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How Do We Recover

From the Retail Exodus?

 By Bonita Gooch
The Community Voice

When WalMart announced plans to close 150 plus across the country, it's a surprise you couldn't hear the collective sigh from the millions of frustrated shoppers who weren't sure how they'd recover. It was a particularly hard hit for Northeast Wichita since just days before, Quik Trip announced the closing of their store -- also located at the corner of 13th and Oliver. While Wichitans may have felt particularly betrayed, we weren't alone. Just up the highway in Topeka, a similar incident was occurring in an older and poorer part of town. There, Dillons announced the closing of a historic store that was the center of the community.

The Dillons store is a big loss for the Central Topeka community, since the store was the only accessible store for many nearby residents who either walked or biked there. The closing of both the Dillons and the WalMart creates "food deserts." In an urban area, the U.S. Department of Agriculture considers a neighborhood a food desert if at least a fifth of residents live in poverty and a third live more than a mile from a supermarket.

Communities respond

In Topeka, upset residents organized and held a meeting within 48 hours of the announcement. In Wichita, disappointed residents took to social media. Elected officials in both cities started making calls, but the bottom line is -- the decisions will not be reversed.

"We've got some hard conversations about what to do," Topeka Vice-Mayor Karen Hiller told the nearly 200 residents who gathered to discuss next steps in Topeka.

In Wichita, Councilwoman Lavonta Williams, who also represents the area where the store will be closed, waited three weeks to gather community representatives for a discussion about how to recover.

Williams said she understood the Quik Trip closing. The site was landlocked and couldn't be expanded into the larger new generation stores the corporation has been upgrading to, and with a larger Quik Trip just a mile south, a new store at 96 and Oliver and the new Kwik Shop at 21st Street, competition had driven sales down at the 13th and Oliver location.

She wasn't as understanding about the Walmart closing. She admits to being just plain mad. Instead of holding a meeting to vent, she decided to wait and hold a meeting "with a purpose," to discuss next steps.

At that meeting held Sat., Feb. 6, community residents wrote down things they currently can't do within a mile of their home. In a community dominated by liquor stores, smoke shops, convenience and dollar stores, the list of unavailable

products and services was extensive. John Hall, the City's new Housing and Community Development Director helped facilitate the discussion.

More than just grocery stores, the group considered many options for the "redevelopment" of the 13th and Oliver intersection. Although residents may want a quick decision, Hall suggested a more strategic process that includes creation of a master development plan for the area. That process would engage residents, business owners, elected officials and professional planners in a discussion about how to grow the area.

Part of the process would also involve looking at available data that shows what residents in the area are currently buying.

"That kind of information would be a driver for us as practitioners use as we recruit tenants," said Hall.

Wichita Possibilities

For Wichita, the possibilities for the redevelopment of 13th and Oliver area are extensive. The City has invested heavily in the area. They widened 13th Street, invested in the KenMar Shopping Center infrastructure and provided financing incentives to the center developers. Those improvements and a high traffic volume intersection make the area very attractive to businesses.

However, in these competitive times when cities and areas are often attracting new business with financial incentives, instead of waiting for businesses to come to the area, they'll have to go out and attract them. It's important that they attract the right kind of businesses said Williams, who is adamant she doesn't want another liquor store or payday loan store at the intersection.

Another big plus for redevelopment in the area is the planned expansion at Wichita State University. Construction of the Innovation Campus, on the old WSU golf course, makes the surrounding development ripe for retail and service expansion in support of the businesses and employees who will be located on the campus. As the campus grows, so can Northeast Wichita.

Already planned for the southwest corner of 21st and Oliver is a development with several sit-down restaurants and at least one hotel. In addition to the new Kwik Shop on the northeast corner of 21st and Oliver, there's commercial interest in the development of the northwest corner of 21st and Oliver and potential for the revitalization of University Plaza.

The goal would be to get the momentum from the campus expansion headed south to 13th and Oliver. It can be done with the right mix of offerings. It's a model that's working across the country. The growth of Innovation campuses are helping to revive surrounding communities that are often poorer and older neighborhoods. With those campus expansions comes additional services, retail and



jobs.

Both buildings, Walmart and Quik Trip, are owned by their respective companies who have some control over the type of future businesses that can go into the buildings. Both companies have a history of refusing to allow similar businesses to come into buildings they vacate.

