

It's Girl Scout cookie season

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With the start of the new year comes the arrival of everyone's favorite cookies- the Girl Scout cookies. Running now through March 3, the public can stock up on Thin Mints, Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties and more.

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls not only discover their inner leadership potential, but also use their earnings to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troop, including travel, outdoor adventure and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming. Many girls put the money toward impactful projects right in their own backyards, from supporting animal shelters and food banks to working with local and state legislators to change laws. The cookie program's

benefits are many, and a recent Girl Scout Research Institute study found that two out of three girls who participate in the program learn five crucial skills—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—while doing incredible things for themselves and those around them. The proceeds stay local, meaning that when consumers purchase the delicious cookies, they're giving back to their wider community.

This year, along with the classic cookie flavors, Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont is celebrating a tasty new way to support young female entrepreneurs with a recently debuted Girl Scout cookie added to the 2019 lineup: Caramel Chocolate Chip. This gluten-free option features rich caramel, semisweet chocolate chips and a hint of sea salt in a chewy cookie. This gluten-free cookie will retail for \$5 a box, while the other cookies are \$4 a box.

To find cookies near them, consumers can visit the cookie booth locator at www.girlscoutcookies.org or download the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, available for free on iOS or Android devices. They can also contact the council at info@girlscoutsp2p.org.

Winston-Salem man inspires Hall of Fame quarterback to advocate on behalf of ALS

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Washington, D.C. – The ALS Association launched a new public awareness campaign that was the final wish of Winston-Salem resident

Harrison Anderson, who died on December 29, 2018 from ALS. The television PSA features Hall of Fame quarterback and FOX Sports announcer Terry Bradshaw, who speaks about ALS and the

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Community Briefs

AARP North Carolina presents Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones with The Andrus Award for Community Service

RALEIGH – Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones of Kernersville, is the recipient of the AARP North Carolina's 2018 Andrus Award, the most prestigious AARP Award for community service.

Dr. Taylor-Jones has volunteered with AARP for over 20 years, serving as an officer with the Winston-Salem AARP Chapter, on the AARP North Carolina Executive Council, and as lead volunteer for AARP in the Triad Region. She leads classroom sessions and seminars on health, finances and fraud prevention for AARP members and others in the community.

Dr. Taylor-Jones is the former Speaker of the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature (2015-2017). She is the first African-American elected to that office since the organization was founded in 1993. She has represented Forsyth County as an alternate and delegate since 2006. She formerly served as Chairperson of the Health/Wellness/Quality of Life Committee, and currently serves as Chairperson of the Advocacy Committee.

A retired faculty member and professor of Gerontology at Winston-Salem State University, she has a long list of accomplishments and awards. Some awards include the Governor's Award from the North Carolina Human Relations Commission for Outstanding Service to the Winston-Salem Community and the Betterment of Human Relations among People in Winston-Salem; The City/Community Leadership Award granted by the National Women of Achievement (NWOA); The Older Advocate Award, presented by the Southern Gerontological Society, in recognition of an individual who has devoted their retirement years to community and/or legislative advocacy on behalf of older adults.



Dr. Taylor-Jones

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New president and chief operating officer named for Novant Health Kernersville Medical Center

Novant Health is pleased to announce that Kirsten Royster was recently named president and chief operating officer of Novant Health Kernersville Medical Center.

Royster will retain her role as patient experience officer, leading Novant Health's efforts on patient experience across the not-for-profit health system. She most recently served as president and chief operating officer of Novant Health Medical Park Hospital in Winston-Salem and led the health system's ob-gyn service line. Royster replaces former president and chief operating officer Chad Setliff, who was recently named president and chief operating officer of Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

Royster has nearly 20 years of experience in a variety of hospital and medical group roles including vice president of the Heart and Vascular Institute at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, vice president of Novant Health Medical Group specialty practice operations, senior director of support services and director of patient access and transcription.

Before joining Novant Health in 2005, Royster worked for Stockamp & Associates (renamed to Huron Healthcare) in Atlanta. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in health care policy and administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Public Health in health policy and administration degree from Emory University in Atlanta.

Novant Health Kernersville Medical Center, which opened in 2011, is a 50-bed hospital located at 1750 Kernersville Medical Parkway in Kernersville, offering a wide range of services in emergency, surgery, cardiology, surgery, cardiovascular, diagnostic and cancer care close to home for residents in the Kernersville area, nearby Guilford County and beyond.



Kirsten Royster

Community Calendar

NOW – Feb. 15 – Writing Contest

The CDS Documentary Essay Prize will host a writing contest. Submissions can be made until Feb. 15. To enter the contest or for more info, see <https://documentarystudies.duke.edu/awards/documentary-essay-prize/how-to-enter>

NOW – May 16 – Parent Academy/Community Institute

Do you need to get your GED? Do you need an introduction to computers? Do you need to learn English as a second language or to learn conversational Spanish? Carver High School, 3545 Carver School Road, is sponsoring a Parent Academy/Community Institute in partnership with Forsyth Technical Community College every Tuesday and Thursday starting Nov. 8 until May 16, 2019 from 5:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Free childcare will be provided. All of these benefits are free. For more information contact Mr. Javier Correa-Vega at (336) 727-2987, ext. 33048.

TODAY, Jan. 17 – Award-winning author at Bookmarks

Award-winning author Beth Macy will speak about her new book "Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company That Addicted America" on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by Bookmarks and Kilpatrick Townsend and will be held at Footnote Coffee & Cocktails (634 W. Fourth Street #120 in Winston-Salem). It is free and open to the public.

