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## Help for the smallest victims of bad economy

*Homeless children given back-to-school royal treatment*

BY TODD LUCK  
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Local children from homeless families were treated to back-to-school haircuts, check-ups, clothes and school supplies last week during an event at Carter Vocational High School.

Sponsored by Project HOPE, which provides services to homeless families with children in the local school system; and Matt Murphy Motor Sports, the function drew 43 families with 91 children. They made their way around a room, taking advantage of the free items and services offered.



There were book-bags and school supplies in one area, while jeans, for adults and children, filled another table. The jeans were donated by Girl Scout Troupe 154 of Greensboro.

Medical professionals from Winston-Salem State University did blood pressure checks, while a dental hygienist from the Forsyth County Health Department offered oral health assessments, tooth brushes and dental advice. Kids were given a new haircut for the new school year by barbers from Cuttin' Hair and Trimmerz barbershops. Families even were treated to a hot meal by Eagle's Catering.

Families who could not make it to last week's event will receive clothes and school supplies at a later date. Many of the families that were on hand were transported to the school from local shelters by Project HOPE.

Michael and Lori Rupp picked up clothes and supplies for their children, including their son, who is starting Pre-K this year.

"I know it's rough out there, but I don't want it to be any rougher (on them) than it has to be," said Michael Rupp.

The Rups currently live at the Salvation Army shelter on North Trade Street. He has applied for disability, and she lost her job. Unemployment benefits didn't cover their bills, so they lost the house they were renting. He said that it's an adjustment for the children to live at the shelter. The kids left

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From left: Mary Cooper, Brenda Tuttle, Linda Lindsay and Kim McKenzie-Banks.

## A LOSING BATTLE

*Family joins forces to shed pounds*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

Linda Lindsay is helping her family and friends become losers.

Lindsay, 66, has started a competition amongst 14 family members and friends to inspire them to lose weight. The competition, which started Aug. 1, includes motivational sessions, moral support via Facebook.com and a great big pot of money for the winner, who will be determined at the last weigh-in.

slated for Dec. 5.

Inspired by the popular "The Biggest Loser" television show, the competitors are divided into four groups, one in Greensboro and three in Winston-Salem, Lindsay says.

"The groups support each other and come up with weight loss ideas, but you're basically on your own to cut back and do your exercises," she explained. "...At the end we're going to have a big celebration with family and friends. We're going to present the

winner and show off our new bodies." There can only be one biggest loser in this competition, but everybody who participates will end up a winner, Lindsay says.

"I want to see my family ... lose weight so we can be healthier," she commented. "...We will live longer if we eat healthier."

Lindsay's niece, Sonya Hart, was the inspiration for the competition, she says. Hart, 28, had to be rushed to the

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## 16-year-old tasered during NBTF melee

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

The National Black Theatre Festival (NBTF) has long been known for the riveting plays it brings to the Winston-Salem stage from all over the nation. Unfortunately, some in the local community say this year's festival will stick in their minds for less savory reasons.

Isabelle Moore is in the latter category. She says four of her five sons headed downtown on the night of

Aug. 8 in hopes of catching a glimpse of some of the NBTF celebrities.

Twenty-two year-old Jonathan Moore and his brothers, Malcolm Baker, 17, Cory Baker, 16 and Jeremy Potter, 13 joined family members Antwon White, 24 and Kelvin Snow, 39 near the Benton Convention Center to take in the revelry of the culminating

festivities, but the young men say the experience "didn't prove to be the happy outing they had hoped for."

The evening ended with the arrests of Baker and Potter, a student at Walkertown Middle School.

Around 1:00 a.m. that Sunday morning, Mrs. Baker says she received a frantic phone call from her son Malcolm.

"He said, 'Mama, they're taking Cory and Jeremy to jail!'" she related. "I asked him to give one of the officers the phone. I told (the officer) Jeremy was only 13 years-old. He told me to meet him at the Police Department."

The scene she was met with when she reached the Public Safety Center early that morning made her heart plummet, Moore says.

"His shirt was torn off of him; he had a knot on his

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### THE BEATY BUILDING

Photo by Layla Farmer

Former City Manager Alexander R. Beaty holds a framed memento he received Tuesday at a ceremony celebrating the opening of a new city building named for him. See the full story on A12.



## Humble pastor praised at retirement dinner

BY T.KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

As people fawned all over him - giving him their 'thank-yous,' 'God bless you's' and 'congratulations' - Dr. Samuel Stevenson was gracious, humble even, shaking hands, nodding and spreading around his jovial laugh.

Sunday afternoon's retirement gala for Stevenson was big - with hundreds in attendance - brash and bold, a contradictory send-off for a man known and loved for his understated nature.

For 19 years, Stevenson stood behind the pulpit at Grace Presbyterian, the Carver School Road church that, with Stevenson at the helm, has developed a reputation for tremendous community service.

"He took the church from outside of the walls of church," said longtime Grace member Vivian Burke, the city's Mayor Pro Tempore.

When nearby Carver High School needed help, Grace was at the front of the line to offer tutoring and



Photo by Kevin Walker

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Dr. Samuel Stevenson with his wife, Mable.

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