

AIDS awareness program

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is 12 years. "This is a very serious syndrome," Jeffries said. "If you get this disease, it's just like being handed a death sentence. There is no way back from it."

Jeffries said the community as a whole must take precautions to stop the spreading of this disease. "To reach our youth and other uneducated individuals, we have to involve youth groups, the church, community centers, and implement many types of programs in Rowan County to get everyone on the same page on preventing this disease," she said.

Vivian Norman, chairperson of the AIDS awareness program and nurse at Rowan regional, concurred with Jeffries.

"Education is a must in this day and time," Norman said. "It's real and most of the people who are affected don't care anything about affecting someone else. I know because I see it every day at work."

Norman said that though AIDS may be the most deadly, many kids report to the Medical Center to rid themselves of sexually transmitted diseases.

Jeffries concluded by saying the community can no longer afford the luxury of distancing itself from the disease. "We can't just see this problem and realize how it is affecting our kids and relatives, and just stick our face in the sand," she said. "We must get up, get out and educate our people about this disease."

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May 4
 • 3 p.m. - Women's Day, Rose of Sharon Holiness Church, 255 Camp Road, Salisbury. Dinner at 1:30. Guest speaker: Evangelist Clawson of Lilly's Chapel Church.

• 4 p.m. - Men and Women of the Bible Program, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 719 S. Caldwell St., Salisbury.

• 4 p.m. - NAACP Women/Mother of the Year contest, Antioch Baptist Church, Granite Quarry.

May 5
 • 7 p.m. - Rowan-Salisbury School Board open forum, Salisbury Public Schools, 110 S. Long St., East Spencer. Issue to be discussed: code of conduct for students, terms for suspending students. Public invited to speak on the issues.

May 6
 • 4 p.m. - Salisbury City Council Meeting; City Hall, 132 N. Main St., Salisbury. Issues: Water and sewer extension agreement, speed limits on minor thoroughfares, parking restrictions on Yost Street and Lincolnton Road, proclamation on National Police Week.

• 6-8 p.m. - Parenting class; Third Creek AME Zion Church, 415 E. Main St., Cleveland. Educational project designed to help pregnant and parenting teens. Rev. Brenda Williams, coordinator.

May 7
 • Noon - Noon Day Prayer Service, Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 306 N. Church St., Salisbury. Free lunch

• 5:30 p.m. - Awards and recognitions banquet, Livingstone College, 701 W. Monroe St., Salisbury. Reception at 5:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. Dinner

• 5:30 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 306 N. Church St., Salisbury.

• 7 p.m. - Praise service; 7:30 p.m., Bible Study, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 719 S. Caldwell St., Salisbury.

May 8
 • Noon - Noon Day Prayer Service, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 719 S. Caldwell St., Salisbury.

Books are stars at Livingstone College event

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"The entire process would work with just a little community action, and we were overjoyed to be receiving so much attention."

Teachers weren't the only ones to take part in the festival. Livingstone athletes and students sponsored games to keep the kids occupied.

Students share love of reading by helping each other at book fair

Each group came up with something fascinating because local kids of all ages stood in lines to play scoop ball, mouse trap, relays, frisbee, and take horseback rides as well as listen to storytelling sessions.

Lamont Baird, a Livingstone Junior, said that although many Livingstone students were doing this for a class, the love that all of them share for kids would have brought them out to the festival anyway.

"We wanted to put our school back in the involvement of the community," the sports management major said. "We wanted the kids to see us (college students) out here having fun with them, and at the same time stressing the importance of education and reading."

"It's the kind of stuff I want

to do with inner city kids for years to come, just keeping the environment lively and telling youth how they can better themselves with a good education."

The Trojan Legion Drill team, the Trojanettes, and Bam Bam Productions of Knox Middle School performed and participated as well.

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