

WBAV 101.9FM

QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

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3RD QUARTER, 2014

(July—August—September)

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**Issues of Concern to Charlotte, North Carolina
Addressed in Responsive Programming in the
3rd Quarter, 2014**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Description of Issue of Concern</u>
1. Community Involvement	[Non-profit and community organizations provide information and free services for the public. The station utilizes its public program to provide a voice for those issues
2. Financial	A nation that is pulling out of a severe recession needs information on jobs, financial planning and housing. Each week, the public affairs programming includes a segment on these
3. Health	When asked by the news and public affairs director which issue ranked highest for listeners of the station, Health topped the list of concerns for consumers.
4. Teens & Self Esteem	During call-ins to our live shows, many teens have voiced frustration in being heard on topics of interest to them. The summer of police shootings involving teens also prompted several segments this quarter
5. Education	Educational options and cost for improving one's abilities was a top concern for an aging demographic. Many were concerned that a slow economy could lead to job loss—and they wanted to increase skills that could lead to better jobs
6. Politics & Law	The decision by N.C. legislature to change guidelines for voting and laws that would impact citizens from taxes to business development prompted more shows on these two hot topics

**WBAV 101.9FM Programs That Address Community Issues
(Regularly Scheduled Public Affairs Programs)
3rd Quarter, 2014**

<u>Public Affairs Program</u>	<u>Schedule and Description</u>
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| 1. Straight Talk With Bea Thompson | Saturdays 6am—7am. This talk show is produced by News & Public Affairs Director Beatrice Thompson and covers major issues in the community during the quarter. |
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**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter, 2014
(July--September)**

**ISSUE: Teen Self Esteem & Awareness in
Education**

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 5, 2014
6am—7am
12 minutes of a 30 minute program**

The program takes an indepth look at teenage self-esteem. During the summer, a camp designed to encourage teens to reach their potential—thru fashion & design—allows them to discuss their concerns and issues

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 12, 2014
6am-7am
20 minutes of 1 hour program**

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest African American Women's Sorority in America. This year, the organization's national convention was held in Charlotte. One aspect of the gathering was to encourage teens to become more involved in their community thru service and volunteering.

**Straight Talk With Bea Thompson
August 2, 2014
6am-7am
15 minutes of 30 minute program**

The North Central Family Center in Concord, N.C. provides low cost health care for the Logan community. A concern was whether teens were taking care of their sexual health—and raising awareness of STDs.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter, 2014
(July-September)**

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 16
Saturday, 6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

Gaston College is one of the state's fastest growing community colleges. The segment dealt with its 50th anniversary and its outreach to area students who are finding College cost prohibitive, but want to attend college. Show was designed to help teens figure out their best post-high school options

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 16, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

Dollar General Stores developed a program to promote Literacy. The interview explained how the program would help those in school and parents to tackle the issue with their children

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 16, 2014
6am—7am 15 minutes of hour program**

Best and worst states for children—the interview with a national survey organization ranked states that provided best services—education, health, social—for children. Segment discussed N.C.'s ranking

Straight Talk with Bea Thompson

August 16, 2014

6am—7am

10 minutes of hour program

GED Programs—as children head back to school, many adults and young adult drop outs are looking for ways to improve their status thru education. This segment looked at GED programs in the area that would assist---many of them free of charge.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter, 2014
(July-September)**

ISSUE:

Politics and Law

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 5, 2015
6am –7am
15 minutes of hour program**

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Annual Convention in Charlotte presented several events to the region. Specifically, a “Town Hall” style meeting that touched on North Carolina politics---and changes in the voting laws that would affect the 2014 elections

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 12, 2014
6am—7am
20 minutes of hour program**

The John S. Leary Black Attorneys Association provided a free legal clinic for the public as part of their public service commitment. During the interview, topics discussed included the types of issues attorneys would cover for the public and free consultations for those attending.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 26, 2014
6am—7am]
15 minutes of hour program**

North Carolina’s legislative session included several bills that impacted local economies---and tax base for many municipalities. Segment covers laws that were changing and the impact on the public.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 26, 2014
6am—7am**

10 minutes of hour program

Segment looked specifically at women in national politics---and N.C. Senator Kay Hagan

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter, 2014
(July--September)**

ISSUE: Health

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 2, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

The National Minority Donor Awareness Campaign was designed to help more minorities to understand the need for organ donors. Program explained what is involved in organ donation, and questions for individuals and families concerned about donations and the impact on the health of the potential donor

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 7, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

Mecklenburg County's health ranking has not been at the top of national statistics. Included in segment—the county and the impact of the ranking on the health of children

Straight Talk with Bea Thompson

**July 5, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

The U.S. Census Bureau provided an update on population studies for the national. Segment looked at North Carolina's ranking in population, the impact on the health of a rapidly growing community and federal funds for hospitals providing care the uninsured.