The center developers still owe several million dollars to the City on the development financing. One suggestion that resonated with individuals at the community meeting was designating future repayment dollars towards redevelopment of the area including funding and support to encourage small business development in the area.

Another interim suggestion was to use the shopping center parking as the place for a recurring farmers market as a way to give nearby residents easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Topeka Possibilities

Like the City of Wichita, Topeka municipal government has also invested heavily in the redevelopment of the area surrounding the store. During the past 15 years, the City's expansion in the area has included the \$23 million expansion of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library and the \$22 million mixed use College Hill redevelopment.

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Are You Reading Our Daily Paper?

If you're just reading our bi-weekly print edition, you're missing the rest, and a very large part, of the story. Almost every day, we're publishing new stories online on our web-edition at www.communityvoiceks.com.

We post breaking news that eventually makes its way to the pages of our print edition, but we also post lots of news and interesting stories that never make it into the pages of The Community Voice.

"In our print edition, we're limited by time and space," says Bonita Gooch, editor-in-chief of The Community Voice. "A lot happens in the two weeks – time -- between our publications. With our "daily paper", we get that news right out to our readers via our web page.

Like other local media, the community voice team is quick to post and respond to breaking issues and news, with a particular eye to our reader's interest."

In addition, without the fiscal limitation associated with printing a paper, the Voice team can share a lot of interesting stories that we traditionally didn't have room to cover in our print publication. You'll find lifestyle and relationship stories, articles on boosting your career, home decorating, recipes, personal finance and even international stories.

While we only include a handful of photos from an event in our print edition, you can often find dozens of photos from community events we attend on our webpage.

You can see why we say, if you're not reading our daily newspaper, you're missing a lot. ..

Avoid Schedule Conflicts Post Your Event to the Calendar

If you've lived in Wichita even a short amount of time, you've seen it happen, over and over again. There are weekends when there's so many things to do, you can't possibly fit them all in. Then the next weekend you're sitting at home wishing there was something to do.

This may not be the case in some of the Kansas towns we cover, but in Wichita it's a big deal that can easily be avoided with the use of the Community Voice online calendar. Organizations can go online to our website at www.communityvoiceks.com and post their upcoming events.

If you're an organization or an individual that plans ahead, go ahead and post all of your 2016 events and "hold the date." While we know this doesn't give a group "exclusive rights" to a date, it does help others make informed decisions.

We've tried this before and this time with the ease of the website and the ability to enter your own events, we're hoping to see even more participation. Individuals, organizations, churches can go online and post their event. To post, you need to create an account, but that's pretty simple. All it requires is a login name and password.

The best news is, anyone can post an event. Due to space limitations, we have to seriously limit the events we include in our print edition calendar. For that reason, we have a policy to only print events sponsored by non-profits and government organizations. On www.communityvoiceks.com, you can post your for profit event, that includes dances at the club, fish fries, bake sales, etc. WE do have final approval of what gets posted, so we ask that you KEEP IT CLEAN and LEGAL. Other than that, go forth and post your event. **On the website, click on submissions.**

On the reverse side, when you're looking for things to do, go online and check out what our community organizations, churches and businesses have planned for your entertainment and education and then choose to give them your support. ..

We're Posting Daily Kansas Black History Facts

Through the month of February, we're posting daily Kansas Black History Facts on our website, www.communityvoiceks.com. These well researched and interesting facts are specially prepared for

The Community Voice by Historian Donna Rae Pearson. If you missed the first 11 or so days, you can go online and catch up. Also, our Facebook followers receive a notice when a new fact is posted so like us on Facebook. Were at [Facebook.com/thecomunityvoice](https://www.facebook.com/thecomunityvoice) Here's the Post for Day 11.

Quindaro Freedman's School Was Kansas' Historically Black University (HBCU)

Western University (Kansas) (1865–1943) was a historically Black university (HBCU) established as Quindaro Freedman's School at Quindaro, Kansas after the Civil War. It was the earliest school for African Americans west of the Mississippi River. In the first three decades of the 20th Century, it had one of the best music schools in the nation. Among its most famous alumni were several women who were influential music pioneers in the early 20th century, including Eva Jessye who created her own choir and collaborated with major artists such as Virgil Thompson and George Gershwin in New York City.

