

Citizen Newspaper Group's William Garth Sr. dies at 79

BY LISETTE GUSHINIERE
CHICAGO CITIZEN NEWSPAPER GROUP
(NNPA MEMBER)

William Garth Sr., the CEO of the Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group Inc. (CCNG) and chairman of the Chatham Business Association (CBA), died on Friday, Sept. 23. He was 79.



Garth

A pillar in the community, Garth led the Citizen with a steady hand and worked hard to make the news operation the largest Black-owned ABC audited newspaper in the Midwest. Starting out as an advertising salesman for the Citizen, Garth lived the American Dream.

After gaining recognition as a master salesman at the Citizen, he ended up owning the newspaper chain in 1980 when he purchased the business from Gus Savage, a six-term Democratic congressman, who represented Chicago's South Side.

The sale to Garth included the "Chatham Citizen," "Southend Citizen" and the "Chicago Weekend" newspapers. Under Garth's leadership, the Citizen flourished. Between 1984-1987, Garth grew the newspaper chain when he added the "South Suburban" and "Hyde Park Citizen" newspapers.

The Citizen was a business Garth nurtured and loved. He once said, "I've been good to the Citizen, because the Citizen has been good to me." He was right. With a current circulation of 112,000 newspapers and a following of 400,000 readers weekly, the Citizen established itself as an important source for community news focused on the African-American market.

Garth deeply understood the power of the Black press and was an active member in the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), an organization whose mission he vigorously supported. As the former President of Midwest Region III of the NNPA, he was also Region III Advertising Representative with the association. In addition to the NNPA, Garth was active throughout the publishing industry. He became the first Black person to be elected president of the Illinois Press Association (IPA).

How to protect yourself against future bank scam

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The national fallout continues after revelations that Wells Fargo fired 5,300 employees for allegedly opening 1.5 million unauthorized bank and credit accounts

over a five-year period, forcing many of its customers to erroneously pay fees for insufficient funds on accounts they didn't even know that they had.

The company told The Chronicle that it has refunded money to any of its customers who were scammed.

Local branch managers of three Wells Fargo banks in the city insist the practice didn't happen in Winston-Salem, and urge customers to come in and have their accounts reviewed if they suspect anything wrong, but what do legal and business experts advise on the best way to protect yourself against such practices?

Dr. Monica Dee Guillory, professor of Business Management and Marketing at Winston-Salem State University, says bank customers today must learn how to use the technology at their fingertips to double-check their monthly banking statements.

"We cannot and should not be dependent on the bank to provide us with 'monthly' information," Guillory told The Chronicle. "We all think of our technology as a tool for social activities, particularly those who are not millennials. However, our technology can and should be used to support our personal finances and other business dealings."

"Most banks provide emails, texts or mobile phone alerts that inform us of transactions on our accounts," Guillory continued. "Most banks have mobile applications. We can check our accounts while we are waiting in line at the grocery store. If your bank is not providing these services, you should find a new bank. We have too much available technology not to take advantage of it."

"My mother is 72. She got a smart phone four years ago. The first thing I taught her was how to check her bank accounts. When she has a transaction, she goes to confirm that the amount is correct using her mobile phone. This takes less than a minute and gives her peace of mind."

As Guillory pointed out, there is the practical when protecting your bank accounts, but there is also the legal. Winston-Salem attorney Jayne Stowers also stresses diligence in protecting and double-checking both your bank and credit information.

"Customers should regularly check their accounts at all of their financial institutions and if something does not appear right, or if there is an account they did not authorize, then they should immediately contact that financial institution," attorney Sowers told The Chronicle.

"Another way consumers can protect themselves is that they [obtain] a copy of their credit report through each of the nationwide credit reporting companies — Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion — through the Federal Trade Commission," attorney Sowers says. "Consumers can request copies of their credit reports through the FTC's website www.ftc.gov."