Teen Self Esteem & Awareness in Education

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 6, 2014
6am—7am
20 minutes of hour program**

The events in Ferguson Missouri prompted conversations among minorities recently released from prison Exodus foundation—an organization that helps the formerly incarcerated provided information on the public discussion of how teens should react in tense situations.-

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 6,2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

The Ferguson Missouri shooting of a Black teenager prompted the community of Chester, South Carolina to have a Town Hall Style meeting—inviting the youth to come out and express how they felt about the event in Ferguson. Local law enforcement were also asked to take part.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
3rd Quarter, 2014
(July---September)**

ISSUE:

Health

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 2,2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

National Health Week was started as one way to get families to monitor and take care of their health. The segment provided information on how to store the information, questions to ask doctors, tests that all family members should have

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 2, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

The North Central Family Center is a non-profit organization providing health care for low income families and individuals. The Center held an open house to provide free screening tests and tell residents about preventive healthcare

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 29, 2014
6am—7am
20 minutes of hour program**

September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. Segment was done in August to provide public with information on efforts to assist sickle cell patients and their families as well as provide latest updates on research and medications.

ISSUE: **Health**

Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 29, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program

The Community Blood Bank of the Carolinas provided product for eleven area banks. Because of fewer summertime blood drives, the CBCC was sending out the alarm that blood supplies were at critical levels and donors were needed.

Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 13, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program

The Annual Sickle Cell Walk was held during September. CBS Radio partnered with the state agency to sponsor the walk thru uptown charlotte. Segment provided public with information on the location and goals for fundraising to assist those with Sickle Cell Anemia.

Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 20, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program

Research for Cancer cures that move into human trials. The case of who is considered, the risk and why do so.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
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ISSUE:

Financial

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 5, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

The Minority Suppliers Council is an advocacy organization for minority vendors and businesses in the Cha explained how the Council works and how it benefits minorities and the clients who utilize their services

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
July 19,2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

For many individuals, financial stability depends on just how much cash they have at any one time. The segmn financial stability and how to build funds for life & retirement

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 23,2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

This year marked the 79th birthday for Social Security. The segment looked at how social security provides f how much money the fund needs to stay solvent.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 23, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

NACA—Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America—explained how a major settlement with Bank of America would affect financing home loans. Segment looked at

how it would benefit the public

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 98, 2014
6am—7am
12 minutes of hour program**

Sustain Charlotte provided a report on how Charlotte is fairing economically, socially and educationally. The report looked at accessibility and transportation issues in the region---and the cost to upgrade them for a growing city.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 29, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

Labor Day in America is seen as the holiday to celebrate the working women and men of the United states. Segment looked at the origins of the holiday---and how America's work force looks today.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 20, 2014
6am—7am
20 minutes of hour program**

For the first time in almost a decade, the Charlotte Housing Authority opened its waiting list for Section 8 housing. Segment looked at who is eligible, requirements to receive public housing and why it takes so long to get on the list—and years to get housing from it.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming
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ISSUE: Community Involvement

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 2, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

For more than 30 years, the Harambee Festival has taken place in the foothills of North Carolina, at the MLK Center in Lenoir, N.C. The Center is dedicated to community activism in the manner of Dr. King, and celebrates its citizens with a festival each year.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 16, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

Alumni of Johnson C. Smith University inaugurated its first annual “Running of the Bulls” an on-campus walk/run to raise money for college scholarships

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
August 29, 2014
6am—7am
20 minutes of hour program**

The Relatives has provided housing and counseling for troubled teens and their families for four decades. This year marks their 40th Anniversary. Segment dealt with changes in counseling the “whole family” and issues confronting teens. Also address the lack of facilities for dealing with teen mental health.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 6, 2014
6am—7am
12 minutes of hour program**

The 36th Annual charlotte Crop Walk is in October. This segment provided information

on why we walk, and details on fielding a team and an information session in September.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 6, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

The Friendship trays provide meals for home bound citizens. Segment explained how they receive food, how volunteers help and their upcoming fundraising event.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 13, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

Dress for Success provides mentoring and clothing to women who are seeking employment. Segment dealt with donations to the program and recruiting mentoring volunteers

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 13, 2014
6am—7am
15 minutes of hour program**

New Opportunity Mentoring program is designed to find mentors for young parents, ages 14—25. The program provides counselors and one on one mentoring to help new parents understand the challenges while helping to keep babies happy and healthy.

