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Music to highlight revival today

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DENTON – Mark Rachels said he expects a good crowd this afternoon for Get-Revived, a youth revival incorporating music, speakers, games and food for a praise-filled day of worship.

"We are taking the word out to the world," said Rachels, the youth minister at Beck's Reformed Church in Lexington.

AT A GLANCE

What: Get-Revived 2008
Where: Denton FarmPark, 1072 Cranford Road
When: Today. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and will close around 11 p.m. Admission is free.

The event will be at Denton's FarmPark. Activities at the 140-acre venue will include games, such as volleyball, Wif-

fle ball and bungee flinging, as well as group worship time and testimonials.

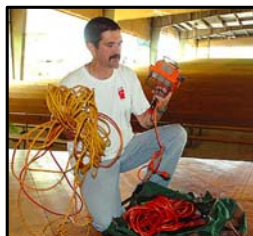
Organizers expect the event's biggest draw to be its music line-up, with artist Tammy Trent and the praise band Evermore scheduled to perform. Headlining at the 2,000-seat amphitheater will be the trio 33 Miles, a 2008 Gospel Music Associate Dove Award Nominee for New Artist of the Year.

Sponsoring the event for

the first time, Rachels said the nondenominational church will be opening its doors to anyone for worship but would likely attract middle school-age children to adults in their early 20s.

"We want to create a fun environment in which people can come worship under one God," he said. "This will be a good, family atmosphere held in a great facility."

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The Rev. Mark Rachels unloads lights and wiring as he starts setting up for today's Get-Revived concert at the FarmPark.

WHO'S NEWS



Glenn Chavis of High Point recently was named a 2008 Distinguished Alumnus of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

Chavis will be recognized during the university's commencement celebration the first weekend of May. Chavis is an avid local historian and has written historical pieces for The High Point Enterprise.



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'Spark' of truth



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Shaun Alexander, former Seattle Seahawks running back, signs autographs after speaking at the Lighthouse Project's Student of the Year Awards banquet at High Point Country Club on Friday.

NFL star offers encouragement to students

Inside...

Alexander adds star status to new Triad school for athletes. **3B**

BY TRAVIS TALENT
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HIGH POINT – Shaun Alexander had more on his mind Friday than where he might be playing football next season.

Cut by the Seattle Seahawks on Tuesday, Alexander, the 2005 NFL MVP and three-time Pro Bowl running back, honored a pre-existing commitment he had made to speak at a luncheon to honor the Lighthouse Project's Student of the Year Awards.

Held at the High Point Country Club, the veteran athlete said society is in the midst of a "spiritual war" in which not a great deal of emphasis is placed on inner city children to succeed.

Repeatedly emphasizing the importance of role models with Christian values, Alexander said faith provides an opportunity to change the world.

"I've got the greatest job in the world. I'm a sniper for Jesus Christ. I've got the greatest bullets in the world," he said.

According to project co-directors Paul Lessard and Charlie Abourjille, Alexander has been one of the higher profile athletes who have appeared as a guest speaker.

"We have been blessed to have had some great individuals, and, as is the case with Shaun, we feel God has put them in our



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Hope Griffin receives the Student of the Year Award from NFL running back Shaun Alexander.

path to spread such a positive message," Lessard said.

The project, in its ninth year of honoring students in Guilford County, began when Lessard used a monetary stipend he received – as a result of being awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal – to provide a scholarship for students who display extraordinary character and servant leadership.

Hope Griffin, a senior at High Point Central High School, was recognized as the 2008 recipient of the award. Ranked third in her class with a GPA of 5.094, Griffin is on the school's swimming and

cross country teams and is the captain of the soccer team. In addition to being the student body president and the founder of Teens Helping Others, she is a YMCA volunteer, Communities in Schools lunch buddy and a vacation bible school volunteer at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She will attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in the fall.

"It was amazing and inspiring to hear someone describe the ways in which we can help to change the world," she said of Alexander's speech.

Also recognized this year were runner-ups Alexis Cheviron, a Southwest Guilford High senior who will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill, and Edward Manning, a senior at Walter Hines Page High who will be attending UNC-Wilmington.

"Alexis and Edward are remarkable young people who have overcome challenges, they have excelled in many areas, and they have kept their eyes focused upon helping others," Abourjille said.

After the ceremony, Alexander said he is inspired to talk to children because he truly feels positive role models can make a difference.

"If you can spark just one mind by speaking the truth to them, then it is all worthwhile," he said.

As for an extended stay in the Carolinas, he just smiled.

"Who knows. We'll see," he laughed when asked the possibility of continuing his career with the Carolina Panthers.

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School's fundraiser honors parent

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HIGH POINT – More than 200 people will throw on their running shoes in support of a local school's spring fundraiser.

Westchester Country Day School will host its 5K Cat Challenge today at the school, located on N. Old Greensboro Road.

The event will raise money for the school's purchase of a climbing wall for the physical education department, said school spokesperson Mary Ann Smith.

The family-oriented race will feature several categories of challenges, including a one-mile fun run; the 5K competi-

Westchester Country Day School's 5K Cat Challenge will be held in memory of Hobey Ragan, a parent who died from cancer.

tion; the 50-yard diaper dash for participants 2 years old and younger; and the little Cat Lap for 3- and 4-year-olds.

"Our event is unique because of the huge amount of kid-student participation ... we offer something for everyone," Smith said.

The race route will have runners and walkers traveling around the parameters of the school campus. Awards will go to the top three overall male and female and individual grade winners.

Past 5K challenges have been finished in less than 17 minutes and as much as 30 minutes.

The fundraiser will be held in memory of Hobey Ragan, an active Westchester parent, who died from cancer earlier this month.

"Hobey was a regular at various Westchester sporting events and was a great supporter of the school and its athletic program," Smith said.

Coordinators will accept participants on race day with registration – \$30 for the 5K contest and \$20 for the one-mile run – beginning at 7:45 a.m.

The school will give away T-shirts to the first 200 entrants and will offer refreshments.

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