

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

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Police providing school supplies

DURHAM -- The Police Department's Victim Services and Crime Prevention Units will hold a Back to School Festival and Family Fun Day event from noon-3 p.m. Saturday at the N.C. Central University track.

Police employees will distribute more than 1,200 book bags donated by sponsors and the public during its recent back-to school drive. Students will be able fill book bags with school supplies by playing a variety of games and participating in athletic competitions. The Family Fun Day will also feature several musical performers from Flavor Fruit Entertainment and a local singers and groups. There will be a dance competition and activities for children.

Parking will be available at Latham Hall at Lawson Street and Alston Avenue, the Science Complex at the old Hillside High School on Concord Street and the Communications Building on Lawson Street near Fayetteville Street.

The event is free and open to the public.

'Bull Durham' to raise funds

DURHAM -- A "Meals from the Market" fundraiser for Durham Central Park will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at Rigsbee Hall, 208 Rigsbee Ave., and include a meal and a celebration of the 20th anniversary of "Bull Durham" that will conclude with a screening of the film.

Cost is \$20 per person and the event is open to adults only.

Laura Boyes, film curator at the N.C. Museum of Art, will present a perspective on the movie that is funny, heartwarming and little known and explain how the film impacted Durham and Durham impacted the film.

Dinner will include all-you-can-eat hot dogs, nachos and other ballpark food, plus beer and wine.

Door prizes will be presented and a raffle held.

All proceeds benefit Durham Central Park.

Dress is "ballpark" casual. For more information, call (919) 358-7758 or visit www.durhamcentralpark.org.

Durham man wins \$142,573

RALEIGH -- Barry Johnson of Durham won \$142,573 in the Aug. 12 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing of the N.C. Education Lottery.

Johnson said the win was his second since his wife dreamed that they'd won the lottery. Immediately after the dream, the couple won \$6 in the lottery and figured that was the victory the dream portended, according to lottery officials.

It wasn't.

Johnson went on to buy the Cash 5 winning ticket at RJ's Country Store on N.C. 39 North in Townsville.

Johnson told lottery officials he will use the money for a cruise and to pay bills.

Craft Market bulletin online

DURHAM -- The public can sign up to receive Durham Craft Market news bulletins online via Yahoo at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/durhamcraftmarket/>.

The DCM is an outdoor market which takes place every Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon across from the Durham Farmers Market Pavilion on Foster Street. It features artists in media including wood, metal, fiber, photography, pottery, painting, glass, jewelry and more.

Visit <http://www.durhamcraftmarket.com> for more information.

Park will hold croquet tourney

DURHAM -- As part of its "Meals from the Market" program, Durham Central Park will host a croquet tournament, "A Cup of Durham," through the Oct. 4 finals.

Anyone wishing to compete must register by Aug. 22 for preliminary matches that will determine which three two-person teams compete in October.

For more information, or to register, e-mail Camille@durhamcentralpark.org.

Artists' reception set tonight

DURHAM -- The Durham Arts Council will host a free, public artists' reception from 5-7 p.m. tonight at its 120 Morris St. galleries.

The public is invited to meet DAC exhibiting artists, photographer Marjorie Pierson and painter Michael Fowler.

The exhibits are free and open to the public through Sept. 7.

For more information, call (919) 560-2787.

Also, from 6-9 p.m. tonight, the DAC will host its Creative Arts in Public and Private Schools Back to School Artist Showcase at the CCB Plaza 201 Corcoran St.

It, too, is also free and open to the public and will include live performances, interactive demonstrations, prizes and fun.

For more information, visit www.durhamarts.org.

Life coach joins in workshop

DURHAM -- Durham County's Criminal Justice Resource Center has partnered with author and life coach Jesus A. Sanchez Ohep, to offer a unique curriculum to its adult and youthful offenders. The workshop Maximum Personal Potential includes eight series, and will teach leadership and self-esteem tools using clear and measurable terms to the center's clients.

"The goal of the workshop is to help our clients recognize their personal and professional potential, says Gudrun Parmer, director of the Criminal Justice Resource Center. "It is important that our clients recognize their strengths in order to build a personal life plan for their future."

The series runs through Aug. 30.

Food Bank holds truck fuel drive

RALEIGH -- The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina -- which services Durham County, among others -- is holding a fuel drive to keep its trucks on the road.

High fuel prices have increased the food bank's spending on diesel fuel by 61 percent in the past year.

Food bank trucks routinely deliver to over 200 partner agencies which do not have the fuel resources to pick up food. The food bank service territory is roughly 19,000 square miles and its fleet of 22 trucks cover more than 1,500 miles per day on average.

Visit www.foodbankcenc.org/FuelDrive for more information or to donate.

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