**Straight Talk with Bea Thompson
September 27, 2014
6am—7am
10 minutes of hour program**

Klya's book, "My God Is Awesome", was written by a kindergarten student who wanted to express to others her faith and belief in a higher power. The child would sing to others

in class, and told her mother she wanted to write a book. When asked how she would describe God, she said, “My God Is Awesome”—thus the title for the book that encourages kids to read. A new author penned the picture

**Public Service Announcements
3rd Quarter, 2014
(July--September)**

Throughout the quarter the station aired daily and periodic PSAs providing information on a variety of local community activities and issues. The following is a partial listing of Public Service Announcements aired during the 3rd Quarter of 2014.

--Tuesday August 12—North Central Family Medical Center of rock Hill will hold a Pediatric Health Fair, Tuesday, Aug. 12th from 9am-12 noon, 225 South Herlong Suite 250 in rock Hill. For more info call (803)325-8742.....

--Wednesday, August 13—In observance of National Health Center Week, the North Central Family Medical Center will hold a Health Fair in on Wednesday, Aug. 13th , 9am-12 noon, 115 Cestrain Dr. in Chester. Call (803) 581-0574.....

--Saturday, August 16—The Mecklenburg County PTA Council presents “1st Annual Be There Dad kick-off event, from 9am-12:30pm Nathaniel Alexander Elementary School, 7910 Neal Road Charlotte. The event is FREE for Dads and their children from all the “Be There Dad” pilot schools—including Irwin Ave., Steele Creek & Mallard Creek.....

--July 15-Aug.16—Headlines Barber Shop is hosting its 2nd annual Food Drive from July 15-August 16th. The drive benefits the Second Harvest Food Bank. Donations can be dropped off at the shop—5309 E. Independence Blvd.....

--Saturday August 16—Tailoring Teens fir Success Fall Curriculum kicks off Saturday, August 16th at the UNCC Charlotte Center City Campus for girls 13-16. The weekly program is sponsored by the Girl Talk Foundation. To learn more call (704)335-5885 or email PROGRAMMING@GIRLTALKFOUNDATIONINC.COM

--Saturday, August 16—the 9th Annual Family and Friends Weekend Cookout for Little Rock AME Zion church is Saturday, Aug. 16th from 10am—3pm at Ramsey Creek Park on Lake Norman. For more info, call (704)334-3782 or www.littlerockamezion.org.....

Saturday, August 16—Charlotte Mecklenburg Library-5935 Hickory Grove road—will have a FREE day of entertainment and educational programs. Free school supplies. To be eligible to receive free school supplies, parents and children grades k-12 must register in person between 9am-10am.supplies are limited.....

--Saturday, August 16-YWCA Charlotte—3420 Park Road—will hold a summer picnic in the auditorium of the YWCA headquarters. Free parking in the YWCA parking lot.....

--Sunday, August 17—Charlotte Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Delta Cotillion. An information sessions will be held on the 16th at Delta Center—5408 Beatties Ford Road. For more information, go to the website— www.charlottealumdebs.com

--Wednesday, August 20—The Small Business Administration (SBA) is hosting a Contracting Program for Women Owned Businesses. It is designed to provide them with resources and knowledge to help grow their business thru federal contracting. This FREE event is Wednesday, Aug. 20th at the Federal Reserve Bank—530 East Trade Street from 8am-12:30pm. Registration is required. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.eventibrite.com/e/challengerher-charlotte-nc-tickets-11510545351>

--Thursday, August 21—Remnant Outreach Ministries will provide a Back to School giveaway of food, school supplies, music, games and more. From 2pm—6pm Thursday, August 21, 3819 S. Tryon Street.....

