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City recreation centers hold track meet at Carver

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The Winston-Salem recreation centers have not competed in the Hershey youth track and field games in recent years. Bryce Sherman, director/supervisor, of the W.C. Sims Community Center, wanted to come up with a city-wide competition to bring track and field back to the rec centers.

As a result, the Winston-Salem Recreation Department track meet was born. The event was held Friday, July 8, at Carver High School. Twelve of the city's rec centers participated in the event. According to Sherman,

each center held its own



Bryce Sherman

meet at its respective center and sent six to 10 competitors to the citywide meet.

"It was great, and after all the work everyone put in, I was very happy," said

Sherman. "It wasn't just an individual effort; it was a team effort, and that was the biggest thing I wanted to stress. It feels good after all the hard work, phone calls and meetings we went through and to see it turn out like this makes me feel great."

This was the first year the rec centers came together for this meet. Sherman says there was a lot of trial and error and he saw where improvements can be made for next year. This year the meet included the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, race walk, broad jump, softball throw and the 4 x 100 meter relay.

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The boys and girls competed in two separate age brackets in six different events last Friday, July 8, at Carver High School.

Golf clinic teaches youth fundamentals



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The children are taught the proper swing technique and grip to hit the ball straight and to avoid injuring themselves or others.

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For the past four weeks, the children of the W.R. Anderson Recreation Center's summer camp have been on the ball.

Forsyth County School board member Victor "Vic" Johnson hosted his annual junior golf camp at the Reynolds Park Golf Course. On July 7, they held the closing program.

This is the 19th year of the golf clinic. Johnson stated if not for the assistance of Samuel Puryear Sr., the camp may not have been this successful.

Puryear, the director of golf operations at Queens

University of Charlotte, was with Johnson at the beginning.

"I would always see the kids over at the recreation center, but I never saw the kids over at the golf course," said Johnson. "I couldn't imagine that every summer you have 75 to 80 kids at the center and not take advantage of the course next door. Once I made it on the school board, I just decided I would get these kids involved with golf because there are a lot of quality kids here."

After the first year of the clinic, Johnson's wife, Dr. Constance Johnson, came aboard to help out with the everyday duties of the clinic because she felt it was too much for one person to handle alone.

"At first, the organizational skills needed to be improved and it was too much for him to try and do

everything," said Dr. Johnson. "I really enjoy seeing them develop and mature because initially some of them don't understand the need for order, taking turns and being respectful of one another, but as time progresses, all of those things just fall into place."

Children in the clinic start as early as 5 years old. Malcolm Gant, a coach in the clinic, was initially a student. Gant is a rising senior at Parkland High School. He is seeking to play golf at the collegiate level. He enjoyed other sports as a youth, but as he started to excel in the game of golf he dropped everything else and focused solely on golf.

"Golf came easy to me so I continued to pursue the game and Vic recognized my talents and he thought I

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Elizabeth City State lands Carver High defensive standout

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Carver High graduate Dequan Napper has found that his football scholarship was just the icing on the cake.

Napper will be attending Elizabeth City State University come this August. Along with being talented on the football field, Napper is very studious in the classroom as well. He was able to obtain enough scholarship money for his scholastic

achievements to cover the cost of school, which made any assistance from football extra funds for books or classroom materials.

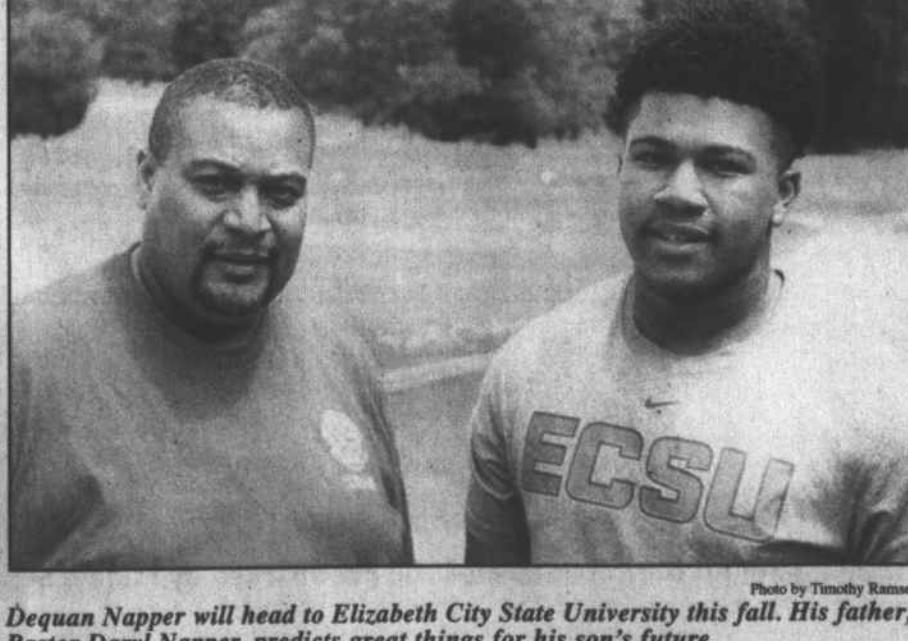
"My dad introduced me to football and basketball at the age of 4 and I loved them both initially," Napper said. "When I got to high school, I broke my ankle playing basketball and I lost the love for the game. I then opened my eyes to the game of football and came to love it."

Napper helped Carver to an 8-5

record this past season and says he loves the physicality of the game the most. He said his favorite moment from last season was making the game-winning tackle against Mt. Tabor.

Pastor Daryl Napper of First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem is Dequan's father. He says he is very proud of his son's achievements. He says he made sure all of his children focused on academics first and athletics second.

Dequan Napper plans on majoring in Criminal Justice. Upon graduation Napper wants to become a private investigator. He



Dequan Napper will head to Elizabeth City State University this fall. His father, Pastor Daryl Napper, predicts great things for his son's future.

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