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Wake GOP President Felice Pete addresses local Republican women.

## GOP leader questions president's faith, agenda

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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Felice Pete, president of the Wake County Republican Women, told local residents that she's long taken heat for being black and Republican. She "came out" as a Republican when she was an undergrad at UNC Chapel Hill, a school known for being both progressive and liberal.

"It was very difficult being conservative and black and not falling in line with the liberal standard on a college campus. It was extremely hard and extremely lonely," related Pete. "...I was an outcast."

Pete, a Raleigh nurse anesthetist, spoke to a crowd of about 50 on Feb. 28 on the West Campus of Forsyth Technical Community College. She was the guest speaker at the regular monthly gathering of Forsyth County Republican Women.

Pete told her fellow Republicans to hold fast to the values and ideals that she says make the party great. Despite the flack she's received over the years, Pete, the mother of an 18-month-old son, said she has never wavered in her political beliefs.

"I am a 'little r' Republican, because it is the noun republicanism, because I do it every day. It is my lifestyle - it's not just the party," she remarked. "I'm like this everyday; I've always got a Constitution and a Bible verse."

Pete, who calls herself a born-again Christian, took aim at President Obama's religious beliefs, calling him "a guy who kind of has no religion, likes to kill babies and really is not for women at all."

She said the black community has suffered under his administration, citing disproportionately high unemployment rates and what she says has been a lack of support for historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

"Not only has he said things are well, he's gotten rid of his jobs council, but yet he cares about black people - that's what Democrats say," she told the group. "...That's what Democrats have done for many years is taken

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## County eyes tax hike to counter low revaluations

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

Property owners should expect a rate hike as the city and county scramble for ways to make up the millions they will lose as a result of recent revaluations by the office of the Forsyth County Tax Assessor.



Tatum

Ninety-three percent of properties saw a decline in value, some by 30 and even 50 percent. Property taxes at the current rate (67.4 cents per \$100 of value) on the reassessed properties would mean a \$16-\$19 million shortfall for the city and county, said Ronda Tatum, director of the coun-

ty's Budget and Management Department. Though it will ultimately be up to County Commissioners to decide,



Photo by Layla Garms

Virginia Newell poses outside her Skyland Park home.

Tatum said she fully expects property tax rates to increase to make up for the projected deficit. "Because of the value being so much lower, in order for us to retain the same amount of revenue, See Taxes on A8



Clark

Atkins High School alumnus Carl "Moose" Eller poses with members of the school's football team Tuesday, after Eller received an Allstate Hometown Hall of Famers honor. Eller, a member of the Atkins Class of 1960, was elected to the Pro-Football Hall of Fame in 2004. Read more about his honor in the March 14 edition.

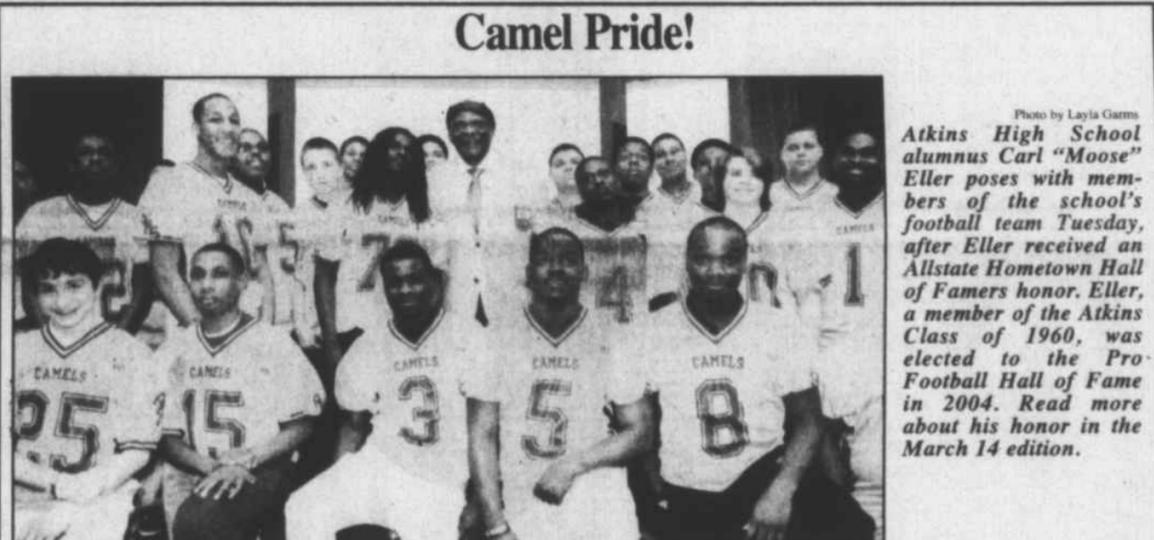


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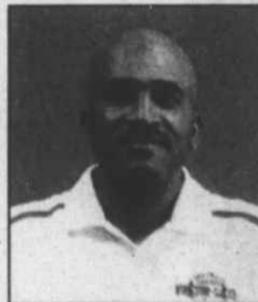
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## Community service honors will feature Rev. Jeremiah Wright

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The leader of the unstoppable Winston-Salem State University football program and the mayor's right-hand woman have been selected to receive the top honors at this year's Chronicle Community Service Awards Gala.

Coach Connell Maynor's Man of the Year honor and Linda Jackson-Barnes' Woman of the Year plaque will be among the more than a dozen awards presented during the Saturday, March 23 ceremony at the Benton Convention Center. Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor emeritus of the Chicago mega church once attended by the



Maynor

First Family, will be the keynote speaker.

In just two seasons, Maynor has taken the Rams to the pinnacle of success. Back-to-back CIAA championships were topped with Division II



Jackson-Barnes

national title appearances. Maynor's passion for football and his players has spurred a new and exciting wave of Ram Pride.

As the assistant to Mayor Allen Joines, Jackson-Barnes works in the shadows, but the



Wright

impact she has had in making Winston-Salem a better place to live, work and play is undeniable. In addition to her vast City Hall duties, Jackson-Barnes has social and volun-

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## Community helps end fresh food deserts

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

If the Dreamland Park community is a food desert, then Attorney S. Wayne Patterson and his wife Tamica want their Attucks Street shop to be an oasis.

The couple's Rebecca's Store Grocery & More is the first local participant in the Healthy Corner Store Initiative. Funded by the North Carolina Division of Public Health's Community Transformation Grant Project, the Healthy



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Submitted Photo

Tamica Patterson (center) poses with local growers (from left): Livingstone Mawutor, Russell Johnson and John and Deloris Huntley.

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