Thursday, August 21—Sugaw Creek Recreational Center will hold a Back To School Jamboree with FREE book bags, school supplies, haircuts, light refreshments and more, 5:30pm—7:30pm.Center is located at 943 West Sugar Creek Road.....

--Thursday, August 21—Thomasboro Hoskins Neighborhood Association will hold a kickoff parade at 10:30am at Thomasboro Elementary School. Book bags and school supplies will be given out. Supplies will be distributed at Thomasboro Church of Christ—216 Bradford Drive (704) 340-1255.....

--Thursday, August 22—The 2nd Annual “Back to School Jamboree Basketball and Kickball Tournament takes place at Sugaw Creek Recreation Center Thursday, August 21 from 5:30pm—7:30pm and is open to the public—943 Sugar Creek Road.....

--Saturday, August 23—Arbor Glen Back To School Extravaganza is Saturday, August 23 from 11am-2pm.The event is designed to empower youth and families with the importance of education. They will provide assistance with school supplies to families on the West Blvd corridor. Fun activities, music and more (704) 432-1531.....

--Saturday, August 23—Come out for the Battle of the Bands, Saturday, August 23 at Memorial stadium—310 N. Kings Drive in Charlotte. Gates open at 5:30-Battle begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$20.00 .for more info go to www.v1019.com

Saturday, August 23—Our Foundation for children will provide school supplies again this year on Saturday, August 23 from 12 noon-3pm at 5630 Phillips Street in Charlotte. Parents are asked to donate \$1 per child/per back pack at the event. Call (704) 236-8945....

--Monday, August 25—A School Supply Drive for Homeless CMS students will be held on Monday, August 25 from 9:00am—12:30pm at Thomasboro Academy.....

Monday, August 25—The 14th Annual Links for Lupus Golf tournament will tee off on Monday, August 25th to benefit the Lupus Foundation of America-North Carolina Chapter. The tournament will be held at Cedarwood Country Club—4100 Pineville-Matthews Road in Charlotte. For event info, <http://lupuslinks.dojiggy.com/>

--Tuesday, August 26—Women’s Equality Day Celebration 2014 will take place Tuesday, August 26 on the Square at the corner of Trade & Tryon from 11:00am—2:00pm. The event is to celebrate the anniversary of the date in 1920 when women officially gained the right to vote with the passage of the 19th amendment.....

--Thursday, August 28—NFL Players Association Former Players Charlotte Chapter’s 1st Annual Bowling Challenge is set for Thursday, August 28 from 7pm—11pm at Strike City Bowling Lanes in uptown charlotte. The event will benefit Loaves & Fishes Ministry of Charlotte. For more info, lflpacharlotte1@gmail.com

--September 5 & 6—The North Carolina Missions of Mercy portable FREE Dental Clinic for adults in financial need will be held September 5 & 6. The event begins at 6am Friday, September 5 thru 6pm Saturday September 6th. Takes place at the charlotte Convention Center. For FREE parkinf info and other info, go to www.ncmom-charlotte.com.....

--Saturday, September 6—the Lupus Foundation of America—North Carolina Chapter—is hosting its “2014 Lupus Empowerment Series” educational seminars in Charlotte and Greensboro on Saturday, Sept. 6th. The two part seminar in Charlotte takes place from 10am—1pm at Myers Park Presbyterian Church Outreach Center—1073 Providence road in Charlotte. There is no charge—but registration is required- call (877) 849-8271.....

--Thursday, September 11- the 3rd Annual Victoria Bowler CPCC Memorial Scholarship—a fundraising/Birthday Celebration will beheld on September 11th at the city Tavern/South Park—4331 Barclay Downs Drive in Charlotte (next to dick’s Sporting Goods)—from 5:30pm-9pm. For info call CPCC Foundation (704) 330-6869.....

--Saturday, September 13—The Charlotte Alumni chapter of Johnson c. Smith will launch the “Running of the Bulls”, a 5KRun/3K Walk event, designed to be a signature annual fundraiser. The event starts at 8:30am and will run a course thru the JCSU campus. For more info on donations & registration, go to www.jcsucharlottealumni.org

--Wednesday, September 17—the annual Queen city PCA Golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 17 from 8am-1pm at the Pine Island country club—1701 Stoney Ridge Drive—Charlotte. The event is in support of men who have battled and are battling and have survived prostate cancer. For info on the tournament, go to

<http://QueencityPCAGolf.Eventbrite.com>

--Friday, September 19—The deadline to apply for the Arts & Science Council's Regional Artist Project Grant is Friday, September 19th. The grant provides funds of up to \$2,000 for individuals and groups of unincorporated artists to pursue projects that further improve their artistic development. Apply at www.ArtsAndScience.org.....