TODAY, Jan. 17 – March 3 – SECCA exhibition

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) will present "The Same Leaving: 3 Projects" by Christine Kirouac, featuring art by this Canadian prairie-grown artist who creates bodies of work that seamlessly merge subject, concept, process, and medium. The exhibition will be on display at SECCA, which is located at 750 Marguerite Drive in Winston-Salem, from January 17 to March 3. SECCA is free and open to the public Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

TODAY, Jan. 17 – SciTech Lecture Series

Robert A. Haack will discuss "How Climate

Change Effects the Planet's Finite Water Resources and the Need for New Technologies to Improve the Aging Water Infrastructure" during the monthly SciTech Lecture Series at Forsyth Technical Community College on Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and will be held at Strickland Auditorium, Robert L. Strickland Center, Forsyth Tech, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway.

Jan. 18 - 20 – Art Show and Sale

"Inspired by Nature" is an art show and sale to benefit The Gateway Nature Preserve. The three-day event will take place at Artworks Gallery, 564 N. Trade Street, in Winston-Salem. Admission is free. An opening reception is set for 5 - 8 p.m. on Friday, January 18. On Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., students from the Youth Art Society will be present to show and discuss their works. The final day, January 20, will feature a "Meet the Artists" session from 1 - 5 p.m.

Jan. 20 – Twin City Choristers' concert

Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will host the Twin City Choristers' 23rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20. The event is free. An offering will be received during the intermission. A reception will follow. For more information, call (336) 725-4105.

Jan. 21 – 39th Annual MLK commemoration

The 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Noon Hour Commemoration will be held at Union Baptist Church, 1200 Trade Street, NW in Winston-Salem, NC. Doors open at 11 a.m. to the general public without charge or reservation. An offering will be lifted. The program will conclude by 2 p.m.

Jan. 21 – MLK Observance

Durham attorney Ken Spaulding will be the guest speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance being held by the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni and Friends Inc. in Goldsboro, NC. The event will be held at 11 a.m. at the H. V. Brown Hall on Monday, Jan. 21. The address for the occasion is 801 Poplar Street, Goldsboro, NC.

Jan. 22 – Business Plan Competition info meeting

The city is holding its Small Business Plan Competition again in 2019 and will kick it off with an

information meeting Jan. 22 for entrepreneurs interested in participating. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room (Room 530) of the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem. For more information go to CityofWS.org and search for Small Business Plan Competition, or call Steven Harrison at (336) 747-7474.

Jan. 22 – Email computer class

The Carver School Road Branch Library will offer an Email/Gmail Computer Class on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. Learn how to send and receive messages, send attachments and other helpful information! Would you like to know more? This is the class for you. This program is free and open to the public. Carver School Road Branch Library is located at 4915 Lansing Drive. Call (336) 703-2910 for more information and/or to register. Space is limited.

Jan. 24 – Adult Game day

The Carver School Road Branch Library will have an Adult Game Day on Jan. 24, 11 a.m. Join us for some fun, fierce competition playing games like Chicken Dominoes, Scrabble, and Phase 10. Light refreshments are served. Carver School Road Branch Library is located at 4915 Lansing Drive. Call 336-703-2910 for more information. This group is free and open to ages 18 and over. Carver School Road Branch Library is located at 4915 Lansing Drive. Call (336) 703-2910 for more information.

Jan. 24 – Application deadline

The city is accepting applications for its Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) program through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24. Participants will receive coaching and training in life skills such as goal setting, planning, interpersonal relationships, financial management, communication, job-search techniques and resume writing. An application link and more information are posted at CityofWS.org/SOAR. Interested citizens can also call (336) 397-7770 or send an e-mail to faithb@cityofws.org or troys@cityofws.org.

Jan. 24 – Medicare workshop

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is offering a workshop for individuals turning 65 (as well as those who already have Medicare) to learn

about the different insurance options available, including "Original Medicare," Medicare prescription drug programs, Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans. The session will be held on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem, 1700 Ebert St.

Jan. 24 – WSSU's Spring Colloquium

Winston-Salem State University's Department of History, Politics and Social Justice will present its Spring Colloquium from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, at The Enterprise Center, 1922 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The colloquium, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the department and by WSSU's Alliance for Sustainability Community Committee. For more information, please contact Dr. Denise Nation at nationde@wssu.edu or Dr. Jack Monell at monelljs@wssu.edu.

Jan. 24 – Lunch and Speaker series

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 520 Summit St., will host its monthly Bag Lunch and Speaker series on Jan. 24 at noon. Sabrina Slade will share the history and current state of income disparities in our community based on factors highlighted in two reports produced by The Winston-Salem Foundation. Bring your own lunch. St. Paul's will provide beverages. All are welcome.

Jan. 24 – Ribbon cutting

North Carolina Black Repertory Company and Winston-Salem Little Theatre will have administrative offices and rehearsal spaces in the newly renovated Arts Council Extension (ACE) Building at 419 North Spruce Street. An open house and ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday Jan. 24. Principals from The Arts Council and the two theater companies will participate, along with county and city elected officials. The public is invited.

Ongoing

Tuesdays – Senior Tai Chi class

The Salvation Army Senior Center, 2850 New Walkertown Road, holds Tai Chi for Falls Prevention (TCFP) on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Based on the Tai Chi for Arthritis program, TCFP is shown to prevent falls, improve balance and overall health, and reduce pain. TCFP consists of a series of gentle movements that can be done standing or seated.