

Sunset Sounds

Ken McIver Davis and Steve Lindsley wrap up the 2010 Sunset Sounds concert series today at 7 p.m.

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Ed Price Realtors join to help homeless

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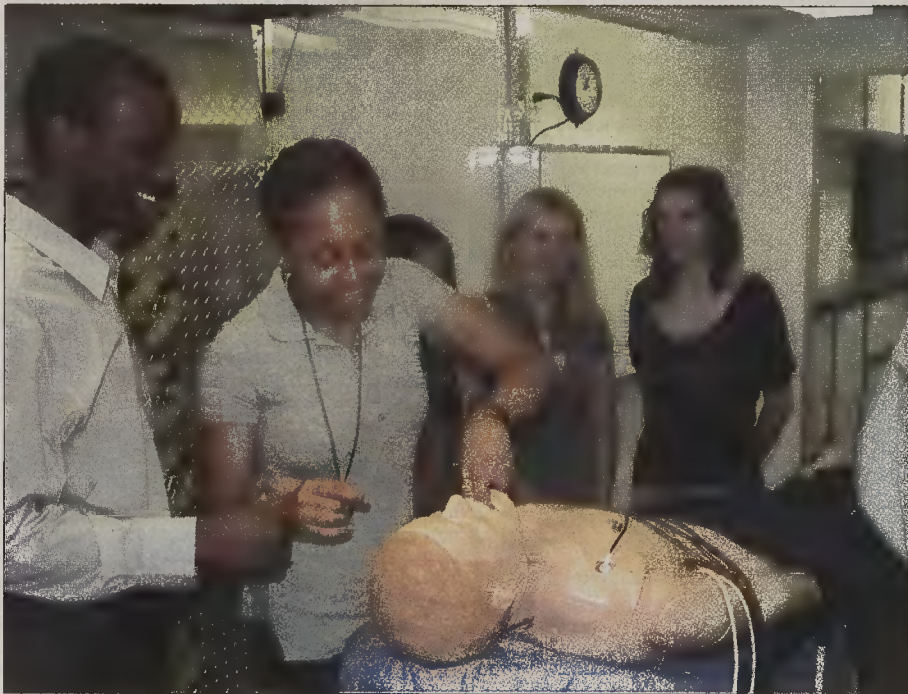
When deciding how to celebrate its first-year anniversary in Archdale, employees at Ed Price Realtors thought that with so many people struggling in the area financially, a party wasn't the prudent thing to do.

Ed Price Realtors elected to engage in something that would help their community and those who spend their time helping others in need. A simple party turned into a partnership between the Realtor and the Shepherd's Inn, Thomasville lone homeless shelter for men and women, and an endeavor called the "One Dollar Campaign."

"Instead of having a party for our first-year anniversary, we thought that with people having tough times right now, it may be good to do something for an organization," Janice Spainhour, a broker at Ed Price Realtors, said. "We picked the homeless shelter because it's kind of associated with us in that we both help people find homes. We decided to adopt this as a project for us and help them raise funds."

This year has been exceptionally difficult on The Shepherd's Inn as more and more people with no place to go flock to the shelter, putting a strain on what little resources and finances are available. A recent plea for funding bought the Shepherd's Inn a few

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Cedrick Bigirande and Alexis Lambert, rising juniors at Thomasville High School work to clear the air passage on a "patient," during Camp Med Wednesday.

Clearing a Path

Camp Med presents medical field options to prospective students

BY ELIOT DUKE
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Students from Thomasville and Lexington high schools set rivalries aside and spent time together this week at Camp Med, getting hand-on experience for a possible career in the medical field.

A total of 10 rising juniors — five each from THS and LHS — were selected to participate in the first ever Camp Med program between the two schools, focusing on numerous facets of health care and applications. In-

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terested students took part in an application process at the end of the 2009-10 school year and were selected based on their desire to pursue a career in the medical field and willingness to learn in a hands-on environment.

"This is the first time THS and LHS have gone in together and applied for a grant," Cynthia Tobin, THS health occupations

teacher, said. "Students will receive their own stethoscope and lab coat through the grant. So far, this has just been an awesome experience and we're thrilled the two schools merged together to make this happen for the kids. We wanted this to be hands-on so they can begin to make decisions now before they get to college."

The three-day program started Tuesday with students learning about confidentiality in health care, medical ethics and cultural diversity. Students also investigated jobs in health care and took part in a career profile to help them narrow down possible career choices. Once classroom time ended, students spent time in the Davidson County Community College Medical Simulation Lab, participating in patient

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Businesses anticipate Tax-free weekend

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A little more than a week in advance, business and shoppers alike have begun preparing for North Carolina's tax-free weekend coming up Aug. 6-8.

A tradition that the Pine State first participated in back in 2001, tax free weekend eliminates the 7.75 percent sales tax for items such as clothes, footwear, school supplies and computers. The event starts at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August — this year, Aug. 6 — and goes until 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday.

"Sales tax holidays are great for families trying to stretch a dollar, but they're also great for small businesses," said Gregg Thompson, state

TAX-FREE WEEKEND

What: North Carolina tax-free weekend
When: Aug. 6-8
What: Clothing, footwear, and school supplies under \$100
Sports and recreation equipment under \$50
Computers under \$3,500
Computer equipment under \$250

director of the National Federation of Independent Business, in a press release. "They get people excited and in the mood to shop, and that's exactly what our economy needs right now."

Items that are tax-exempt include clothing, footwear and school supplies less than \$100; sports and recreation equipment less than \$50; computers less than \$3,500; computer equipment less than \$250; and instructional material less than \$300.

Items that aren't tax-free include clothing accessories, jewelry, cosmetics, protective equipment, wallets, furniture, items used in a trade or business and rentals.

But despite the somewhat-limited list, tax-free weekend's coverage of clothes, school supplies and certain electronics comes at the perfect time.

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Childhood experience leads to book concept



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Robin Parrish may not consider himself a connoisseur of the supernatural, but that doesn't mean he hasn't had his own run-ins with the mysterious and unknown.

As a child, Parrish lived in an apartment with his parents, the kind that has one long hallway from the front door to the back door. Young Parrish sat playing in the living room when he saw a motion at the back of the house. He looked up and saw a robed and bearded man outside the screen door.

"I told my mom that I had seen Jesus," said Parrish, who was born in Thomasville but

currently resides in High Point. "I know that I saw something, and it wasn't a regular person."

The memory didn't exactly stick with the young boy as he grew into adulthood, but as Parrish began searching for ideas for his fifth novel, he settled on the concept of writing a ghost story. That memory, as well as the countless other moments Parrish felt eyes on him when nothing was there, intrigued his creative mind.

"You can't help wondering why, why do things like that give us the creeps, why do the hairs on the back of our necks stand up?" he said.

So began the production of Parrish's newest novel, "Night-

mare," released at the beginning of July. The author began researching paranormal accounts and uncovered volumes of information.

"What I've found is that as long as there has been recorded history, humans have reported encounters with the dead," said Parrish, a Christian writer, who even researched references to spirits in the Bible. "This is something that every single



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