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Family homelessness now target

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In 2014, the United Way of Forsyth County joined forces with the city and the county to form the Commission on Ending Homelessness by amending the 10-year plan adopted in 2006 to end all homelessness in the area.

Just one year later, Mayor Allen Joines announced that with the help of the commission, the city had met its challenge of ending veteran homelessness in the area.

As he stood inside the city chamber after making the announcement in the fall of 2015, Joines thanked the work of the commission, the United Way and other organizations for their hard work and dedication.

"When enough spider webs come together, you can tie down a lion. We had a lot of spider webs here to tie this lion," said Joines. "Having these partnerships have really been a game-changer."

With veteran homelessness "tied down" for the moment, the commission,

which consist of 16 voting commissioners appointed by City Council and the County Commissioners, is in the process of developing a new strategic plan that will focus on ending family homelessness, which has been growing per the latest point-in-time tally.

According to a point-in-time count of the homeless in 2016 of the 544 people who were considered homeless 144 individuals were part of a family, compared to 121 in 2015. During an interview with The Chronicle earlier this week, chief staff person for the commission, Andrea Kurtz, said although she is proud of the work the commission has done so far, now is the time to take the next step.

"We have met our goals, so now we are looking to ensure families have the help they need," said Kurtz. "We are not done. This is only the beginning."

One way they are looking to help families in need is by investing in housing development.



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In October 2015, Mayor Allen Joines announced that the city had met its challenge of ending veteran homelessness in the area.

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Members of the first graduation class of McDonald's English Under the Archways course celebrate during a ceremony held last week to honor the class of 2017.

McDonald's celebrates first class of non-English speaking employees

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Seventeen local McDonald's employees took a break to celebrate last week as they became the first graduating class of English Under the Arches, an English course designed specifically to help employees advance in their careers and life.

For seven weeks, both managers and crew members

from restaurants across Forsyth County took English classes during paid work hours to improve their English skills and for some, take the first step toward a high school diploma and even a college degree. The course, which was taught through a combination of online and classroom instruction session, falls under the larger Archways to Opportunity program that gives McDonald's employees

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BLACK PRESS EXCLUSIVE

N.C. author: Emmett Till story 'brutal'

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Given all of the major media headlines since its planned release, it's easy for the public to think the new book, "The Blood of Emmett Till" (Simon and Schuster, released Jan. 31) is mainly about the confession by Carolyn Bryant.

She is the Mississippi white woman whose lie in 1955



Emmett Till



Photo by Susan Evans

Prof. Timothy B. Tyson

caused the brutal lynching and murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

But in an exclusive interview with the Black Press this week, the author, Professor Timothy B. Tyson, a Duke University senior research scholar and historian, says Bryant's 2007 revelation to him that the black teen never said or did anything "sexually flirtatious" to her to warrant being kidnapped by her husband and his half-brother, then beaten, shot in the head, and thrown in the Tallahatchie River wrapped in barbed wire and weighted down by a 75 pound cotton gin fan, is just where the controversial book begins.

The rest of the 304-page volume not only meticulously documents what led up to the despicable murder of the innocent child, but more importantly Tyson says, the reasons why white supremacists have historically resorted to violence to deny African-Americans their civil rights.

Tyson said after taping the Bryant interview in 2007,

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SHARE asks city to support cooperative grocery store

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

SHARE Cooperative of Winston-Salem is asking the city to fund a feasibility study on opening a co-op grocery store on Peters Creek Parkway.

SHARE (Supplying Honest and Respectful Engagement), which is an initiative of Freedom Tree at IDR (Institute for Dismantling Racism), is hoping to open a co-op grocery store in a food desert, which is an area where fresh, healthy food

isn't available.

SHARE Project Manager Gary Williams told the city finance committee last month that the store will serve "fresh, nourishing foods at a reasonable price." People will be able to buy memberships that will give them a vote in how the store is run and profits will be reinvested in the community. The group is currently negotiating for a vacant space at West Salem Shopping Center, which has previously

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