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Photo by Todd Luck
Backpacks like this one are filled with the kind of items pictured.

School takes fight against hunger to kids' homes

BY TODD LUCK
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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina has teamed with Brunson Elementary School to give backpacks filled with food to students in need.

The Backpack Program started in October. Low income students receive free or reduced lunch and breakfast at school during the weekday.

The program aims to make sure the students don't go without food during the weekend.

Second Harvest supplies the food for the backpacks, which are filled with enough non-perishable food items for four meals. Fifty Brunson students, all of whom were recommended by faculty and staff, take home the backpacks each Friday. The food for the backpacks is stored at Centenary United Methodist Church on Fifth Street, which is just a short distance from the Hawthorne Road school.

The Backpack Program is not new, but Brunson is the first Forsyth County school to offer it. School and Food Bank officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony late last week at Brunson to celebrate the program's launch.

Second Harvest Executive Director Clyde Fitzgerald said the Backpack Program started in rural counties, but is now needed in more urban ones like Forsyth.

"The Winston-Salem area ranks third

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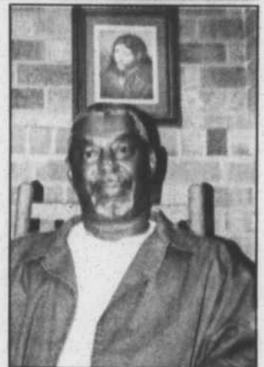


Fitzgerald

DRUMMING UP SUCCESS



Photo by Layla Farmer
Popular drummer Calvin Napper has received rave reviews from some of the biggest names in gospel music. Napper, a city native, is currently touring with veteran R&B musicians Maze featuring Frankie Beverly. See the full story on A3.



Photos by Todd Luck
Kervin Frazier attends Yokefellows event regularly.

Volunteers offer inmates faith, hope

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

A small group of Christians gathered around a table for Bible study last week. They read and discussed a Bible verse that centered around how the things that people expose themselves to can lead to paths of either righteousness or sin.

"This is how we feed our souls," one man says, holding up a Bible.

A young man who is newer to the group, expresses doubt about being able to fully follow a Christian path. The others in the group all reassure him by telling him about their own struggles. Getting one's soul right doesn't happen overnight, they tell the young man.

Such scenes are common at Bible studies everywhere, but this was not a typical Bible study. It took place at the Forsyth Correctional Center, a state prison on Cherry Street, and most of the participants are inmates. Doris Chunn led the discussion. She is one of dozens of volunteers who come to the all male minimum security prison each Thursday to lead the inmates in Bible study as part of Yokefellows, a nationwide program that recruits volunteers to go into prisons



Chunn

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BLACK AND WHITE TOGETHER

National NAACP leader says all Americans should address injustices

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

National NAACP President Ben Jealous says that Jim Crow is alive and kicking and he will only grow stronger if Americans continue sit by idly.

Jealous, the youngest president in the history of the century-old civil rights organization, visited the campus of Wake Forest University Monday evening. He spoke on the theme, "Beyond Jim Crow: Civil Rights, Human Rights and America's Ongoing Struggle for Fairness and Opportunity."

Jealous, 38, addressed a packed house at the university's new Welcome Center. Earlier in the day, he and his wife, Lia Epperson, a civil rights attorney, conversed with a group of WFU School of Law faculty members.

Jealous opened his speech by expressing his gratitude to the volunteers that further the mission of the organization in their local communities everyday.

"We are, modestly, the most successful civil rights organization in the world," Jealous said. "We have transformed this country repeatedly and have done it because of the labor of communi-



WFU Photo

See Jealous on A9 Ben Jealous speaks at Wake Forest on Monday.

There's no Senior in this Citizen

Musician-turned-fitness buff admired for dedication to wellbeing

BY LAYLA FARMER
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As a young man, Winston-Salem native Clarence Gore was known for pounding out drum beats for some of the most notable performers of the day. These days, Gore is still earning acclaim and fans, but it has little to do with his immense musical talents.

Gore doesn't like revealing his exact age, but here's a hint: he was born about the time the second World War began. By all accounts, he is defying Father Time with a exercise regimen that would exhaust a man more than half his age. The grandfather of 10 has a physique that has changed little since his days on stage in the '60s and '70s.

He works out twice a week, lifting weights, swimming and taking part in aerobics classes at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. The rest of the week, Gore walks the track at Bowen Boulevard Park. He takes time to rest and work in his yard on the weekends.

"I just like to stay fit," he said of his exercise regimen. "I always have

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Clarence Gore at the gym on Monday.



Gore Photo

Clarence Gore, on the drums, with his group, The Upsetters, in the 1960s.

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