

Community Calendar

NOW – Earn community service hours

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. help is needed as we continue to clean and beautify the historic Happy Hill Cemetery. Students or adults are welcome to assist. Young people under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes and consider working as a team. The location is 888 Willow Street (corner of Pitts and Willow Street). For more information, call Maurice Pitts Johnson at (336) 815-8417 or (336) 978-2866.

NOW – Aug. 9 – The Chronicle's Summer Reading Race

The Chronicle's Summer Reading Race is for students going to grades 1 – 8. Each child must submit a reading log by Aug. 9. The log must include book title, author's name and page count. All books must be grade appropriate. Send completed logs to letters@wschronicle.com or bring them to The Chronicle at 1300 E. Fifth St. The students with the most books read will be entered into several drawings for fun prizes!

Now – Aug. 10 – Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Triad Minority Business Expo Aug 23 and Aug 24, 2019. People needed for the awards luncheon, expo, workshops, white party and artist showcase. Please sign up at <https://triadminoritybusinessexpo.com/become-a-volunteer-1>

July 11 – Class reunion meeting

The 14th Street School Alumni is very excited to have media person, "Busta Brown," and the Triple Threat Line Dancers for the 4th Annual All-Class Reunion. We are asking all classmates, teachers, and anyone that worked at 14th Street School to join us Thursday, July 11, at 14th Street Recreation Center at 6 p.m. for our planning sessions. Contact Alfred Harvey-President at 336-414-9241 for more information.

July 11 – Age-Friendly Forsyth community conversation

Age-Friendly Forsyth will host a community conversation at Miller Park Recreation Center, 400 Leisure Lane July 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Winston-Salem area seniors, caregivers and community members are invited to join us and share your views about aging in our community and suggestions to help seniors age with dignity. To register, call Arleatha Patterson at 336-701-1700, ext. 112, or email arleatha@forsyth-futures.org.

July 12 – Age-Friendly Forsyth community conversation

Age-Friendly Forsyth will host a community conversation at Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, 1650 Ivy Ave. July 12 from noon to 2 p.m. Winston-Salem area seniors,

caregivers and community members are invited to join us and share your views about aging in our community and suggestions to help seniors age with dignity. To register, call Arleatha Patterson at 336-701-1700, ext. 112, or email arleatha@forsyth-futures.org.

July 13 – Grief Care

St. Paul United Methodist Church sponsors "Grief Care", a support group for persons experiencing grief due to the death of someone close to them. "Why?" is the topic on Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Rd. For additional information, call (336) 723-4531 or (336) 722-5517.

July 13 – 14, 31 – Youth reading events

Bookmarks is hosting a variety of events for young readers of all ages in July. On Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m., Bookmarks will present a Scholastic Summer Reading Palooza and Storytime, and on Sunday, July 14, from 3 – 6 p.m. Bookmarks will host a Moon Landing Celebration with children's authors. On Wednesday, July 31, at 7 p.m., Bookmarks' Teen Advisory Council will hold a Harry Potter Trivia Night & Birthday Celebration. All these events are free and open to the public and support Bookmarks mission to connect the community with books and authors.

July 15 – Summer Book Club

Bookmarks will host their seasonal Book Club Social on Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at Footnote Coffee & Cocktails. The Social requires a \$5 registration fee so that guests may enjoy complimentary refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and book giveaways. Guests can register to attend at bookmarksnc.org/book-club-social. Footnote Coffee & Cocktails is in the same building as Bookmarks' bookstore, at 634 W. Fourth St. #110.

July 15 - 17 – Youth Financial Literacy Summer Camp

The Youth Financial Literacy Summer Program, a free half-day camp, will be held on July 15 – 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Habitat Forsyth Housing Education Campus, 1023 W. 14th St. For more information or to register, contact Habitat's Training Department at (336) 306-8433 or training@habitatforsyth.org.

July 15 - 19 – Bake Sale for Book Bags

Quality Independent Living senior apartment community, 5068 Lansing Drive, is holding a Bake Sale for Book Bags to raise money to purchase 30 book bags for the homeless. Whole cakes, cake slices, cookies and other desserts will be available for purchase all week, July 15-19 12 - 2 p.m. home-made by the residents. For more information, call (336) 767-6021.

July 17 – Age-Friendly Forsyth community conversation

Age-Friendly Forsyth will host a community conversation at the Georgia Taylor Community Center, 1471 W. Clemmons Road, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Winston-Salem area seniors, caregivers and community members are invited to join us and share your views about aging in our community and suggestions to help seniors age with dignity. To register, call Arleatha Patterson at 336-701-1700, ext. 112, or email arleatha@forsyth-futures.org.

July 18 – Lunch and Learn series

A free Lunch & Learn for Caregivers is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 10:45-1:00, at Trellis Supportive Care Education & Counseling Center, 101 Hospice Lane. Lunch provided by Trellis. Registration is required. Call (336) 721-6918. Call early to assure a space.

July 18 – Volunteer orientation and mentor training

Ladies, have you ever thought about getting involved with Pivot as a volunteer or mentor? If so, mark your calendars for July 18. Pivot will be hosting volunteer orientation and mentor training from 6-8 p.m. at Ardmore Baptist Church, 501 Miller St. To register, go to <https://pivotnow.org/training-2019-07-18/>

July 18 – Opening Reception

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) is presenting an exhibition of artwork by Winston-Salem based artist Leo Rucker. The show is entitled Painting Happy Hill. It will be on display in the Preview Gallery at SECCA, which is located at 750 Marguerite Drive in Winston-Salem. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, July 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public and will include a cash bar (no bar charge for SECCA Members).

