

East Ward

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for people who still live in this neighborhood to remain living in this neighborhood?" he asked.

Montgomery for comments about the fate of another MLK Drive property — Bowman Gray Stadium. The City-owned stadium is the base for Winston-Salem State University's top-notch football program. The school wants to purchase the stadium, which the city also leases to a stock-car racing company to stage springtime racing events.

Montgomery did not offer much information on that prospect. He did say that he thought Bowman Gray would be an ideal location to host a future DII Football Championship. An idea that has reportedly been thrown around by WSSU Athletic Director Bill Hayes and others.

Montgomery also took comments about Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, which Wake Forest University reportedly wants to buy. Montgomery said the City takes a loss on the Coliseum, but that area hotels, restaurants and other businesses benefit economically from high-profile Coliseum events.

The late Lawrence Joel was a city native who received the Medal of Honor in 1967. At the time, he was the first African American to have earned the prestigious honor in nearly 100 years. Montgomery said he was unsure if selling the Coliseum would mean a name change for the facility, although it is one of the concerns he has raised during City Council discussions on the subject.

Montgomery also presented several awards as a way to thank East Ward residents for doing their



Career Center Principal Dr. Dennis Moser accepts an award.



Marva Reid receives her award.



Dr. Harold Martin is slated to deliver the message at Bennett's Spring Honors Convocation.



Awardees (from left) Forsyth Seafood's Virginia Hardesty, Claudette Bailey and Diggs Memorial Pastor Lamonte Williams.

part to better their community.

"We want to ... recognize individuals who have made contributions to our community in different ways," he said, "whether it's from serving in your community organizations or making investments in our community, we want to take the time to thank you for that."

Virginia Hardesty accepted an honor for Forsyth Seafood Cafe and Fresh Market. It was her first outing since her husband and co-owner, Charles, passed away in January. She received a standing ovation and thanked everyone for their support. The couple had contemplated relocating their business after a project to widen MLK Drive devoured most of the company's parking lot. The Hardestys eventually decided to build a new



Derwin Montgomery chats with Shelma Brown.

parking lot next to Forsyth Seafood, using the space where Special Occasions bookstore once stood.

"We decided at that point we were going to stay," said Hardesty. "Our customers had been really good to us and that was a blessing that we wanted to pay back to customers as they always pay us and help us in our endeavors."

An award was presented to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Career Center, which moved into a swank new building at the corner of MLK Drive and Highland Avenue more than a year ago.

"I want to say thank you for welcoming us into the community," Principal Dr. Dennis Moser said as

he accepted the honor. "You all lived through construction, and we now bring 2,300 young people into the community everyday, and I hope that we are being good neighbors ... We are opening to many students in Forsyth County the opportunity to come into East Winston, where they have not traveled before."

Carol Davis, executive director of WSSU's S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation, was lauded for helping to transform the vacated Boys and Girls Club on MLK Drive into The Enterprise Center, a business incubator and community education center.

Individual honors went to Rolling Hills community organizer Ramona Hambrick; Colony Place Neighborhood Association President Ann Davis; Pecan Ridge community organizer Claudette Bailey; City View Neighborhood Watch President Deloris Wall and noted East Winston community activist Marva Reid.

Fifth Street Partners and Cath-Tech were both recognized for their investments in the community. Churches honored for their community involvement were United Metropolitan, Shiloh Baptist, Parkview Church of God and Diggs Memorial.

Bennett to host Sandy Hook tribute

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Alpha Delta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Psi Omega National Honor Society will host a "Sandy Hook Elementary School Remembrance Ceremony" on Thursday, Feb. 14 on the campus of Bennett College. The ceremony will take place on the steps of the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel immediately following the school's Spring Honors Convocation.

The Convocation, which starts at 11 a.m., will be keynoted by N.C. A&T State University Chancellor Dr. Harold Martin.

The tribute will remember the 20 children and six teachers who lost their lives during the Dec. 14, 2012 school shooting in Newtown, Conn. At the end of the ceremony, a balloon will be released in honor of each child and educator who died.

The public is invited to both the Convocation and tribute. The events are free.

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Celebrate Black History Month

"At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington"

Archivist, Curator and Historic Preservationist Earl Ijames

Earl Ijames, archivist, curator and historic preservationist with the North Carolina Museum of History will share information and insight into Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and also share slave relics. Central Library, February 8th at noon.

From Emancipation to Mass Incarceration: A Conversation with Poet Joanna Catherine Scott

Joanna Catherine Scott will speak about how history came alive for her after she befriended an inmate on Central Prison's Death Row and how her experience became the inspiration for her poetry collection: *An Innocent in the House of the Dead*. Walkertown Branch, February 9th at 10:30 am.

Historian Kenneth Zogry, Ph.D.

Historian and consultant Kenneth Zogry will present a program on North Carolina's long civil rights movement. Dr. Zogry's program is part of the North Carolina Humanities Council's Road Scholars program. Central Library, February 22nd at 11 am.

Author Tiffany Warren

Author Tiffany Warren will discuss her latest novel, *Don't Tell a Soul*. A book signing will follow her program. Carver School Road Branch, February 23rd at 3:00 pm.

Black History Month Films

Several library locations will screen films throughout February in commemoration of **Black History Month** including a special series featuring black directors at Central Library. For a complete schedule visit www.forsythlibrary.org.

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Children's Outreach: 703-2950	Kernersville: 703-2930
Spanish-speaking Services: 703-2967	Lewisville: 703-2940
Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center: 703-2950	Reynolds: 703-2960
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