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NAACP honors Pitt, Marshall

BY TEVIN STINSON
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During its annual Freedom Fund Gala banquet, the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP took a moment to honor the life and legacy of two men who helped shape the city that we call home: Ernie Pitt and the late Walter Marshall.

Pitt, the founder and former publisher of The Chronicle, was awarded the Charles A. McLean Community Service Award during the gala, held at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center on Friday, May 5.

Each week over the past 43 years, the city's "oldest and most respected" community newspaper has reflected Pitt's vision and strong journalistic pedigree. The paper has won dozens of state and national honors, and, in the late 1980s became the first black-owned newspaper to be named the state's top weekly by the N.C. Press Association.

Before presenting Pitt with a plaque engraved in gold lettering, Rev. Alvin Carlisle, president of the local branch, applauded Pitt for being the voice of the

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Photo by Tevin Stinson
Rev. Alvin Carlisle, president of the local NAACP branch, presents Ernie Pitt with the Charles A. McLean Community Service Award at the Freedom Fund Gala on Friday, May 5.

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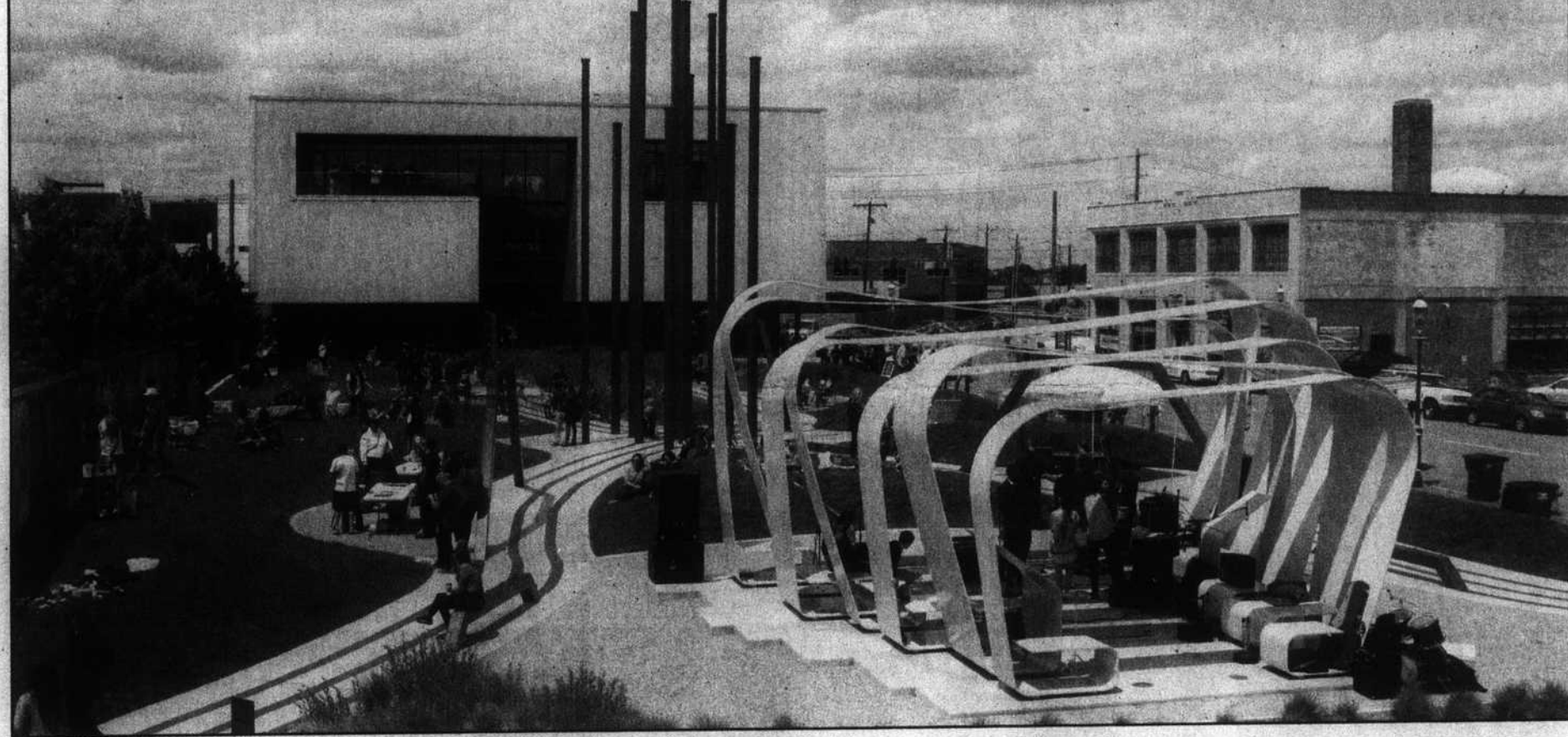