--August 20—October 11 –Its time for the distinguished Partners' 17th Annual Fundraising Gala. Presentation of scholarships will be made to students from JCSU, Livingstone, Virginia Union, and Bennett College. Come and enjoy a buffet dinner, entertainment and more. To purchase tickets, go to www.distinguishedpartners.org

--September—The Stratford Richardson YMCA is offering FREE Flag Football League Teams. Boys & girls, 5-12, from Sept. 1-Oct. 18 can participate. Practice times are twice a week. For details, contact Byron Ruff at (704)716-4891 or byron.ruff@ymcacharlotte.org

--September—Do you know a child between 10-17 who is overweight and/or obese? Genesis Project Family Wellness Center and the T.O.U.C.H.E.D. program, and partners invite kids to join the Project 10 Kids Challenge. The FREE program introduces kids to fitness and nutrition and they receive FREE meal replacement shakes from Visalus, and access to FREE group exercise training and classes. One parent per household will receive the same FREE benefits as the child. For details on this FREE program, contact Jasmine Maree (704) 596-0505, ext.207.....

--August 29-Aug. 31(Friday-Saturday)—Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation is hosting a 3 day party to celebrate the birthday of the late Romare Bearden at Bearden Park in Uptown Charlotte. Enjoy live music, an Art Walk, food vendors and family activities. Events start from Noon till 9pm Friday; 11am-9pm Saturday; and 1pm—5pm on Sunday.....

--LABOR DAY CLOSINGS: The following is a listing of government closures for Labor Day: Federal Offices.....NC & SC State Offices....Charlotte city Offices...Mecklenburg County Office...Mecklenburg County Courts....Mecklenburg County Schools....U.S. Postal Services....Banks.....Mecklenburg County ABC Stores.....

--September 1st (Monday)—The NAACP invites you to its Moral Monday Rally in Charlotte's Marshall Park on Monday, September 1st—Labor Day at 5:30pm. Marshall Park is located at the corner of East 3rd Street & S. McDowell in Uptown Charlotte.....

--Sept. 6 (Saturday)—The Arts and Science council (ASC) is hosting the ASC Cultural Education Expo on Saturday, Sept. 6th from 9am—4pm at Knight theater at the Levine Center for the Arts—430 S. Tryon St. The free trade show style event will offer school representatives, parents, students and others the opportunity to meet many of the teaching artists and cultural providers Mecklenburg County Schools can bring to their classrooms thru the ASC's School Grants Program.....

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--Sept. 1-October 10—The Women's Impact Fund's 12th Annual Grantmaking Cycle has begun. The fund will award five high impact grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$100,00 to non-profits in Mecklenburg County in May of 2015. One grant will be awarded in each of these areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health, and Human Services. A letter of inquiry (LOI) is the first step in the grant process. Deadline for submission of LOI is October 10th. For details, go to www.womensimpactfund.org

Sept. 2(Tuesday) —The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Activities League (PAL) Youth Organization is now registering for its 2014-2015 After School Educational; Enrichment Program. The program is conducted at several Sites. If you are interested, you must attend a mandatory Parents meeting during the first week of September. For more info, call Jeff Hood (704)336-2105.....

--Sept. 5 & 6 (Friday & Saturday)—The North Carolina Missions of Mercy portable FREE Dental Clinic for adults in financial need will be in Charlotte on Friday & Saturday Sept. 5 & 6th.Dental services will be provided on a first come, first served basis. The event takes place at the Charlotte Convention Center beginning at 6am on Friday, Sept. 5th. For FREE parking locations and information go to www.ncmom-charlotte.com

--September 6 (Saturday)—the 9th Annual Robertsdale Community Reunion in Shelby North Carolina will be held on Saturday, September 6th at the Holly Oak Park in Shelby. For more information, contact Chris Lockett at (704) 284-2995.....

--September 6 (Saturday)—DivorceCare is a special seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation. The seminars will be held on Saturday evenings at

Centerview Baptist Church in Kannapolis beginning September 6th. Child care is available. For more information, contact Chuck white at (704) 701-2468.....

