

## Summer feeding program will close for two days

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The summer feeding program offered by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and Chartwells School Dining Services will take a two-day hiatus on July 2 and 3.

Friday, July 3 is a holiday taken by employees for Independence Day. Thursday, July 2 will be a furlough day for employees. Gov. Bev Perdue in April ordered all state employees to take 10 hours of furlough time, and WS/FCS 12-month employees will take their time on July 2.

Breakfast and lunch will be served as scheduled on Wednesday, July 1. Regular service will resume with breakfast on Monday, July 6.

WS/FCS and Chartwells have been serving free breakfasts and lunches to students since June 22 and will continue through Aug. 14.

Meals are served at Carter Vocational, Carver High, Cook Elementary, Easton Elementary, Forest Park Elementary, Griffith Elementary, Hall-Woodward Elementary, Hill Middle, Kernersville Middle, Latham Elementary, Lowrance Middle, Mineral Springs Middle, North Hills Elementary, Old Town Elementary, Petree Elementary, Philo Middle, South Fork Elementary, Speas Elementary, Walkertown Elementary and Wiley Middle.

## Plus-size

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should be in a size 10 pants, but I need a 16 for the fit to be right. I think that, in the end, the regular stores will lose out and places like Lane Bryant will reap the benefits," Fisher said.

Some chains have actually increased their lines to include larger sizes, particularly those serving youth markets. While

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It has been nearly four years since family and friends mourned the loss of Corey Dorsette. The 32-year-old was shot and killed along Woughtown Street during an altercation with law enforcement officers working for the state's ABC board. An investigation concluded that officers were just what has been ruled a justifiable homicide.

Many of Dorsette's loved ones gathered to again honor his memory in a special vigil Tuesday evening. Held on the lawn of the Prodigals Community, a recovery ministry, the vigil drew more than 50 well-wishers from the community.

"Corey's death was a tragic loss for all of us, especially his family," said Rev. Laura Spangler, pastor of Llyod Presbyterian Church, and one of the officiants of the ceremony.

The remembrance was led by Vigils for Healing, a locally based nonprofit that has hosted nearly 30 vigils across the city for those who have lost their lives to violence.

Dorsette's vigil, which focused on peace, healing and hope, was different from the



Griggs

others the nonprofit has hosted, said Vigils Founder Tracey Maxwell, because of the nature of Dorsette's death.

"This was not a vigil for a murder victim, because by law, this cannot be considered a murder. It was a violent death, but there's a big difference," Maxwell said. "But the bottom line for us is just validation of all the pain that travels in all directions when an event like this happens. We want to reach out and promote healing and reconciliation and hope and encourage forward movement in the community."

Dorsette's family came out in big numbers for the event, populating many of the lawn chairs and benches that were set out in the shade of the large tree on the Prodigal's front yard.

"He was a great uncle; he was like a father to me," said 15-year-old Kelanda Dorsette. "I was just about to get a bike from him (when he died) actually."

Cousin Kenneth Rousseau remembers Dorsette fondly. He believes there is a valuable lesson to be learned from his cousin's untimely death.

"I feel like Corey, he wanted to make a change (in his life) but I guess he got kind of

this measure is more a function of the expanding waists of grammar school children and adolescents, stores like Forever 21, Old Navy, and Gap offer sizes up to 20.

R.J. Miller, 56, a Greenbelt-based financial consultant, said that while it may be poor judgment on the part of the retailers, many are looking strictly at their bottom line in determining what to eliminate in hard times.

"It is clear that retailers

don't respect their plus-sized customers by the fact that the departments are usually hidden in the basements or on the upper levels, next to bedding, customer service or the toilets," Miller said. "This brings the point home, though it is masked as a recession-induced measure to address an eight percent fall in sales last year, compared to a two percent decline for the 0 to 12 size sector."

Some data suggests the



Photo by Layla Farmer

## Family and friends of Corey Dorsette.

trapped. It happens to a lot of us," Rousseau commented. "But we can benefit from this situation; we can learn from it ... get your education so you can have your way out, so you won't have to be trapped."

Despite the tragic circumstances that led them to that moment, Imam Khalid Griggs of the Community Mosque urged the audience to keep the faith.

"Hope is something that once we lose as a community or as individuals, we have very little to build our lives on... we cannot advance as a society or

as a community until the least of us is raised up and has hope," he said. "As we leave here ... we should leave here feeling that we can rise above any circumstance that may confront us at any time."

Officiant Fleming El-Amip said he could relate to the family's anguish.

"I lost my brother," he told the group. "He became a heroine addict. I loved him like I loved my other brothers, but he lost his life to that life."

The wound left by Dorsette's passing is still fresh for his mother, Kathy Dorsette.

She struggled to gain her composure, leaning on others for support before fearfully choking out a few words on her son's behalf.

"When you had a hard day, he'd come around and fight you up," she related. "He had a heart of gold."

Though she was overcome with emotion, Dorsette, who noted that her son's birthday was the following day, said she was grateful for the service.

"It feels great," she remarked. "It's a joy; it's a relief that he have not been forgotten."



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## Loved ones surround Johns' widow.

### Johns

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of a mentality thought to be rapidly diminishing from the American landscape."

Noting the large outpouring of sympathy accompanied by the huge attendance at his funeral, McCoy said that on the day Johns' life was taken that "good stood up to evil as the community rallied together."

District Mayor Adrian Fenty did not attend the service, but stated among the acknowledgments that the fact that Johns "laid down his life was the ultimate sacrifice."

In another condolence read during the service, Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin said, "[Johns] is mourned by me and all who seek peace and justice."

Johns, who lived in Temple Hills, Md., had worked at the museum for six years.

The 39-year-old officer, who also left behind two step-sons, had just celebrated his first wedding anniversary when he was killed in the line of duty as he opened the museum's door on June 10 for James Von Brunn, 88.

The avowed White supremacist has been charged with first-degree murder.

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