

Nonprofits
From page A1

as of March 30, they are suspending daily meal deliveries and will instead transition to delivering a week's worth of frozen meals to Meals-On-Wheels participants. Their website noted that volunteers will leave the meals for recipients at the door, without making person-to-person contact or entering the home, and will make contact with the meal recipient or someone in the home to ensure they are there and know the meal is outside. This can be done by making eye contact through a window, speaking to the recipient

through the door, or calling them to let them know the meal has been left outside. They will also be placing meals in a plastic grocery bag to hang on a doorknob or left on the porch. They are in need of donations of plastic bags so that the meal and other items such as juice, milk or other sides can be put in it. Staff members are also helping to deliver meals to replace older people who are unable to volunteer at this time. Volunteers who are now staying at home are making phone calls to check on clients and these "tele-chats" help avoid social isolation. Their other services, such as the

Help Line, Home Care and Living-at-Home case management programs are continuing to operate with small adjustments and limited face-to-face contact. For more information and updates, visit www.seniorservicesinc.org. These are troubling times and it's understandable that people are anxious and scared. Our nonprofits and agencies are doing their best to continue to provide services without their most valuable resource - their older volunteers. What can we do to help? Donations, whether financial or food, is most important. Second, volun-

teer to make calls or send cards to seniors who are staying inside and who are isolated. Shepherd's Center, Senior Services and Trellis Supportive Care can offer suggestions on how you can help with telephone chats or card connections. Check on your older neighbors who may be alone. "We are aware of the necessity to do things differently to keep people safe," said Joel McIver. "However, we refuse to forget about one of the most vulnerable groups in our community - seniors who require our help and support - especially during this most difficult of times."

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. & Top Teens of America host a magical event

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Winston-Salem Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. and Top Teens of America presented an Evening of Elegance Scholarship Gala at the Village Inn Hotel and Event Center in Clemmons on March 14.

Every year the organization looks forward to highlighting their Top Teens (mostly juniors and seniors), along with their escorts, for their accomplishments throughout the year. The event celebrates their accolades and their endeavors to raise money to continue their studies at institutions of higher education.

The scholarship gala kicked off with a formal dance performed by Teens and escorts: Teen Trinity Barr/Teen Joshua McCravey, Teen Aria Bryson/Teen Omari Bolden, Teen Arniza Clark/Teen Ryann Stephens, Teen Aaliyah Foskey/Escort Jordan Timmons, Teen Jordynn Foster/Teen Najashi Belcher, Teen Jaiden Jamison/Teen Gregory Gordon III, Teen Kya Rowdy/Teen Jamarre Cook, Teen LaShayla Stephens/Teen Issac Stephens, Teen Chloe Tucker/Teen Maurice Cager and Teen Jhane Welch/Teen Jaden Baldwin.

The highlight of the gala was the comedic performance of the guest speaker Shedrick Garrett aka Shed G. Shed G



Submitted photo

The Top Teens of America's scholarship gala was held on March 14.

addressed the audience as a whole, but focused mainly on the teens by providing "real-life" scenarios of what they may encounter once they graduate from high school. He encouraged the teens to always do their best and never take anything or anyone for granted. He spoke and joked about his appreciation of "hand-me-down clothes from his sister," as well as his deep roots from growing up in the church, both of which experiences made him grow to be the man he is today.

Shed G. is a well renowned comedian, actor and radio personality known mainly for his clean faith-based comedy. His comedic style not only captivated the gala audience, it also provided a well-received message to the teens. Shed G gained notoriety for working alongside Tyler Perry and has opened up for many acts, such as Kevin Hart,

Dave Chappelle, and many other music artists. He has traveled all over the world and now resides in Dallas, Texas. "When I met him, I immediately thought - I need him to speak to our teens! I asked and he accepted. Top Ladies and Top Teens are eternally grateful to have him here," said Lady Barbara Stowe, Winston-Salem Top Ladies chapter president.

Every year Top Ladies, Top Teens, and resources throughout the community come together to make the scholarship gala a success. We would like to acknowledge the following: W-S Chapter TLOD, Lords and Parents, TTA Ambassadors, master of ceremony, Ambassador Matthew Parker, John Wait (Mayor of Clemmons), Lady Adrienne Boner (National Area IV director), Lady Barbara Stowe (W-S chapter president), Lady Joycelyn Summey (scholarship chair), Lady Donna Price

(scholarship co-chair), Lady Yuvongala Howell (2nd vice president), Ambassador Christopher Hinton, Ambassador Sommer Stephens, and Ambassador Kyndal Dodd, Mrs. Gail Couthen (soloist), Lady Sharon Debnam (TTA advisor), Lady Joyce Leak (public relations chair), Lady LaTrenda Boyd-Gordon (TTA co-advisor), Lady Annie Lassiter (TTA co-advisor), Lady Patsy Squire (sergeant-at-arms), Lady Theresa Stephens (director of operations), Teen Jordynn Foster (TTA president), Lady Chantea Carpenter (treasurer), Lady Sebrina Anderson (financial secretary), Montinique Cager (photographer), Patrick Smith (musician/DJ), Monica & Jerome Johnson (teens dance instructors) Daisy A Day (floral), Lana Schlotfeldt & staff (Village Inn) and Sponsors: Hanesbrand, Douthit Funeral Service, Blings Names and Badges, Menz Fashion, Ambassador Steve Stowe II, Lady Adrienne Boner's, Area IV director, Vision Embroidery, and Black Business, Inc. Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.'s top priority is to provide service to youth while working through collaborative community partnerships, to enhance the status of women, enrich the lives of senior citizens, and promote community beautification.