--September 6 (Saturday)—AKA Rho Psi Omega Chapter, and Tau Beta Chapter of Queens College will host the Carolina Step Fest Saturday, September 6 from 7pm—10pm at Dana Auditorium-Queens College. Ticket info call (704) 763-0976.....

--September—You could save lives by donating blood to the community Blood Center of the Carolinas during Sickle Cell Awareness Month—and get a chance to win Panther Tickets to the Panthers-Saints Game. Call (704)972-4700 or sicklecelldonor@cbcc.us

--September 12 (Friday)—Join the conversation about the “Mis-Education of the Negro—did We Fail Education or Did Education Fail Us?”Latibah Collard Green Museum invites you to LATIBAH Talk on Friday, September 12th at 7pm. The museum is located at 720 Tuckaseegee Road (where 4th St. ends and Tuckaseegee Rd. begins). For more information on programs call (704) 333-2426 or www.LATIBAHMuseum.org

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--September 12 (Friday)—A Sign of The Times of the Carolinas is having a Fall Fundraiser in support of the organization’s season of educational and culturally enriched productions. Dubbed “The Savoy Ballroom Meets the Palladium Ballroom”, the event will feature live Salsa, Swing and R&B music performed by the A Sign of The Times Band. Event takes place at the Tavern’s Ballroom @ 300 East Morehead St. For ticket information, Tyrone@asignofthetimes.org or call (704) 399-0243.....

--September 13 (Saturday)—The award winning African American program, “By The Sweat of Our Brows” returns to Historic Brattonsville on September 13th. The program is a one day event that centers on the lives of African Americans who lived in the Brattonsville community in the 1800s. Historic interpreters will reenact the daily activities of those who were enslaved. The event starts at 10am-4pm. For admission prices and directions, go to www.chmuseums.org or (803) 909-7244.....

--September 13 (Saturday)—On Saturday Sept. 13th, the Charlotte Alumni chapter of JCSU will launch the “Running of the Bulls”, a 5k run/3k walk event. Funds raised from the event will be used to increase the chapters annual giving to JCSU. Participants should be on the JCSU campus at 8:30am to run or walk. For details, www.jcsucharlottealumni.org

--September 13 (Saturday)—Firefighters from Gaston County Firefighters Association will be holding their annual Boot Drive to benefit Muscular dystrophy Association on Saturday, September 13th. Firefighters will be stationed thru out the area on that Saturday to ask for donations. You may also drop off donations at any Gaston County Fire Department.....

September 14 (Sunday)—The Charlotte Crop Walk 2014 is Sunday October 19th. Find out more about the walk and how you can start a team at an information session Sunday September 14th 2:30pm at St. John's Baptist Church—300 Hawthorn Lane, or call (704)333-WALK (9255)....

--September 15 (Monday)—Learn about judicial candidates running for office this fall at a Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus Judicial Forum. It takes place on Monday, Sept. 15th at St. Luke Bapt. Church, 1600 Norris Avenue (off Statesville Ave). The forum begins at 6pm and will be moderated by civil rights attorney James Ferguson.....

-- September—Calling all graduates and supporters of the Winchester High School in Union County North Carolina. The Winchester Alumni Association has voted to place a statue of a Buffalo on the grounds of the former black high school, which burned down in 1966. Bricks will be sold to support the effort. For details on how you can contribute, contact Robert L. Heath, President Winchester Alumni Association at (704) 882-5651 or rlhpar@yahoo.com

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--September 20 (Saturday)—The Gaston County organization—I Am My Brother, presents “Taking It Back—Our Boys, Our Men—A Round table discussion. The discussion topic will be the state of our male youth. It is Saturday, September 20th, at the Erwin Recreation Center, 913 North Pryor Street in Gastonia. For more information and directions, contact Lela Blackwell at www.iammysister.org or (704)524-7376.....

--September 27 (Saturday)—South End Presbyterian Church will have an Inauguration Parade and Celebration with a Flea Market and Health Fair on Saturday, September 20th kicking off at 7:00am—parade at 11:00am.the church is located at 335 Freeland Lane. For details, contact Sylvia Grier at (704)340-0186.....

--Do you know someone or a family in need of burial assistance? Contact Catholic charities at (704) 370-3232 or the Cremation Society of Charlotte at (704) 333-0101.....