The university was later expanded to include additional departments. The university served African Americans for several generations but was weakened financially during the Great Depression and closed in 1943. None of its buildings are still standing. ..

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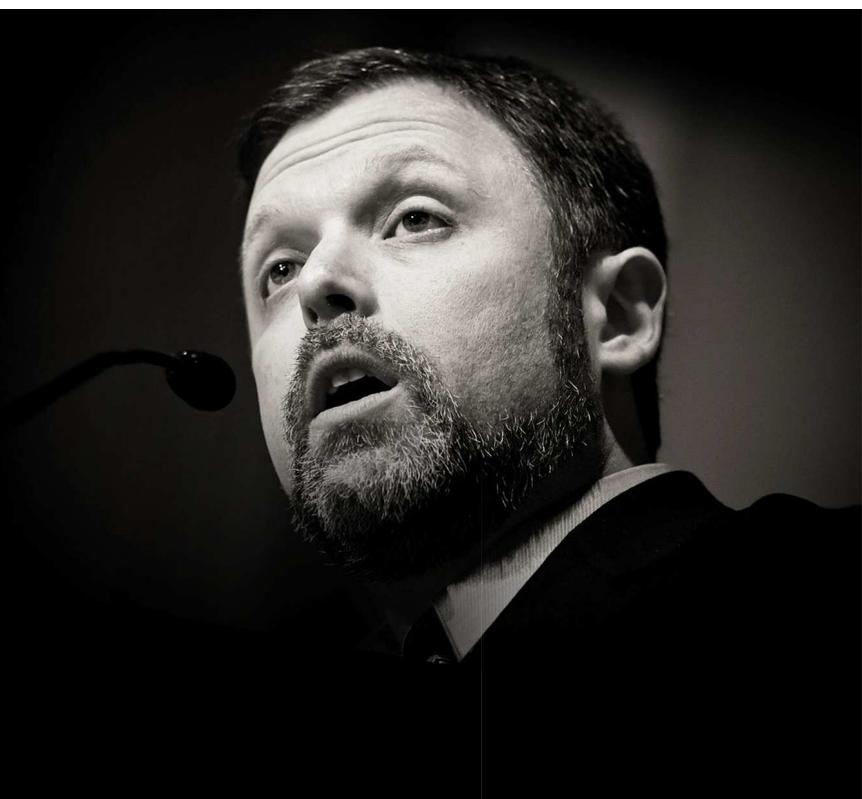
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Fact Check: What has Obama Done for African Americans

As he enters his last year as President, Barack Obama obviously felt the need to explain his approach in office to Black people. Last week, he released a nearly 3,000 word document explaining just what he's done for his "people."

His approach, he says, wasn't about doing something only for Black people, his goal was to improve the condition of all people and as a result, the condition of Black people as well.

"Pres. Obama believes that the values that made our economy the strongest in the world include making sure everyone does their fair share, everyone gets a fair shake, and hard work and responsibility are rewarded," the statement began. "That's why President Obama has worked to improve the lives of all Americans, including African-Americans, by providing:

- economic and educational opportunities,
- improving health care coverage,
- working to ensure that the criminal justice system is applied fairly to all citizens, and
- championing workforce development to ensure we continue to develop and retain the strongest, most productive workforce in the world."

During his administration, African-Americans have made enormous strides, says Obama. However, he recognizes there is more work to do, "to rid our country of the long-term disparities."

So now, when folks ask you what has Obama done for Black people, here's your answer, straight from the White House.

Restoring Economic Security to African-American Families:

Businesses have added over 14 million jobs over 70 straight months of job growth, the longest streak on record. This job growth has helped cut the African American unemployment rate in half – from 16.8% in March 2010 to 8.3% in December 2015.

Permanent Tax Cuts that Promote Work and Reduce Poverty:

The President has made permanent significant improvements to tax credits for working families. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) were expanded to encourage work, providing about 16 million families a year with a tax cut averaging \$900. A

single parent working full-time, year-round at the federal minimum wage gets an additional CTC of more than \$1,700; if the expansion were not in place, that parent would not receive any CTC.

Making College More Accessible and Affordable:

The President signed legislation increasing the maximum Pell Grant by more than \$1,000 and total Pell Grant funding by 70%, helping millions of low- and moderate-income students afford college every year. He's also taken steps to reduce student loan burdens, reducing student loan interest rates to historic lows, and capping student loan payments at 10% of income for all students. The President also established and made permanent the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which provides a tax cut of up to \$10,000 over four years for nearly 10 million working and middle-class families.