Michael Banner looks to unseat Scippio as write-in candidate

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Earlier this month, incumbent Annette Scippio won the Democratic bid for East Ward on the Winston-Salem City Council. For as long as I can remember, the race for the East Ward has been decided in the primary election because most of the time, the Democrat who won didn't have a challenger in the general election. But this year that isn't the case.

After defeating three challengers in the primary, Scippio will face Winston-Salem native Michael Banner in the Nov. 6 general election. Earlier this week, The Chronicle caught up with Banner to discuss his platform and his decision to run for City Council.

Banner, who is running as an independent write-in candidate, is well known throughout the community for his work as an activist and community farmer. His platform includes a push for an initiative that



Michael Banner

teaches entrepreneurship through farming and agriculture.

Banner said he started farming when his first daughter was born and over the years he has learned how farming can bring people together, as well as be a way to make money. Just like Banner, current City Councilmember Denise "D.D." Adams is a firm believer in urban farming and agriculture as well. In 2016 the City Council approved funding for a \$1.1 million hydroponics aquaponic facility in the Kimberley Park Community in the Northeast Ward, which was spearheaded by Adams and HOPE

(Helping Our People Eat). Banner said farming is a way to create jobs for people in need, while also bringing people together.

"Through farming, I've learned the true meaning in strength in diversity," Banner said. "Where I was a hard-lined pro-black-minded person ... I was out there in the soil with people of different persuasions and I found I could learn from them. I feel like the soil neutralizes our differences and puts us all on one accord."

If chosen by the people to represent the East Ward, Banner also plans to implement other programs to address the ongoing cycle of poverty and recidivism in the community. He said while there are many programs and initiatives already in place to help address poverty, until the people most in need truly understand what it means to be successful or prosperous, the programs and initiatives won't have

any real impact.

Banner said many of the issues in the East Ward are directly connected to the history of redlining in the area. Redlining is a discriminatory practice usually used in real estate where banks avoid investing in certain areas based on community demographics. He said

See Banner on A3

Have a Story Idea?
Let Us Know
News@wschronicle.com

A PORTER'S BAIL BONDING
(336) 575-2890 / (336) 723-0511
Michael D. Porter
Let the porter speak and the sheet hear his voice and he will catch his way through by name and leadeth them out.
John 10:3 KJV

THE ELLISON LAW FIRM
In Your Current Situation or Even Potentially Bewildered? I May Be Able to Get You a Driving Privilege.
Is the Bail Bondsman Too Expensive? Maybe You Need to Try a Property Bond.
Call Me!
112 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
100 West of 1st Street
Phone: (336) 723-2300
Fax: (336) 723-7472
ellisonlaw@comcast.net
"Dedicated To Providing You The Best Service."

BANKRUPTCY
Legal Help For Your Best Problems
DONALD R. BUE, Attorney At Law
www.donaldrbue.com
The Law Office of Donald R. Bue is a Federally-licensed Bankruptcy Agency under Title 11 United States Code Section 526a. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the bankruptcy code.
Free Initial Consultation
Step-By-Step Assistance & Follow-up
773-1398
823 West 5th St.

ERIC J. SADLER, DDS
WE WELCOME NEW PATIENTS
Our office provides the following services:
• General • Restorative • Endodontics • Periodontics • Implant • Oral Surgery • Pediatric • Trauma • Emergency • Root Canal • Teeth Whitening • Cosmetic • Sedation • Sleep Apnea
We accept most forms of insurance.
(336) 744-1300
www.sadlersmiles.com
3801 Indiana Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Edward Jones INVESTMENTS
Charmon M. Baker
Financial Advisor
135 Jonestown Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
Member SIPC
Ph: 336-768-7687 | Cell: 336-407-8701
charmon.baker@edwardjones.com
Fax: 1-888-294-6135

Good news. Rates just got lower.
I'm excited to announce auto insurance rates just went down. I can help you find coverage that works for you.
LET'S TALK TODAY.
Donna M Jones Ins Agcy Inc
Donna M. Jones, Agent
690 Jonestown Rd, Suite 300-D
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Bus: 336-602-2980 Cell: 336-817-8199
State Farm

CONTACTING THE CHRONICLE

www.wschronicle.com
1300 E. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
Main Phone Number: 336-722-8624
Advertising: Ext. 113
Circulation/Subscriptions: Ext. 100
Editor: Ext. 108

To send news items: email news@wschronicle.com
To send a Letter to the Editor (350 words or less) or column (550 words or less): email letters@wschronicle.com
For advertising: email adv@wschronicle.com
Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/WSChronicle](https://www.facebook.com/WSChronicle)
Follow us on Twitter: [WS_Chronicle](https://twitter.com/WS_Chronicle)
For subscriptions: email plewis@wschronicle.com

The Chronicle (USPS 067-910) was established by Ernest H. Pitt and Ndubis Egemonye in 1974 and is published every Thursday by Chronicle Media Group, LLC, 1300 E. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101. Periodicals postage paid at Winston-Salem, N.C. Annual subscription price is \$30.72.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Chronicle, P.O. Box 1636 Winston-Salem, NC 27102-1636