down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive that might interfere with access to other sites, too. Campbell proposed not holding early voting on that first Saturday. BOE members are considering the second Saturday, whose hours they can



Photo By Todd Luck

Forsyth County Board of Elections (BOE) Chairwoman Susan Campbell tries to convince BOE Vice Chairman Stuart Russell of the virtues of having early voting at Winston-Salem State University during the BOE's meeting on Monday, July 2.

choose, and the last a.m.-5 p.m. sites and weekend hours on Saturday, whose hours The BOE will meet to Tuesday, July 10 at 5 p.m. must be 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or 8 continue the discussion of



Traffic stretched for miles on Reynolds Park Road last Saturday evening as thousands came together for Rock Out the Quarry.



More than 3,000 people gather at Quarry Park last weekend for Rock Out the Quarry. The event featured live music, food, and fireworks.

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a part of the city," said Brian Williams, a longtime city resident. "We would walk through the woods and spend the whole day at the quarry in the summer. It was part of our childhood."

While the quarry may not have been a secret to Williams and others, it's safe to say the secret is out.

On Saturday, June 30, thousands of residents grabbed their lawn chairs and beach towels and made their way to the quarry. Estimates are more than 3,000 people attended the event.

The event that brought people together from all parts of city was Rock Out the Quarry. Sponsored by the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department, the community development department and the local police department. The event featured live music, food trucks, and fireworks.

Rock Out the Quarry also provided a view of the city's skyline that can't be seen from anywhere else.

While enjoying the soulful sounds of Darryl Little and Friends, several residents said they were happy to see so many people having good wholesome fun. One resident said, "I think it's wonderful what the city has done here today. With so much going on in the world today, it's always good to see people come together like this."

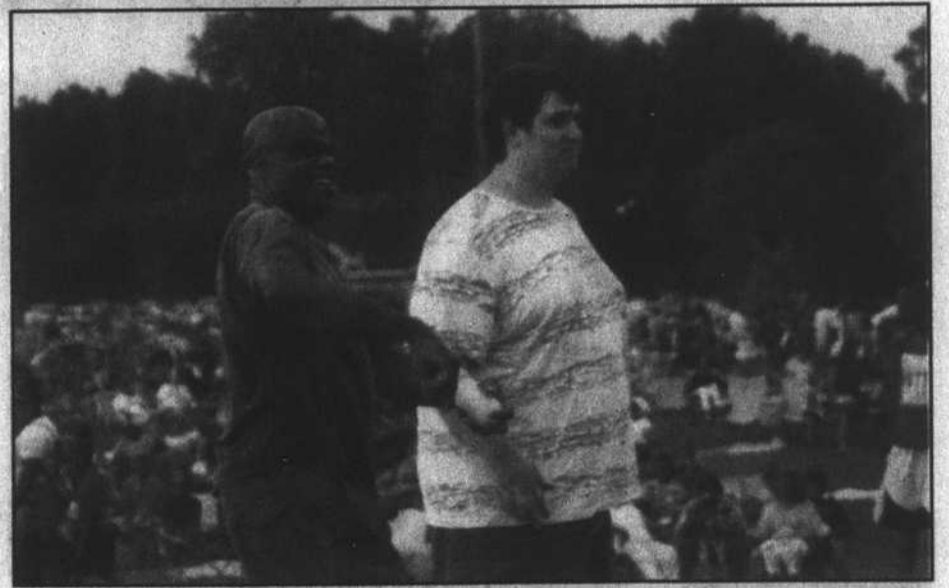
Several elected officials were on hand for the fun and festivities as well, including City Council member James Taylor, who represents the Southeast Ward. Taylor, who is the publisher of The Chronicle, said when he joined the city council nine years ago he envisioned a "destination location" that people from all over the city would want to come and relax.

"As I look over the audience, I can say we have accomplished that goal," continued Taylor. "This was a secret no one knew about it, but today culminates the idea of opening this up to the community."



Photos by Tervin Stinson
Locals enjoy the soulful sounds of Darryl Little and Friends on Saturday, June 30, at Rock Out the Quarry

Residents from every corner of the city came together last weekend for Rock Out the Quarry.



Surprises

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Patricia Sadler is that she is an incredible leader," said Perry as he stood before those in attendance at the annual meeting.

"... One of the things incredible leaders do is train people and they make sure folks learn the process. And she has done that every single day of her work here at the Urban League."

Sadler said for 15 years the Urban League has been like her second home. Anyone who is familiar with the WSUL knows Sadler is usually the first person there in the morning

and the last person to leave at night.

She said helping people get jobs who have been told 'No' by employers on multiple occasions gave her joy.

"You don't do this work for fame but you do it to help people improve their lives and that's what this Urban League does," said Sadler. "It's often said you have a year when you come into this world and a year that you leave but the dates aren't important; it's that dash in between that matters. What have you done while you're here? What kind of impact have you made? That has been my priority."

Sadler's successor will



Photo by Tervin Stinson

During the Winston-Salem Urban League's annual meeting on Thursday, June 28, Patricia Sadler announced her retirement. Sadler has served as the director of workforce development at the Urban League for the past 15 years.

be Celeste Gilreath. It is unclear when Gilreath will officially step into her new role with the WSUL.

In other news, Perry also announced Kenneth Pettigrew will be joining the Urban League Staff as a chief operating officer. Perry said Pettigrew already has a strong relationship with the organization and is a regular volunteer.

"We look forward to doing a lot of great, incredible things with Kenneth and getting more things in order here with this incredible organization."

The Urban League also honored the life and legacy of Beaufort Bailey. Bailey, who is most known for his

time spent on the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School Board of Education, was also a member of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, a lifetime member of the NAACP, and a member of the WSUL, where he also served on the board of directors for many years.

Bailey's daughter, Dr. L'Tanya Joy Bailey, attended the meeting to accept the Samuel D. Harvey Community Leadership Award in honor of her father who passed away earlier this year. The award was named for the first president of the Winston-Salem Urban League.

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