It is very important that consumers take advantage of this service which is provided free once a year.

It should be noted that you do not have to get a copy of your credit report from all three agencies at one time each year. Instead, you should get one copy from each agency about every 6 months.

That way you can still keep a close eye on your credit report while still using the free service from the FTC."

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TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE
67 MAIN AVENUE DRIVE
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2015 Wastewater Treatment
Plant Rehabilitation Project
CWSRF No. CS-370700-06

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the 2015 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project will be received, by the Town of Taylorsville, at the office of the Town Hall, until 2:00 PM, local time on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of WWTP (wastewater treatment plant) improvements, including a 500,000-gallon pre-stressed concrete aerobic sludge digester, waste sludge pumping facilities, blower replacements, process control improvements, lab room upgrades, and other improvements.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is West Consultants, PLLC; 405 South Sterling Street; Morganton, NC 28655, the contact person is Kathy Jordan, phone: (828) 522-4725, email: kjordan@west-consultants.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at:

- iSqft + bidclerk - online at www.bidclerk.com
- McGraw-Hill Construction/Dodge - online at www.construction.com/dodge
- Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas (HCAC/iSqft) - Charlotte, NC

And at the Town of Taylorsville; 67 Main Avenue Drive; Taylorsville, NC 28681, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Bidding Documents are available on compact disc (as portable document format (PDF) files) for a non-refundable charge of \$50 including shipping via overnight express service. Alternatively, printed Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office either via in-person pick-up or via mail, upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment for the Bidding Documents. The non-refundable cost of printed Bidding Documents is \$300 per set, payable to "West Consultants, PLLC". Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents will be sent via the Issuing Office's delivery method of choice. An additional charge will be required for special shipping services requested by a Prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders must hold a valid North Carolina General Contractors license with a classification of "PU-Water Purification and Sewage Disposal" or "Unclassified".

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall. The conference will include information to assist bidders in soliciting Minority Business Enterprises.

The Town of Taylorsville encourages small, minority, female, and local contractors to bid on this project. The Town also promotes fair housing, is an equal opportunity employer, and encourages others to provide equal employment opportunities.

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Project: Design Build Project # 17BP.11.R.118 - Year 6-Division 11-A Design Build Project # 17BP.11.R.173-Year 6-Division 11-B
Avery & Watauga Counties

Bid Date: Quotes are due by October 17, 2016 @ 2:00 PM

Contact: Gary Eisner
gary.eisner@jrvannoy.com
1608 Hwy 221 North - PO Box 635 Jefferson, NC 28640
Phone: 336-846-7191
Fax: 336-846-7112

This project requires specific participation by subs that are certified by NCDOT as a WBE/MBE/DBE firm.

As a responsible contractor, we will aggressively pursue M/WBE sub participation in excess of the min. requirements. All subs need to make an effort to solicit M/WBE participation. We are soliciting companies listed in the NCDOT DBE Directory who are certified & prequalified subcontractors. If you are interested in this project but discouraged by any of its requirements, please contact us. We have special joint pay agreements and even an expedited payment policy for M/WBE firms, and we encourage you to contact us to discuss how these procedures can help you on this project. If the bonding, letter of credit or insurance requirements set forth in the bid documents would otherwise prevent you from soliciting a quote please contact us and we will discuss ways that we may be able to help you meet these requirements. Likewise, if you are discouraged from submitting a quote on this project because you think you may have trouble obtaining the necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or any other related assistance or services that may be necessary to complete the work, please contact us and we will discuss ways that we may be able to help you overcome these obstacles. We adopted these policies to encourage the participation of M/WBE firms like yours, and we encourage your company to explore and take advantage of them; so please feel free to give us a call in these regards

A meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 6th @ 10:00 a.m. at 1608 Hwy 221 N. Jefferson, NC for anyone who is interested to ask questions, etc.