Getting more Americans into Better, Higher Paying Jobs:

Last July, the Administration released a plan for job-training and employment programs, since then the government has awarded over 15 competitive job-training grants that total over \$1.2 billion. \$175 million has been put into expanding apprenticeship programs and the Department of Labor has proposed a rule to increase equal employment opportunity in apprenticeship programs for under-represented groups.

Helping the Long-Term Unemployed Get Back to Work:

The Administration has taken steps to help more of the long-term unemployed get back to work, around one-quarter of whom are African-American. The Department of Labor awarded nearly \$170 million in "Ready to Work Partnership" grants to support the best models for partnerships between employers, non-profits, and the job

training system to help train and connect the long-term unemployed to work.

Rebuilding Transportation Infrastructure, Rejuvenating the American Workforce:

In December, President Obama signed the long-term transportation bill, the first passed by Congress in 10 years. Transportation accounts for 11 million jobs, and transportation-related employment accounted for about 8.7% of civilian workers in

more than twice the 4% average for the total population. Transportation infrastructure can revitalize communities, create pathways to work, and connect hardworking Americans to a better quality of life.

Helping Americans Keep Their Homes:

African American families have been particularly hard-hit by the housing crisis. The President has taken action to help homeowners, including expanding access to refinancing – allowing

annual reduction translates into a \$900 reduction. Existing homeowners who refinance into an FHA mortgage will see similar reductions to their mortgage payments as well. Following the reduction in 2015 the number of African American borrowers (new purchase or refinance) with an FHA loan increased by nearly 50%

Creating a Simple, Safe and Affordable Starter Retirement Savings Product:

Social Security is



In general, African Americans love the first Black President, but there's a growing debate, "How has having a Black president helped Black people." The White House sent out this response to that often debated question.

the United States. In 2008, African Americans comprised only 6% of the industry, and women comprised only 3%. Every \$1 billion invested in infrastructure supports more than 10,000 jobs and that is why this administration launched the new one-year pilot program, Local Hire. As a result, Federal Highway Administration's On-the-Job Training (OJT) Program requires State DOTs to make full use of apprenticeship and training programs targeted to develop the skills of women, minorities, and disadvantaged individuals to ensure that a competent workforce is available to meet highway construction hiring needs.

Smart Transportation Planning Creates Opportunity: The working poor spent nearly 10% of their income just commuting to work,

responsible borrowers to save an average of \$3,000 per year. The Administration has also taken measures to allow homeowners behind on their payments to modify their mortgages to avoid foreclosure – with more than 1.5 million borrowers having received permanent modifications through the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP).

Making Owning a Home More Affordable by Cutting Mortgage Premiums.

In recent years, nearly half of African American home buyers used FHA to get a mortgage. Recently, the President announced a major new step to make buying a home more affordable and accessible for creditworthy families. The FHA reduced its annual mortgage insurance premiums by half a percentage point. For the typical homebuyer, this

and must remain a rock-solid, but too many Americans reach their retirement without any savings. According to the Urban Institute, the risk of an insecure retirement is especially high for minorities: White households have six times the wealth, including retirement savings, of African Americans or Hispanics. To make it easier for families to save for retirement, Treasury recently announced the national launch of myRA, a new starter retirement account designed for individuals who don't have access to an employer-sponsored retirement program. According to a Federal Reserve report, 42% of workers don't have access to a retirement plan through their jobs.

A few more of his "what I've done

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EAC Ruling A Setback For Kanss Voters

Last week, the director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission unilaterally decided to issue letters adding “proof of citizenship” requirements to federal voter registration forms used in Kansas, Alabama, and Georgia. The EAC is the federal agency charged with developing and maintaining a standardized, uniform federal voter registration form as required by the National Voter Registration Act.

Until his ruling, the EAC’s policy was that the federal voter registration form must be consistent across all U.S. states and territories and in each of Kobach’s legal challenges the commission’s policy against the proof of citizenship requirement was upheld.

