

**NBA**  
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Another good reason to watch more games this year is the stellar play of the young stars in the NBA. Zion Williamson, Luka Doncic, Ja Morant, Trae Young, De'Aaron

Fox, Jamal Murray Devin Booker and Donovan Mitchell, along with several others, have been electric this season. The jaw-dropping plays these young guys put on display every night lets me know the league is in good hands when the current crop of

superstars calls it quits. Getting the highest seed possible will be of the utmost importance this season, because the team that has home court advantage will be in great shape over their opponents, due to how good a lot of these teams are. I can't wait to

see how everything plays out going into the playoffs. Every playoff team better be ready, because if they don't bring their A game, they could get bounced in the first round. This is the NBA I have been waiting for, for quite some time.

**Community Briefs**

**Information Meeting Rescheduled for Small Business Plan Competition**

The information meeting for the city's 2020 Small Business Plan Competition has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m. in the Committee Room (Room 239) of City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Winston-Salem. The original session was canceled due to the winter storm on Feb. 20.

The Office of Business Inclusion and Advancement is sponsoring the competition to promote job creation and small businesses by helping entrepreneurs develop sound business plans. The two winners will each receive a \$5,000 grant for start-up costs, up to \$5,000 in a potential matching micro-loan and technical assistance.

Eligible submissions must be for micro-businesses (five employees or less) located within the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area. This area includes downtown and portions of the northern, southern and eastern quadrants of the city. The businesses must also create low- to moderate-income jobs or benefit low- to moderate-income residents. Staff from the office's Business Development Division will be available to provide assistance throughout the competition.

Executive summaries and business descriptions must be submitted by March 23. All submissions will be reviewed and the top finalists will have the opportunity to submit completed business plans in June. The finalists will be judged by the Small Business Loan Committee and the winner announced in August.

During last year's competition, 10 start-up business plans were selected for the finals. Proposals by Wanda Bullock for a tutoring service and Theresa Harris for a mobile food business were selected as the winners by the city's Small Business Loan Committee. Everyone who submitted a business plan received guidance on how to improve their business plan and was eligible to apply for a small business loan.

For more information go to CityofWS.org and search for Small Business Plan Competition, or call Steven Harrison at 336-747-7474.

**Music Video released to honor the memory of Myron Miller**

In 2019, performers Dan Beckmann and Erinn Dearth were asked to do a series of shows in Normandy, France, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Though the pair wears many hats, the duo is currently most known for their singing and tap dancing patriotic performances through the USO-styled musical duo Letters From Home.

Myra Miller, the leader of Footsteps Researchers, was the coordinator for the Normandy, France trip. In the planning stages, Beckmann and Dearth learned some old songs that meant something personal to the people who traveled with the group, including a song for Myra.

Miller's father was Sgt Myron H Miller who served in the 83rd infantry division. He joined Company K on July 21, 1944, near Auxais, France, as a combat infantryman. His unit helped liberate St Malo and Dinard, France, before heading to Luxembourg and the Hurtgen Forest in Germany. He was wounded on Dec. 16, 1944, in Kufferath, Germany, and spent the next three months recovering from his wounds in England. He rejoined Company K on April 25, 1945, which was just before VE Day. He finished the rest of the war as military police helping to establish order in Germany and Czechoslovakia. He returned to the USA at the end of November 1945, to his hometown of Dixon, Missouri, where, Myra recalls, he would regularly play "Red River Valley" on his harmonica.

In honor of Myron Miller, Beckmann and Dearth created a music video with a new version of Red River Valley that was exclusively filmed in Bethania and Pfafftown, N.C. The video features Beckmann, Dearth, and 10-year old Triad performer Caroline Mendenhall. The video can now be accessed across the country, including on YouTube.

For more information on the music video, please contact Erinn Dearth or Dan Beckmann at Hi@ItsRiley.com.

**Forsyth Technical Community College offers free tax preparation for qualified students and employees**

In partnership with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program managed locally by the Experiment in Self-Reliance, Forsyth Tech will offer free tax preparation for students and employees whose family income is \$60,000 or less.

With the exception of March 16-20 (Spring Break) taxes will be prepared through April 9 in the Robert L. Strickland Building, room 2379, Forsyth Tech main campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway. Taxes will be prepared by appointment only. If you have any questions, please call 336-757-3664.

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Secretary of State (1997-2001)



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