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Richard Daniels and Terry Matthews pose with Y campers (back row, from left) Anthony Sellars, Trinity Callahan, (middle row) Keira Goodwin, Caleb Autry, Landan Callahan, Sydney Sharpe, (front row) Isaiah Battle, Megan Hatcher, Trinity Hairston and Jaylen Alexander-Raynor.

Below: Terry Matthews has nearly 20 years' experience with the YMCA.



The Road Forward

New leadership team vows to work to make Winston Lake Y better, stronger

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Burlington native Terry Smith has assumed the branch director post at the Winston Lake Family YMCA.

The Winston-Salem State University alumna has worked for the YMCA for nearly 20 years, beginning as a camp counselor at the Central (now known as William G. White) YMCA when she was in college. Though she had planned to become a visual artist, Matthews said, her priorities quickly shifted after taking the position at the Y.

"Every day when I come to work, I have the opportunity to help people," she said. "Since I was a little girl, I have volunteered ... and at the Y each day when I come to work, I have that opportunity to change someone's life."

Matthews finished her degree but

stayed on with the Y, gradually moving up the ranks to become operations director at Sally's Y in the YMCA of Greater Charlotte network, where she served for two and a half years prior to returning to the Twin City. The mother of one said she applied for the position at Winston Lake because she was looking for new opportunities to serve within the organization where she has spent her career.

"It just looked like something that would be a new and interesting challenge," she remarked. "I'm always looking for a new challenge, a new adventure."

After just two weeks on the job, Matthews says Winston Lake already feels like home.

"It's been exciting. I have met a lot of

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Smoke or Fire?

Leaders say candidate's corruption allegations are all make-believe

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Democratic mayoral candidate Gardenia Henley is accusing some local church leaders of being bought and paid for by her primary election challenger - Mayor Allen Joines.

She released the latest of her "Henley Reports" last week. Subtitled, "Abuse of Power by Church and State," the report alleges "unethical conduct committed by various elected officials and some religious leaders."

"This is something that has been on my mind and my heart since I was a little girl, noticing the mix of church and state," Henley said in an interview with The Chronicle on Monday. "It needed to be said."

In the report, the sixth she has released over the years to point out what she sees as governmental corruption, she states some religious leaders in the city "have benefited from the personal use of our tax dollars, some in the form of forgiven debts." Henley goes on to say that "a few religious leaders have stated to my campaign members and myself, that financially, 'the mayor has helped them out,' yet for some, the money has never reached their church."

Henley, a Democrat who ran for North Carolina governor in 2012 and the North Carolina House of Representatives against then-Rep. Earline Parmon in 2010, declined to provide specific examples of her allegations, saying that she is still investigating the issue.

Joines, who has been mayor since 2001, said Henley's claims are unfounded. For years, Joines says he has donated his mayoral salary to various organizations citywide, including churches, but asserted that the money is used to serve the Winston-Salem community, not secure a vote in his favor.

"I can ensure that the money went to the best interests of the churches and the community," he said.

Henley also criticized the mayor for his political career, saying it is in direct conflict with his position as

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Henley



Joines



ACTRESS TRANSITIONS TO WRITER/DIRECTOR

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Jeryl Prescott Sales' show-business evolution now includes director, writer and producer credits.

Sales, a former Wake Forest University associate dean, is making the festival rounds with "Stand Down Soldier," a full-length feature in which she stars and wore all of the creative hats.

"It's my baby," she said about the film, which she screened at the National Black Theatre Festival Film Fest and a/perture Cinema earlier this month.

She plays Army Sgt. Stacy Armstrong. A wife and mother of an adult son, Armstrong returns from a deployment to the Middle East to fight new homefront battles, including one against



Photo by Kevin Walker

Jeanette Hatcher and Jackie Shannon greet Jeryl Prescott Sales at a/perture Cinema.

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Beauty Upgrade



Photo by Todd Luck

A grateful Cynthia Bingham (left) hugs Melissa Puryear after Puryear cut her hair and made her up. Bingham was among the dozens of Bethesda Center for the Homeless residents who received free beauty services Saturday during an event organized by Puryear, a longtime stylist and a receptionist at the shelter. Read more about it on page B1.

Budget cuts sending more teachers to free Warehouse

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

In an age where budget cuts are not the exception but the rule, local educators are flocking to The Educator Warehouse.

Born of a partnership among the Forsyth Education Partnership, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County (WSFC) PTA Council, the warehouse is a free resource where teachers can "shop" four times a year for much needed school supplies - everything from pencils and paper to calculators, bookbags and textbooks. The items are given points depending on

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Photos by Layla Garms
The warehouse affords a wide variety of supplies to teachers.



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