

happenings

July

27 "Noises Off," 7:30 p.m., Meroney Theater, 213 South Main St., Salisbury. Tickets \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. Performances through July 30 (2:30 p.m.). Tickets available at the box office by calling (704) 633-5471.

29 Family Day, Afro-American Cultural Center, 12-6 p.m. Charlotte Sister Cities will bring a taste of Ghana featuring cuisine from Kumasi, Charlotte's Sister City Children's Dance Ensemble, workshops and fashion show in addition to traditional wood carvings for sale.

Back to school bash, Roosevelt community in Clover, S.C., 4 p.m. Games, music and refreshments at Roosevelt Community Park to bring in a new academic year. For information, call (803) 222-0927 or (704) 460-3147.

Comedian Bruce Bruce, 8 p.m., Owens Auditorium. Tickets are \$33.50, \$38.50 and \$43.50.

August

American Idols Tour, Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Featuring top 10 finalists Ace Young, Chris Daughtry, Paris Bennett and Taylor Hicks. Tickets are \$68.50, \$48.50 and \$38.50 and available at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center ticket office, charge by phone at (800) 495-2295 or charlottebobcatsarena.com.

Mountain Dance and Folk Festival, 7 p.m., Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place in Asheville. Performances through Aug. 5. Tickets are \$15; \$8 for children under 12. Three-night package is \$36. For information, log on to www.folkheritage.org or call (828) 257-4530.

Pat "Mother Blues" Cohen, 8 p.m., Victoria Dashiell Antiques, 125 Remount Road. Donations \$7 at the door. Free parking. To reserve a table, call (704) 523-0702.

Teddy Geiger, 7:30 p.m. Paramount's Carowinds. Charlotte is latest stop on the Confidence tour for the 17-year-old, who gained notoriety at the opening act for Hillary Duff. Also appearing are Dirtie Blonde and Susan Cagle. Tickets are \$34.99 for Gold Circle adult, \$14.99 for regular reserved adult, \$39.99 for concert and full day park admission or \$34.99 for reserve adult ticket with full admission. Call Ticketmaster at (800) 888-4386 or www.ticketmaster.com.



Geiger

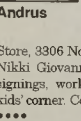
Ride for Pride, 8 a.m., 404 Armour St. Davidson. Three bicycling routes - 62, 31 and 10 miles - to raise money for Trips for Kids-Charlotte and the MS Society. All routes will be marked and volunteers will guide and support riders. Registration is \$15 before Aug. 3 and \$20 after. ANSI or SNELL-approved helmets are required. Register online at cannonballs-cycling.org.

"A Sign Of Judgment," Central Piedmont Community College, 3 p.m. Comedic play. Tickets \$25, \$20 before Aug. 1. Available by calling the CPCC box office at (704) 330-6534; Dorothy's Music Network at (704) 333-7729 or Praiz at (704) 537-0767.



Giovanni

EclectFest, RealEyes Bookstore, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nikki Giovanni and Crystal Andrus will be featured presenters. Continues Aug. 13. Karaoke contest for teens with free voice lessons and studio time for the winner. Games and moon bounce among the events for children. Giovanni will appear Aug. 13 at Neighborhood Theatre, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Andrus will lead seminars on publishing at Green Rice Gallery Aug. 13. Workshop is \$10.



Andrus

Charlotte Literary Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Real Eyes Book Store, 3306 North Davidson St. Festival features Nikki Giovanni and 80 authors. Includes book signings, workshops, seminars, live bands and kids' corner. Concludes Aug. 13.

Gospel Fest, 1:17 p.m., Smithfield Park, Cornelius. Featuring Singing Angels Men Over 60, Union Bethel Combined Choir and Team of Joy. Free. Emcee is Tonya Rivens of WPZS-FM. For information, call (704) 892-6031 extension 160 or log on to www.corneliuspr.org.

Par Busters Golf Group amateur tournament, Crystal Creek Golf Club, Pineville. For information, call John Love at (980) 253-1176.

Great Gatsby Party sponsored by National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid-Atlantic Chapter, Wachovia Atrium. Food and beverages from Charlotte's top restaurants, silent auction and swing dance and costume contest. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Call Catherine Turner at (704) 525-2955 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/npc.

September

Earth Wind & Fire, Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. Special guest Chris Botti. Tickets are \$24 and \$54.

Pride Sunset Jazz Festival kicks off at Halton Theatre at Central Piedmont Community College and continues through Sept. 10. For information, call Torrey Feinstein at (704) 375-9553.

DANCE

Shindig on the Green



ASHEVILLE FOLK HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Shindig is a celebration of traditional and old-time bands, ballad singers and big circle mountain dancers in Asheville. The festival will be held Saturdays in July.

