

## AGGIE CELEBRATES 102ND BIRTHDAY



*North Carolina A&T State University presented Leslie Truesdell Bell a historical Aggie afghan on her 102nd birthday on May 29. The Aggie alumna earned a B.S. degree in 1961. While at A&T, Bell was an "A" Honor Roll student and contributed poetry to the Modern Poetry Session. One of her poems was featured in the February 10, 1961 edition of the school's newspaper, The Register. Bell worked as a public school teacher in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. She currently resides in Greensboro. The gift was presented to Bell by A&T staff writer and social media manager Courtney J. Jackson.*

## Cook

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that we consider the cream of the crop," explained Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School's Title One Coordinator Patsy Squire. "We're looking for those teachers that may show a demonstrated record of effectiveness."

Teachers who are re-hired must pledge to uphold the grant's stipulations and strive to meet its objectives, Cook Principal Christopher Massenburg said, adding that the restructuring will allow him to hire or re-hire only the most dedicated educators to help improve outcomes.

"You've got to sleep, you've got to eat, you've got to live," Cook Elementary because it requires a commitment like that," he said. "We've got a high poverty area, and we need to be ready for it. We need to be committed to it."

The Cook grant is the fourth school improvement grant to be awarded to a WS/FCS since 2010. Forest Park and Petree elementary schools and John F. Kennedy High School have also received federal support in their efforts to boost student performance. Ann Petitjean, president of the Forsyth County Association of Educators, said she still isn't convinced that the government's school improvement model has succeeded in local schools.

"When I look at the other schools that have been in improvement for the last couple of years, I don't see a huge sea-change, which is what they wanted," said Petitjean, whose organization is home to 2,300 WS/FCS teachers and employees. "I would hope by putting this much energy into schools that deserve it, such as Petree and Forest Park and Kennedy, we would see some major changes, and I'm not seeing that."

Removing such a large number of teachers from Cook is also a source of concern for Petitjean.



Petitjean



Squire

"I think it's a double-edged sword. I hate to see people removed from positions where they have chosen to be," Petitjean said. "...I understand that schools need to reform, and I understand that Cook needs help, but it concerns me that half of the staff will be removed. It takes a certain kind of person to work in schools that are struggling like that."

Massenburg said the transformation will undoubtedly pose challenges for the 246 students and roughly 50 faculty members at Cook, but he is convinced that the school will ultimately prevail.

"It's a great opportunity," he said. "... We're talking about being able to rebuild a school infrastructure from the ground up." Squire is also looking at the bright side of the grant.

"I'm excited about the change - I'm excited about what all we can see that can happen for Cook," she said. "It's all about having the right people in the right place, and I think if we get the right people in there, we can help our students to achieve."

Massenburg says the influx of funding will help to continue efforts that were already underway to bolster Cook and transform it into "a 90/90/90 school," meaning one where 90 percent of the students are on free or reduced lunch, 90 percent are minority and 90 percent test at proficient.

"Before SIGs (school improvement grants) ever became a component of it, we were planning what we were going to do. School improvement grants just gave us an opportunity to make that happen quicker," Massenburg said. "The school improvement grant allowed us to come in and put it in hyperdrive. That's what makes it so exciting."

The grant will mean other changes as well. The school year will start five days early at Cook, and the school day will be extended by 30 minutes. In addition, the grant will provide for after school tutoring, teacher recruitment and retention incentives and a family literacy program that was launched at Cook this spring. Massenburg said he will be updating the school's decor to help educate and empower students at Cook, which he says is the largest predominantly African American elementary school in the district.

"It has a rich heritage in the black community. It has a rich heritage in the community in general," Massenburg said. "That's important to preserve. We want people to be proud of the school, for the right reasons."

## Frye

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cum laude college graduate and U.S. Air Force Officer who had just been admitted to the University of North Carolina Law School, was denied registration. It was an incident Henry Frye would never forget.

In the June 23 episode, viewers will learn how after opening his own law practice in Greensboro after graduation, by 1963 Henry Frye's work was impressive enough to gain the attention of the nation's attorney general, Robert Kennedy, who chose Mr. Frye to serve as an assistant attorney general—one of the first African Americans in the south to gain that appointment.

In the final episode, we hear how Governor Jim Hunt asked Henry Frye to serve as the first African American justice on the North Carolina State Supreme Court. Though he never aspired to be a judge, Sen. Frye accepted the post, and the opportunity to be, once again, a trailblazer.

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HUD Photo Ed Jennings Jr.

## HUD

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Administrator Ed Jennings Jr. "This grant will enable Legal Aid of North Carolina to help HUD enforce fair housing laws and make people more aware of their rights."

The grant announced is funded through HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) and will

be used to investigate allegations of housing discrimination, educate the public and the housing industry about their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act, and work to promote equal housing opportunities.

People who believe they are the victims of housing discrimination should contact HUD at 800-669-9777.

## M&F

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"Above and beyond" is the phrase commonly used by those who worked with her to describe Patterson's work ethic, dedication and professionalism. Patterson did not believe in limitations and was determined to prove that she was as capable and talented as anyone at M&F Bank.

She advocated education as a means to advancing one's personal and

professional goals, and set an example in her own life. In addition to attaining her bachelor's and master's degrees in business from North Carolina Central University, Patterson pursued every opportunity for further education and training in banking. When at first the bank's Board of Directors declined to cover her tuition to Stonier Graduate School of Banking, she paid her own way, becoming the first woman from M&F to attend. This was

at a time when few African Americans and fewer women attained positions of any rank in the banking industry, much less pursued specialized education in the field.

According to former M&F Bank president and 2011 Founders Award recipient Walter Tucker, "We still benefit from her contribution. I wish there were another Vivian Patterson out there, doing what she has done."

## First aid

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Having all necessary equipment in advance may help handle emergencies and accidents and prevent further injury. You should have a first aid kit in your home and your car. You should make sure to have it with you when you go on vacation as well. To make a first aid kit, you should choose a container that is roomy, easy to carry, easy to open and durable. Plastic tool or fishing boxes are ideal because they are lightweight and have a handle to carry them with. The kit should be stored in an accessible place but out of reach of children. Each kit should include (at least): First Aid Manual (can be obtained through the Red Cross by calling 1-800-438-4636); 10 sterile gauze pads; 25 adhesive bandages; two absorbent compress dressings; Ace bandages/elastic bandages;

soap; triple antibiotic cream (like Neosporin); antiseptic solution (hydrogen peroxide); hydrocortisone cream; calamine lotion; acetaminophen (Tylenol) and Ibuprofen (Motrin); prescriptions for prescription medicines you are taking; instant cold packs; alcohol wipes (at least 5 packets) or a bottle of alcohol; tweezers; sharp scissors; tape; safety pins; thermometer; two pairs of plastic gloves; flashlight and batteries; protective mask to administer mouth-to-mouth; emergency phone list (hospital, doctor, local law enforcement, fire/rescue department); and a blanket.

You should read your first aid manual to familiarize yourself with anything in your kit that you do not know how to use. You should also review this manual with other members of your family so that they also know how to use the kit. Remember to check your kit regularly and

replace anything that has expired. You may also be able to purchase a first aid kit at your local drug store. Some kits are designed for specific activities, such as hiking, camping or boating, so be sure to include in your kits items that are appropriate for the activities you are doing. You should also ask your health care provider if there are any items specific to you and your family you should include.

For more information on first aid, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-438-4636 or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Do you need further information or have questions or comments about this article? Please call the Maya Angelou Center toll-free at 1-877-530-1824. Or, for more information about the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity, please visit our website: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE>.

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