



**Adventure House Attends the American Legion World Series**

Adventure House had the privilege of attending the American Legion World Series, which is hosted by our hometown Shelby, NC. It was the last night of the tournament so we were able to see the finals.

There were three teams left on the final day. Teams from Hawaii, New Jersey and California were in the playoffs. During the first game; New Jersey and Hawaii played and New Jersey came out on top. Next, New Jersey and California played the next two games. They played twice

because it was a double elimination tournament. New Jersey ended up winning it all, sweeping the two game series.

Members and staff were amazed at the time and work put into the newly renovated "Keeter Ford Stadium". It is considered one of the best high school baseball fields in the country. Even, Dale Earnhardt Jr. was at the series talking with the players. The Veterans were recognized and military vehicles were on display.

It is an honor to see that our hometown hosts such a great event and that our citizens and businesses support this annual event. We are glad to say we were there and we look forward to

**By Johnny Walker and Drew Stallings**



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## Adventure House Players



The Adventure House Players will be concluding their last three scenes of **The Wizard Of Medications** with Scene 6 on Friday, Sept. 27th, Scene 7 on Friday, Oct. 11th and Scene 8 on Friday, Oct. 18th; each taking place at 1:30pm, in the Dining Room, at the Clubhouse.

The play has been a success on several levels. One, that it was co-written by a member and a staff with input by fellow actors who participated in the production. The second, we had many people including other members and staff helping out with props, costumes, programs and filming to make everything very professional. Third, and probably most important, was that it increased Friday afternoon attendances at the Clubhouse which usually is one of our lowest days compared to the rest of the week.

However, for me, the most important thing is that the production showcased the talent that encompasses the Adventure House Players. It has been a long time in the making, but I see a great depth of talent in this group and whoever takes over after I leave, whenever I leave, will be richly blessed. Not to say that I'm leaving anytime soon, but we all know that change always happens and this group can easily make changes with the talent that they possess.

What lies ahead for them in the very near future are Halloween skits, Christmas stories to be enacted, improve ideas to be performed on a more daily basis and ideas to be hashed out, written and performed for the 2014 New Year. And of course all of this needs to go out to the general public for them to see. What's a stage without an audience? I think you know the answer to that.

So stay tuned for the Adventure House Players. Great things are going to happen for this talented bunch of folks. You can bet your life on that!!!! As always, it has been a privilege working with them. I look forward to hearing more of their creative ideas in the future. As a footnote, I especially

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want to thank the staff for the support of, not only myself but especially for, each of the Players in their journey of learning to become an actor and reach outside of themselves to become more than they ever thought they could become. You have no idea how much you have helped each one of the actors to be the best that they could be. Thank You.

*By Stan Logan*

### Events: Alive After Five

## DIRTY GRASS SOUL



On Aug. 29, 2013, a group from Adventure House went to *Alive After Five*. This event takes place every other Thursday during the summertime in Uptown Shelby around the old courthouse. It's like a block party with food carts, trinkets, live music and good company. This time we listened to a band called *Dirty Grass Soul*. Drew Stallings, staff of Adventure House, is the drummer. The band was great and sounded wonderful! They played a mixture of classic rock, blues, some bluegrass and even a little country. I personally enjoyed all those styles of music they play. I'd advise anyone who has a heart for music to check them out when you get the chance.

*By Danny Kiser*

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### Two Members Moved Away

First of all, I would like to say that Eddie Beauregard lived at Marion Street Apartment for over twelve years. He recently moved back to Massachusetts and is attending a Clubhouse there. He also spends his days at home enjoying time with his family. He loves it there very much. I really wish the best for him and his family.

Second of all, Mona Culp has moved from Charles Road Apartments after being there for almost a year. She has moved to Florida. She is lovable, sweet and everyone here will miss her smiling face.

When you look at the people that have moved, it's sad to see them go but they seem to always come back to visit us. I know that these two people are having a great time and that they are safe wherever they go. We will miss them and hope to, one day, see them again.

*By Christopher George*

### Why I Enjoy Adventure House

My name is Johnny Walker. I suffer from high blood pressure, anxiety and depression; along with COPD and bi-polar disorder. I first heard of Adventure House several years ago, but did not really see it as an option for me.

I first visited with my neighbor, Nick, years ago. I found it to be a congenial place, very friendly and enjoyable. I started attending here full time about a year ago. I found it to still be

a great place to be and to meet people.

There is always something going on here. I like the atmosphere and friendships and the people that I have grown close to.

The best thing is the diversity here, there are so many people with different backgrounds that come together to meet and spend time with each other. The jobs we do and the Adventure House Players are what help pass the time so enjoyably. The friends I have made here are some of the best relationships I have ever made. This is why I enjoy Adventure House.

*By Johnny Walker*

### Officers Visit Adventure House for CIT Training

During the month another group of law enforcement officers graduated from Cleveland County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program. Officers from the Cleveland County Sheriff's office, Kings Mountain Police department and Shelby Police Department participated in the training.

Crisis Intervention Team Training is a 40 hour training which educates law enforcement officers about a variety of mental illnesses, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities. Officers are trained how to respond to individuals in mental crisis and how to help those individuals receive the proper care that they need.

The CIT program is a state wide initiative that was through Cleveland Community College, Mental Health Association of Cleveland County, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Partners LME and the Shelby Police Department. During the week the officers

came and toured Adventure House and some stayed and had lunch in the dining room. On Friday the last day of the training Crystal Byers visited their class and shared her story on what she has overcome and how she deals with mental illness every day. Also that afternoon the Adventure House Players performed for the graduating class followed by Truth where members share their diagnosis with the class and answer any questions there may be.

The program is a great way for officers in our community to become aware of the everyday struggles people with mental illness face, and to be trained to handle crisis situations in a way so that everyone is safe and people receive the proper help that they need. Adventure House members and staff congratulate the latest class to graduate from CIT training and look forward to meeting future classes.

*By Diana Boswell*

### Death Be Not Black

Death Be Not Black  
But in a shade of white  
As the graveyard shadows  
Fall by night

Birds hush as they pass this place  
And people just shiver and turn their face

But death be thought as a wonderful thing  
Because when you're gone you bare no  
pain

When their born, then be sad  
Because think of the pain they've not yet  
had.

*A Poem By Star Strickland*

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