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## Scovens, Pender named Man and Woman of Year

BY DONNA ROGERS  
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 Because of their outstanding community service, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Edward Scovens, pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, and Randon Blackmon Pender, president and a charter member of the Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce, have been

selected to receive top honors at The Chronicle's 30th Annual Community Service Awards Gala later this month. Dr. Elwood L. Robinson, the new chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Scovens and Pender were chosen by a committee

after receiving nominations for those honors. The committee also poured over nominations for about several more categories of

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28-acre campus. He is a chaplain for the Winston-Salem Police Department and a member of the NAACP Legal Redress Committee, Communities in Schools Board, Board of Directors for the Bethesda Center and Board of Directors for the United Way. He was also recently



Scovens



Pender



Publisher Ernie Pitt. Under Scovens' leadership, Galilee Missionary Baptist moved onto a new

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## Shelters stay open to help the homeless brave cold

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
 THE CHRONICLE

With temperatures dropping into the single digits and more than a few inches of our "Southern" snow this winter, shelters across the city are trying to keep those they service warm and out of the elements.

The city's homeless population relied heavily on the organizations that are in place to assist them, and those organizations made sure to come through.

Officials with Samaritan Ministries, on E. Northwest Boulevard, made the decision to allow the men they service to stay in during the day. The shelter, which is also a soup kitchen, houses men at night for a maximum of 90 days. Typically, the shelter would close its doors at 7:30 a.m. and open them back up at 7 p.m.

"I told the guys on Thursday and Friday that they didn't have to go out," said Willis Miller, assistant director at the shelter. "We had a lot of guys who physically couldn't go out there and walk to the day shelter. Once you get down to single digits, especially with the population that we are serving, it's not good for them to be out walking."

The nearest day shelter is at the Bethesda Center, on Patterson Avenue, almost half a mile.

"Especially with a lot of the older men that we have in here. We definitely did not want them to go out there because they might not have made it there," he said.

Miller said that the shelter has been full during the last two weeks, but it's not out of the ordinary for them. On the days that the shelter remained opened during the day, the men housed there took full advantage of it. They were cooperative with the daytime volunteers and helped anyway they could, according to Miller.

"The only time they would go out is to smoke cigarettes but they would come back in," he said. "We just left the television on all day, guys could stay in their beds or come down and watch television, doing some reading or play games."

Miller said that he's sure that those at the Bethesda Center appreciated it.

"It kept Bethesda from being overcrowded. You have to think about the fact that not just our men go up there, but also other homeless men and women," he said.

Bethesda is the only day shelter in Winston-Salem. It provides night shelter for men and women.

Shelter Director Carl Potter said that an increase of numbers is not a shock to them because they are used to seeing guests from other shelters.

With the Central Library being closed for renovations, many homeless people are not able to use the facilities in the daytime. They have, however, found other places to go.

"We always see a high volume. Now, instead of them leaving out or going to the library, they stay here," he said.

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### U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINATION

## Tillis, Burr reject N.C. native as attorney general pick; Senate panel OKs nominee

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Both of North Carolina's U.S. senators are opposing the confirmation of Greensboro native Loretta Lynch for attorney general, citing in part pending elections-law litigation by the Justice Department against the state.

Lynch, who went to high school in Durham, would be the nation's first black female attorney general if confirmed.

U.S. Sen. Richard Burr said Thursday, Feb. 26 that he is

unable to support President Barack Obama's nomination of Lynch. He made the announcement after new Sen. Thom Tillis voted Thursday morning against Lynch in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The panel still recommended her confirmation to the full Senate in a 12-8 vote, as three Republicans joined Democrats in voting for Lynch, the U.S. attorney for eastern New York. Her



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(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, before the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on her nomination. Lynch defended President Barack Obama's decision to shelter millions of immigrants from deportation though they live in the country illegally but she said they have no right to citizenship under the law. If confirmed, Lynch would become the nation's first black female attorney general. It is the first confirmation proceeding since Republicans took control of the Senate this month.

ultimate approval is still expected.

The North Carolina Republicans both singled out what they consider Lynch's support to continue the Justice Department's

lawsuit, filed under current Attorney General Eric Holder, challenging a 2013 election overhaul passed by the General Assembly while Tillis was state House speaker.

"I believe states have an obligation to ensure the fairness and accuracy of their elections, but unfortunately this hyper partisan

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## Rep. Hanes urges Tillis and Burr to resist party pressure

On Tuesday, March 3, Rep. Edward Hanes Jr. commented on the decision of North Carolina U.S. Sens. Thom Tillis and Richard Burr not to support the nomination of Greensboro native Loretta Lynch for U.S. attorney general.

"Needless to say I was disappointed that our Congressional representatives chose not to publicly support Ms. Lynch. She has demonstrated her qualifications to be second to none. She is a North Carolinian who has

achieved at the highest levels and will continue to represent this State well. It is sad when our body politic is stratified to the point that great people with supreme qualifications become ensnared and potentially undone. It is my hope that Senator Tillis and Senator Burr going forward will resist party pressure when it comes to supporting the appointment of exceptionally qualified North Carolinians and people of character/excellence more generally."



Hanes

## Grad duo use basketball to help students

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
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Two graduate students at Winston-Salem State University are making sure that local students are winning on and off the court.

Brittany Ward, 29, and Joel Ward, 28, operate the local Hoops 4 L.Y.F.E. (Low-income Youth and their Families Everywhere). The two are

working on their master's degrees in arts for teaching middle grades, with a concentration in Language Arts.

The brother and sister team started the nonprofit in an attempt to give families and children an opportunity to reap the benefits that being involved in sports can give someone.

"Because we went

through programs similar to Hoops 4 L.Y.F.E. growing up, that ultimately made us who we are today," Brittany said.

The pair grew up on the south side of Winston-Salem and frequented Belview Recreation Center. Brittany went to Parkland High School, where she played basketball, football



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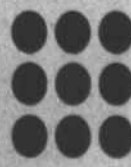
Brittany Ward (center) with men from The local Masonic Lodge who stood in at the nonprofit's father/daughter dance for those young girls who didn't have a father present.

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