July 20 – Family and Friends cookout

Join the local chapters of WSSU National Alumni Association along with WSSU Office of Alumni Engagement for the annual Family and Friends cookout on July 20 from 12 - 4 p.m. at Triad Park Shelter #6. This is a free event. Vendors will be onsite. Contact person is Daniel Cruddup 704-305-9540 dcrudup1914@gmail.com.

July 21 – Big Chill Fundraiser

The Shalom Project's annual summer fundraiser, The Big Chill, will be July 21 from 3 - 6 p.m. at Bailey Park. Come sample ice cream and support the Shalom Project.

July 22 – Community Forum

The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office will host its quarterly community forum July 22 from 6 – 7

p.m. at Rural Hall Library, 7125 Broad St.

July 23 – Medicare workshop

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is offering a workshop for individuals turning 65 to learn about the different insurance options available through Medicare. The session will be held on Tuesday, July 23 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Carver School Road Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive. The session is provided at no cost. Because space is limited, reservations are required. Contact the Shepherd's Center at 336-748-0217 for more information or to reserve a seat.

July 25 – Preface party and fundraiser

In celebration of its 15th Festival of Books and Authors, which will take place from September 5-8, 2019, Bookmarks will hold its annual Preface Party and Fundraiser on Thursday, July 25 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. The party will take place at Footnote Coffee & Cocktails and Bookmarks' independent bookstore at 634 W. Fourth Street. Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased at bookmarksnc.org or by calling Brown Paper Tickets 24-hour line at 1-800-838-3006.

July 27 – Family reunion

Descendants and friends of Frank and Minnie Overby 2019 Family Reunion will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, July 27, at Punderson State Park, 11755 Kinsman Road, Newbury, Ohio from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. On Sunday, July 28, a family gathering will be held at New Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 7021 Colfax Road, Cleveland, OH at 10 a.m. with prayer service, planning of future family events and family history presentation. Dinner will be served. For more information, call Anthony King at 336-320-2206 or Bryant Overby at 216-225-1413.

July 29 – Aug. 3 – National Black Theatre Festival

The 16th Biennial National Black Theatre Festival will take center stage in Winston-Salem starting Monday, July 29. Various activities will continue through Aug. 3. See <https://ncblackrep.org/all-2019-nbtf-events/> for a full schedule of venues and events.

Aug 5 – Sept 23 – Accepting applications

The Winston-Salem Fire Department is accepting applications for the Citizen Fire Academy, to be held Mondays from 6 to

8 p.m., Aug. 5 – Sept. 23. The Citizen Fire Academy is free and is open to residents 18 and older. Participants will be selected through an application process and must commit to attending all seven class meetings. Class size is limited. Applications must be received by July 19. Apply online at CityofWS.org/CitizenFireAcademy. For more information call 336-773-7965 or send an e-mail to sabrinass@cityofwsfire.org.

August 17 - 24 – Winston-Salem Open Set

The Winston-Salem Open at Wake Forest University will be held August 17-24, 2019 at the Wake Forest Tennis Complex adjacent to BB&T Field. Box seats, pre-sale individual session tickets and group sales begin June 3. All other tickets, including packages, go on sale July 1. For more information on the 2019 Winston-Salem Open, please go to WinstonSalemOpen.com.

Sept. 5 - 8 – Festival of Books

Bookmarks 15th Festival of Books and Authors will take place September 5 – 8. On Sept. 7, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., the festival will be held at the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts at 251 N. Spruce St. For a schedule, visit www.bookmarksnc.org.

Writing Challenge

Uno

BY: ANTONIO RATTLEY

My family has a funny way of showing compassion.
Make me into a game they can play without retaliation.
The round starts with a slight argument about the old days or whatever.
How Uno used to not have so many rules and could end quickly.
My grandma thinks I'm taking years to end.
They break bread to fellowship the shuffle.
Arranging my cards as they please fit.
Handing me out for the bidding.
Forgetting about all the bad things for just a round and doesn't that sound like a black family thing?
To replace card games with trauma so you don't feel so empty handed?
To use me for a coping mechanism.
This game be their salvation.
And as I look across this table I go into defense mode.
Where did my sister get all these pluck fours?
Plucking my scabs and everyone laughs at the bloodshed?
Ridding me of the only deck I have?
My mother always finding a way to skip over me.
Skip a birthday, a gathering, a graduation, a life.
Granny loves changing these colors.
All soft and purple then raging red.
Switching cards and shit.
Granny says only white folk do that. We play with the hand we were given.
Switch back. All these Anglo Saxon rules.
"Stay trying to make another dollar," she says
And I'm starting to believe her.
I'm beginning to see how they love to Uno out of my life.
That's why they enjoy playing this game.
That way they can use me for what I have all while leaving.
Use me to hurt one another. To reverse the play. Ironic how the last card standing is the wild card. How now anything can happen.
And nobody even knows what they're doing to me.
Slowly taking all my stuff.
Uno teach me how to be the first with the last. And isn't that the greatest predicament of them all?
Be out of plays.
Uno and never get out.
To lose. Everything. Every time.

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POET OF THE WEEK



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