



# BACKSTAGE AT THE JOEL

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## MEAC Tournament Moves To Joel Coliseum



Mayor Allen Joines welcomes Dennis Thomas, Commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference to Winston-Salem.

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) announced on May 27 that the City of Winston-Salem, has been awarded the 2009-2011 MEAC Basketball Tournament. The 2009 Tournament is scheduled for March 9-14 and will be played at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Mayor Allen Joines of the City of Winston-Salem, MEAC Commissioner Dennis Thomas, Bob McCoy from Visit Winston-Salem and Complex Director

Bucky Dame made the official announcement during a press conference held in the main lobby of the Coliseum.

"We are extremely excited that the basketball tournament is coming to a progressive city such as Winston-Salem," said MEAC Commissioner Dennis Thomas. "We look forward to growing the tournament here and know that this City of Winston-Salem's great infrastructure, its citizens, hotels and arena will prove to be a win-win for both sides."

The City of Winston-Salem will host the men and women's tournament for the next three years. Winners of the tournament advance to the NCAA Tournament. Tickets for the 2009 tournament will go on sale at a later date.

"We feel that the MEAC Basketball Tournament will be a tremendous success and are committed 100-percent to its growth," said Mayor Joines. "The MEAC Basketball Tournament and the City of Winston-Salem are moving together in the right direction. We know that what's great for the Tournament is great for the city of Winston-Salem."

## Ladies And Gentlemen And Children Of All Ages

They all came to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum June 12-15. It was the first time the circus had performed in Winston-Salem since 1993.

One of the highlights was the free All Access Pre-Show that allowed patrons to visit on the circus floor. It was an hour long meet and greet with the circus performers.

The circus, which was Ringling's all-new Gold Tour called *Boom A Ring* was a one-ring, very fast paced action-packed spectacular where the energy bursts out of the ring, into the audience and

bounces back to electrify the performers. Boom A Ring still had all the performances audiences expected. The high-wire act, aerialists, tigers, elephants, zebras and more.

There is nothing that can compare to a true Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey experience, Boom A Ring's Joel Coliseum performances delighted fans of all ages.



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**Memorial Day Service  
At Lawrence Joel  
Veterans Memorial Coliseum**

Deborah Joel, daughter of Lawrence Joel speaks to two Vietnam veterans after the Memorial Day Service that was held in the Joel Coliseum lobby on May 26. Ms. Joel and Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines were the keynote speakers. The event is sponsored by the Triad Vietnam Veterans.

**2008 Spring Fling Senior  
Health and Wellness Expo  
"Viva Las Vegas!"**

Senior citizens from all over the Triad and the Piedmont experienced a taste of *Las Vegas* on Tuesday, May 20th, in the Education building for the annual Senior Health and Wellness Expo. Seniors were offered various health screening services from exhibitors. Some exhibitors included Duke Eye Center, Division of Services for the Deaf, RX Consulting Services, The Mental Health Association, Whitaker Rehab Center and American Red Cross. Several assisted living and retirement community organizations from Forsyth County and Guilford County attended the event. Exhibitors thought of creative ways to portray a *Las Vegas* theme. Each exhibitor's booth was decorated with play money, coins, confetti, ribbons, prize wheels, beads, competitive games, feathers, and much more. Seniors were able to win door prizes and useful things that related to enhancing healthy techniques. Also, The Rat Pack Orchestra performed. They kept the crowd entertained as they walked from booth to booth. To top things off, there was an Elvis impersonator. People enjoyed a fun learning experience, in which they would never forget. This event was a creative way to obtain and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Viva Las Vegas!

**Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Commencements**

June 7 was graduation day at the Winston-Salem Entertainment-Sports Complex! Graduation was a time of reflection for several high school seniors. Mixed emotions could be seen on several peoples faces. Memories of high school years and predictions of the future were common thoughts among the recent graduates. Several students' cars were decorated with their high school colors along with other ornaments and quotes.

Parents, families and friends couldn't believe how the years flew by so fast. Mt. Tabor, East Forsyth, Parkland, and West Forsyth had their commencement in the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. While Atkins, Reagan, Carver and RJ Reynolds had their commencement in the Joel Coliseum Annex. Hats off to the graduating class of 2008!

**Upcoming Events At The Winston-Salem Entertainment-Sports Complex**

**July**

- 1 Hearts Criterium Bike Race
- 2-4 Warhogs vs. Frederick
- 4-6 Jehovah's Witnesses Convention
- 5-7 Warhogs vs. Kinston
- 8 Senior Bingo
- 11-13 Jehovah's Witnesses Convention
- 12 Bowman Gray Racing
- 15 Hearts Criterium Bike Race
- 15 Gourd Society Meeting
- 15-18 Shirley Outreach Ministries
- 16 National Association of County Agricultural Agents
- 17-19 Warhogs vs. Myrtle Beach
- 18-20 Winston-Salem Bridge Tournament
- 19 Bowman Gray Racing
- 19-20 C&E Gun Show
- 21-24 Warhogs vs. Salem
- 22 Winston-Salem Rose Society Meeting
- 25-26 Piedmont 300 Tractor Pull
- 26 Bowman Gray Racing
- 28-30 Warhogs vs. Lynchburg

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