Photo by Tevin Stinson

Last Saturday, Art for Art's Sake held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open its new headquarters on Liberty Street next to the ARTivity on the Green park, which is owned by the nonprofit organization. People can now view the park from the top floor of the building.

Art for Art's Sake officially moves into new headquarters

BY TEVIN STINSON
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After serving the community for over a decade without a permanent location, last Saturday Art for Art's Sake (AFAS), a volunteer-based nonprofit formed to build, educate and celebrate community art, officially moved into its new home on North Liberty Street.

The AFAS headquarters overlooks the ARTivity on the Green park, which the organization opened in 2015.

Before the doors were officially opened last weekend, hundreds of people gathered in the park to enjoy live bands, food trucks, and other entertainment. While enjoying the excitement, local photographer Owen Daniels said he was excited to see AFAS finally have a permanent home.

"I think this is just wonderful," continued Daniels. "Finally, Art for Art's Sake has a real home here in Winston-Salem."

AFAS chairman and chief executive Harry Knabb

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Forsyth County participates in historic N.C. eClosing

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Register of Deeds made a little history on Friday, May 5, when it participated in the state's first full eClosing with a Deed of Trust.

In the test, Karen and Jason Boccardi's mortgage refinance became the first fully electronic mortgage loan closing in North Carolina.

It's part of an eClosing pilot program started by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

Marshall was at North State Bank in Hickory,

where attorneys with the Hunoval Law Firm sent documents electronically for a property in Forsyth County on behalf of their client. The firm's owner, Matt Hunoval, said this makes the process cheaper, quicker and easier.

"This is going to change a trillion dollar industry," said Hunoval. "This is going to render geography meaningless in terms of where the transaction takes place."

The end-to-end fully digital closing saved the firm from having to mail documents to a contractor who would hand deliver them to the Register of

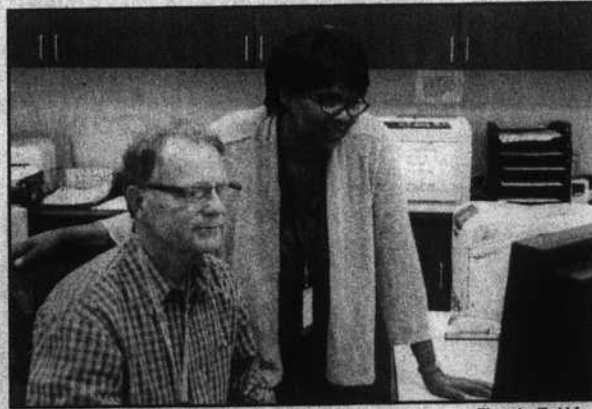


Photo by Todd Luck

Register of Deeds Lynne Johnson looks on as Randy Smith checks to see if they've received the

Deeds office.

"I think it's very exciting to be the first county to be able to accommodate

this type of recording," said Forsyth County Register of Deeds Lynne Johnson.

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Trump HBCU statement confuses

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Is President Donald Trump standing by his stated earlier commitment to support historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), or is he backing off, using some oblique constitutional reason not to do so?

Last Friday afternoon, the Trump White House issued a statement upon signing H.R. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2017, which was recently passed by Congress to fund the federal government by \$1.1 trillion through September 2017.

What was notable about the law

was that even Democrats, like U.S. Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12), were pleased with it.

"This is a clean bipartisan budget that's good for the 12th District," she said in a May 3 statement. "Students across the 12th District will now have

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