Description: Division 11-A-Replacement of 1 Bridge in Avery & 4 Bridges in Watauga
Division 11-B-Replacement of 7 Bridges w/Culverts in Avery & Watauga

Work Includes but not limited to: Grading, Paving, Pavement Markings, Guardrail, Hauling, Erosion Control Items, Silt Fence, Traffic Control, Barrier Rail, Reinf. Steel, Cored Slabs, H-Piles, Caissons, Misc. Bridge Item, Misc Culvert Items, Etc. We will be accepting quotes for all work. We are willing to break down and/or combine elements of work into economically feasible units on a case-by-case basis to facilitate minority participation in this bid opportunity. It is acceptable to bid multiple items listed in the solicitation. We encourage non M/W/DBE Subs and Suppliers to utilize M/W/DBE firms

This bid is a Design-Build Project; therefore, 100% Plans & Specs may not be available for all items of work for review; however, all documents that are available will be posted on our Plan Room at www.jrvannoy.com

Or contact us for quantities as they become available or more information. As information becomes available it will be posted to the plan room.

You may review all documents issued by the NCDOT at:
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Design-Build.aspx>

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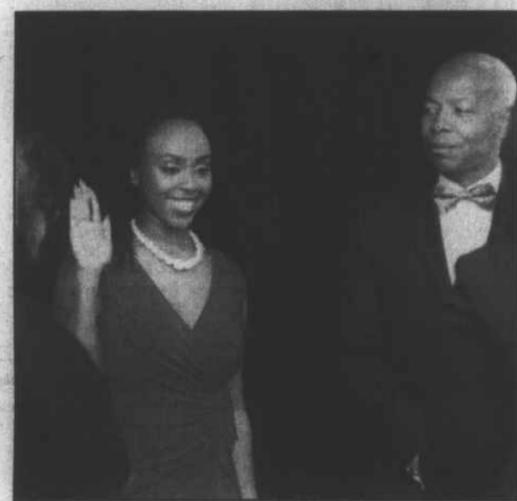
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Roy Howard Lumbert (16 E. 1378), deceased December 25, 2014, Forsyth County, North Carolina, this is to Notify all persons, firms, and corporation having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before December 17, 2016 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of September, 2016.

Keith Lumbert
Administrator CTA for
Roy Howard Lumbert, deceased
1770 Crossfield Ridge Lane
Winston Salem, NC 27127

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WSSU photo

Mona Zahir, president of the Winston-Salem State University Student Government Association, is sworn in as the student representative on the WSSU Board of Trustees while Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson, right, looks on.

WSSU's Board of Trustees elects new officers

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. William U. Harris ('58) has been elected chairman of the Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Board of Trustees. He is among a slate of new officers elected at the first meeting of the fiscal year on Friday, Sept. 16.

Other new officers are: Charles A. Wright, vice chair, and Scott F. Wierman, secretary.

Harris, of Charlotte, spent nearly 30 years with the Educational Testing Service, retiring as regional executive director of the College Board Middle States Regional Office in Philadelphia. He is a past chair of the WSSU Board of Visitors.

He also served on the boards of Richard Stockton State University and the Westminster Choir College; is a past member of the Ewing Township (N.J.) School Board and the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton; and is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He was elected by the Board of Governors in 2015.

Wright, of Raleigh, is the senior vice president of continuous improvement at PNC Bank. He is involved in the 100 Black Men of Cleveland. He was elected by the Board of Governors in 2013.

Wierman, of Winston-Salem, is president of the Winston-Salem Foundation. He serves on several boards, including the Trustee Advisory Council of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable, Board of Directors for the Center for Congregational Health, the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits, Winston-Salem State University Endowment Committee, and secretary of the Campaign Coordinating Committee. He was elected by the Board of Governors to serve in 2015.

Also at the meeting, Mona Zahir, president of the WSSU Student Government Association, was sworn in as the student representative on the Board. Zahir, a senior from Charlotte, is a political science major.