WATCH

Kinetic Works Summer Dance



PHOTO:JEFF CRAVOTTA

Dance comes out of the theater into a public arena with concert performances by Kinetic Works Dance Company at the Dowd YMCA, 400 East Morehead St. New works and revivals by choreographer Martha Connerton featuring SPANCE, a sports dance. Performances Aug. 4 and Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 at 4 p.m. Admission is \$12 in advance for the general public, \$15 at the door and \$10 for YMCA members. For information, call Martha Connerton at (704) 338-1533.

Good to go

MEET & GREET

Events & Adventures



EVENTS & SINGLES

Jonathan Nazer, events and promotions director at Events & Adventures, skydives over Chester, S.C., with instructor Chuck Hammond behind him during one of the matchmaking club's events for singles earlier this month. E&A brings singles together over horseback riding, jet skiing, kayaking and boating, among other events. For information, call (704) 210-8082 or log on to www.lotssoeventsnc.com

PLAY AT '42ND STREET'



PHOTO:TOM COVINGTON

Mike Collins, Elizabeth Stacy and Mat DeGizman star in Central Piedmont Community College's production of "42nd Street" July 27-29 at 7 p.m. at Halton Theatre on the Central Campus. Tickets are \$14, \$16 and \$20. For information, call (704) 330-6534.

Notes etc.

Northwest Corridor CDC open house and ribbon cutting for Wade Financial Services, July 29, 12 p.m., 1017 Beaties Ford Road. For information, call Gwenarda Isley at (704) 378-1272.

Workshop for African American nonprofits, July 29, Carole A. Hoefner Community Services Center, 601 East 7th St. Registration at 8:30 a.m., workshops at 9 a.m. Cost \$7 per seat. For information, call (704) 333-1690.

Women's leadership forum, Aug. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Spirit Square. Sponsored by National Black MBA Association Charlotte Chapter. Confirmed panelists include Johnson C. Smith University President Dorothy Yancy, Pride Communications CEO Dee Dixon and UNC Charlotte information technology professor Teresa Dahlberg. Admission is \$10, free for members and students. For information, call (877) 732-0314.

Campus Connections BCT will sponsor **Department Chair Day** Aug. 5, 11 a.m. at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 7327 Tuckasee Road. Department chairs from several historically black colleges will introduce themselves and information about their programs and professors.

Big Brothers Big Sisters sponsors "Little Moments" Aug. 8 at 2424 North Davidson St. Suite 110 at 12 p.m. Informational tour of BBBS. To reserve a space, call (704) 877-3963 or charlottebbbs.org.

Livingstone College sponsors **alumni roundup** to rejuvenate the Charlotte Alumni Chapter, Aug. 8, 7 p.m., Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus St.

Memorial bricks available for Children's Memorial Walkway in Frazier Park. Orders from the adopt a brick program taken by Aug. 15 will be installed before the next service on National Children's Memorial Day weekend Dec. 9. The Memorial Walkway is a nonprofit organization. For information, call Jerry Mudge at (704) 509-6603 or log on to www.ocmworld.org.

NC. Central University alumni are sponsoring a bus trip to the NCCU/Southern football game Sept. 23. Cost is \$188, which includes a game ticket. Payment due by Aug. 15. Bus will depart Sept. 22 at 12 a.m. and returns Sept. 24 at 11 p.m. Hotel is the Hilton Gardens. For information, call Judy Jordan at (704) 651-5682 or (704) 666-6061.

Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at **Historic Brantonsville** in McConnells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Visitors can also witness life in the Carolina backcountry through activities such as farming, sheep shearing, cotton harvesting. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum members, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children.

Food Addicts Anonymous hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and anorexia. Free. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

Torrence Lytle High School Alumni Association will honor former educators Aug. 12 at Zion Renaissance. For information, call Jackie 'Ibrence at (704) 399-8558.

Charlotte Neighborhoods Family Day, Aug. 26, 12 a.m.-12 p.m., Charlotte Museum, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Tour the Charlotte Museum's interactive exhibit of Plaza-Midwood through maps and photos. Free for museum members; \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and \$3 for children.

Exhibits

Eco Art of the Carolinas, through July 30, Charlotte Art League, 1517 Camden Road. Pastel marshpicks and pigment giclee prints of the Charleston, S.C. area by Roselynn Imbeau in Studio 14. For information, call (704) 376-2878.



IMBEAU IN STUDIO 14

Wild Life: The Art of Lauren Faulkenberry & Andrew Linton, through July 30, the Ioc-house Center Gallery, 416 South Main St., Davidson. Free.

Preview of the exhibit June 9 from 6-9 with public opening June 10 from 6-9 p.m. Call (704) 892-7323 for summer gallery hours.

Public art forum, McColl Center for Visual Art, Aug. 2, 7 p.m., 721 N. Tryon St. Meeting with artists, developers, cultural and financial leaders for a series of focus group conversations on affordable living and working areas. Artists of all disciplines and levels are invited to participate.

Exhibits Alive: Colonial Charlotte, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. The 18th Century Gallery features hands-on activities and demonstrations. No reservations required. Free for museum members, \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, \$3 for children.