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5 THINGS TO DO

1. Friday After Five
 Today's performance will offer the blues, jazz and Americana style of Mel Jones & His Bag O' Bones.
WHEN: 5:30-8:30 p.m. today.
WHERE: West Broad Street, downtown Statesville.
WHAT'S THE DEAL: Admission is free for this event. Beer, wine, soft drinks and food will be available for purchase. Bringing your own chair is encouraged.

2. Orlando Victims Benefit
 Carolina Fight Nights will hold a fight-night benefit in memory of Tevin Crosby, of Statesville, and Shane Tomlinson, of Concord, who lost their lives in the Orlando shooting.
WHEN: Doors open at 5 p.m., fight begins at 6 p.m. today.
WHERE: Avid Exchange Music Factory, 900 Seaboard St., Charlotte.
WHAT'S THE DEAL: Event will feature the tough-man competition finals, pro boxing and a benefit concert. To purchase tickets, visit www.carolinafightnights.com.

3. Blue Days Festival
 Hosted by Purple Heart Homes. Spend your night at a local festival with music from seven bands, food, drinks and a children's area.
WHEN: Noon to 11 p.m. Saturday.
WHERE: Big Shots Tavern, 1531 Cinema Drive, Statesville.
WHAT'S THE DEAL: 100 percent of the profits from the festival will be donated to Purple Heart Homes.

4. Mopar Cruise-In
 Spend Saturday morning at a Mopar Cruise-In featuring in-store specials, a silent auction and food trucks.
WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.
WHERE: SRI Performance, Lakeside Business Park, 122 Knob Hill Road, Mooresville.
WHAT'S THE DEAL: Cost is \$5 per car. Free for spectators. Cruise-in benefits Purple Heart Homes.

5. Yoga and Wine
 Join instructor Allison Forsyth from Encounter Grace Yoga for a 75-minute gentle flow yoga practice while sipping on a glass of wine.
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday.
WHERE: Daveste' Vineyards, 155 Lytton Farm Road, Troutman.
WHAT'S THE DEAL: This yoga is suitable for all levels. Class is \$10, payable at registration. Feel free to bring a picnic for after class. Bring your own mat.

Compiled by Haley Jones



City Waterline Break

Officials: Water safe, system restored

Broken pipe to be fully replaced by next week

BY ROBERT E. LEE
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The 54-year-old water pipe that burst early Wednesday had seen better days, said

Nancy Davis, City of Statesville public affairs director. But the 24-inch cast-iron pipe near the water treatment plant on Pump Station Road didn't appear to show any issues before it ruptured, leaving most residents without water for several hours and under a boiling advisory for a day and a half, Davis said.



City crews clear dirt from around the busted pipe on Pump Station Road on Wednesday morning.

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COLDBLOODED ENCOUNTERS

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL



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More than 20 children and parents gathered at the J. Hoyt Hayes Memorial Troutman Branch Library on Thursday to meet and learn about some cold-blooded creatures at the Cold Blooded Encounters show. The event was the culmination of the kids summer reading program at the library. The goal of the event is for participants to learn about the creatures through entertainment and interaction, said Daphne Reeder of Cold Blooded Encounters. Mark Loden (left), 3, and Cameryn Riddile, 8, touch a Russian tortoise, which is being held by Reeder.

Town of Troutman

Council interviewing hometown candidate for manager spot

BY NINA MASTANDREA
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Troutman Town Council members will interview a candidate for the open town manager position during a special meeting Saturday.

Michael Ellis will be interviewed by council members during a closed session at Town Hall starting at 9 a.m.

After the interview, the council will come out of closed session,

and if it votes to hire Ellis it will be done in public, according to Mayor Ron "Duck" Wyatt.

Ellis is a graduate of South Iredell and holds a master's degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He is currently studying for his Ph.D. there as well.

While at South Iredell, Ellis was a standout athlete and remains the school's all-time leading scorer in basketball.

Ellis' father, Steve Ellis, is

a chief deputy for the Iredell County Sheriff's Office and a longtime friend, Wyatt said.

Troutman began the hunt for a new town manager after Ann Baillie resigned in late April after nearly five years in the job. Baillie was making \$89,482 at the time of her resignation.

Troutman Finance Director Steve Shealy served as acting manager until the council hired former Salisbury City Manager David Treme on an

interim basis. Treme has been working with the town about 30 hours a week, and makes \$60 an hour.

Wyatt said other applications have been submitted for the job, but no dates have been set for further interviews. He added that he didn't know how many applications had been received.

Treme couldn't be reached for comment on the number of applicants.

Powerball
 Wednesday's drawing
 10 47 50
 65 68 24

Markets
 -15.82
Dow Jones
 18,456.35

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