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Beloved seafood spot closes doors



Charles and Virginia Hardesty at their MLK location.

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Forsyth Seafood Cafe on Broad Street served its last customers on March 31, closing its doors after 10 years of service.

Owners Charles and Virginia Hardesty, who also own a take-out and fish market Forsyth Seafood on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, sold the Broad Street site to developers of the Brookstown Project, a multimillion dollar effort that will include a new minor league baseball stadium, a movie theater complex, office and retail space and a wealth of other amenities. The project is headed up by Winston-Salem Warthogs co-owner Billy Prim.

The decision to sell the successful eatery, which unlike the MLK site offered a dine-in area, was not an easy one for the



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Hardestys, who hail from fishing families and bought Forsyth Seafood Company in the mid 1980s. In the end, however, they relented for the greater good of the city they have called home for

nearly 30 years.

"I think you always have mixed feelings when you've got something you've put a lot of energy into and trying to make sure you do the right thing by it," Virginia Hardesty commented. "But overall, I think it fits into the strategy of Winston-Salem growing. We can try to choose another location from which to serve our customers."

As members of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, where Virginia Hardesty serves on the Goler CDC Board of Directors, the Hardestys say they have an understanding of the importance of downtown development and its far-reaching effects. The Goler CDC is also currently in the middle of its own multimillion dollar downtown revitalization project.

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Results seem to follow Pankey

Parkland assistant principal has devoted life to students

BY LAYLA FARMER
 THE CHRONICLE

"Caring, tough, controversial."

Henry Pankey has been called many things over the span of his careers as an educator, administrator, motivational speaker and author. But,



Pankey

perhaps, most importantly he has been described as "effective."

A native of Laurinburg, he is an assistant principal at Parkland High School, where he works each day to help students become the best that they can be.

"I (always) envisioned myself doing something to help young people," he commented. "You do your degrees and you think about stuff and then you go to your heart, and my heart says I want to work with young people, turn their lives around."

He has been at Parkland for only two years, but Pankey's style is already winning rave reviews from students, faculty and staff members.

"Mr. Pankey is a very strong leader. He lets the kids know what we expect of them, and he follows through," said Vanessa Edwards, an English teacher at Parkland.

Charrie McMahon, a Parkland senior, says students respect Pankey because he gives them his full attention.

"He actually takes the time to listen, and he gets stuff done," she said.

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100-year-old Douglas gets b-day bash

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
 THE CHRONICLE

Longevity alone means very little.

At a 100th birthday celebration, talk like that may seem to be a bit out of place, but it became a constant theme Sunday at a bash to mark Clara Ellis Douglas's membership into the centenarian club.

Dozens arrived at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum's Deacon Room to honor Douglas and not just because she has been blessed to live for so long. Douglas's lifetime of service to her city, community and church were the primary cause for celebration.

"It is more about all that she has done, not how old she is," said Keisha Cooper, 30, one of Douglas's three grandchildren. "She has accomplished so much. She is a true trailblazer."

Douglas was born in Advance on March 29, 1907. Theodore Roosevelt was in his second term as president and before Douglas's first birthday, Oklahoma would officially be admitted as the 46th state. The Ellis family had relocated to Winston-Salem by the time Clara Douglas was a high school student. She graduated from Columbia Heights before

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Clara Ellis Douglas, center, seated, poses with her grand and great-grandchildren. Keisha Cooper, from left, (holding her son, Christopher II), Briana Warren, Jerrold Douglas and Stefanie Barradas.

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MATH CHALLENGE



Winston-Salem State University education major Katrina Patrick leads a class at Hill Middle School in a game of Math Jeopardy. Read more on A13.



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Donating organs helped ease pain, says family

April is Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month in North Carolina

BY TODD LUCK
 THE CHRONICLE

When 5-year-old Jukiya Hayes was killed in an automobile crash in 2005, her family made the very difficult decision to donate her organs to help others live.

According to Jukiya's grandmother, Barbara Green, it was the right choice.

"You can't describe the feeling just to know (that) part of them is still out there. That made a difference," said Green.

Jukiya's organs went to several people across the country. Her heart saved the life of a five-month-old baby

by Gov. Easley. There are tens of thousands of people across the country, many are African-American, who are waiting for organs. Many will die on donation waiting lists. Carolina Donor Services believes that that does not



Green



Jukiya Hayes, standing, with her younger sister.

have to be the case.

"Unfortunately the importance comes with the people who are waiting and, right now across the United States, there's over 95,000 people waiting for lifesaving

organ transplants but, you know, often times it's told to me 'Well that's out there in the United States but what about right here in North Carolina, does it really hit home?' and unfortunately there's nearly 3,000 people waiting for life saving organ transplants in North Carolina," said Carolina Donor Services' Beth Hinesley.

CDS is a federally-designated organ procurement agency that serves 79 counties in North Carolina and the Danville, Va. area. There are 104 hospitals in CDS's coverage area that perform heart, lung, liver, kidney and pancreas transplants.

When Hinesley speaks at seminars, churches and community events, she always

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