The lack of proof of citizenship requirement on the federal form combined with a recent court ruling requiring Kobach to accept the Federal voter registration form as a valid and complete registration in Kansas had provided a possible way around the state’s proof of citizenship requirement. This administrative decision, if it stands, closes that window. ●●

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Between infill housing and the College Hill development, 251 housing units have been built in the area.

More residential in nature, the big question for Central Topeka remains, “where will the residents shop?” Since the community meeting, city leaders, including Topeka City Manager Jim Colson and Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Matt Pivarnik, are already engaging around finding a permanent solution.

Dillons gave the City clearance to work with their real estate team to negotiate a plan for the building.

Beyond Dillons and Walmart, who dominate grocery shopping in Kansas,

KBLC Introduces Same Day Voter Registration Bill in Kansas Senate

• Kansas Black Leadership Council Spend Day at the Capitol

Members of the Kansas Black Leadership Council converged on the Topeka Capitol late last month to lobby for passage of their Kansas Black Legislative Platform the group adopted late last year. The eight point platform (available at www.kansasblc.com) is an aggressive set of legislative issues the group believes will best benefit African Americans across the state.

Among the platform issues is the Same Day Voter Registration Bill drafted on behalf of the Council. The bill allows eligible voters to register to vote up until and including Election Day and is being supported by KBLC as a way to increase voter participation in Kansas elections within the confines of Kansas laws requiring voters to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote.

While KBLC supports the repeal of the proof of citizenship legislation, their proposal offers a solution the group believes will help eliminate the growing number of voter registrations held in suspense because the individual fails to turn in their proof of citizenship.

During the group’s day at the

capital, Bonita Gooch, KBLC president, introduced the bill in the Kansas Senate. Earlier in the week, the bill was introduced in the Kansas House by Rep. Gail Finney. The next goal is to get a hearing for the bill in the House and Senate.

Supporters are encouraged to contact members of the House and Senate Elections committees to ask for their support of the bill. Instructions on how to do this are available at www.kansasblc.com.

During their day at the Capitol, KBLC members also visited with legislators and engaged them around support of issues in the group’s platform.

KBLC members will return to Topeka on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27, to receive updates on the progress of issues in their platform. Although KBLC is a non-partisan organization, the meeting is planned around the Kansas Democrats Washington Days being



KS Sen. David Haley and his intern visited with members of the Kansas Black Leadership Council during the groups visit to the capitol last month. KBLC is asking the community to support their Bill by contacting members of the Elections committees. Members will return to the Capitol Feb. 26 & 27, join them.

held in Topeka the same weekend.

“Since so many of our members are legislative issue members are Democrats and plan on attending the event, we made a decision to help curb our member’s costs by taking advantage of Washington Days while keeping our meetings separate,” said Gooch.

If you’re interested in attending the meetings, more information is available at the KBLC website.

Gooch encourages individuals to get involved with KBLC and to help direct and demand legislative change that benefit Kansas’ African American community. ●●

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CITY OF WICHITA SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM TO BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Wichita Housing Authority will begin accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program on Mon., Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program provides rental assistance to income eligible families in order to make quality housing affordable to families who meet certain federal income requirements.

Preliminary applications will be available on line at <https://wichita.apply4housing.com> or <http://www.wichita.gov/Government/Departments/Housing> beginning on Mon., Feb. 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program staff will review all applications in the order received. As vouchers become available, families who meet preliminary eligibility criteria will be contacted to complete a formal application.

When contacted to complete a formal application, applicants will be required to provide:

- A copy of Social Security Cards for all family members
- Evidence of U.S. Citizenship or legal immigration status
- Documentation of all Household Income.

To qualify, applicant household income must fall within established federal income limits. In Wichita, the income level for a family of four is between, \$31,350 and \$24,260. For a complete list of qualifying incomes see the legal publication on page 19.

Failure to provide the requested information at the formal application will result in a delay processing and/or disqualification of the applicant. Once available vouchers have been allocated, all other families will remain on a waiting list for the next available vouchers.

Disabled persons who need special accommodations to complete the application will need to request the accommodation in writing. See the legal notice page 19 for details.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA REGIONAL COMING TO WICHITA IN MARCH

Pink and green will cover Wichita, KS when approximately 700 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. convene their 86th Mid-Western Regional Conference at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, March 17-20, 2016.

The Mid-Western Region includes Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana. The conference will include many opportunities for the community to interact, engage, learn and have an enjoyable time.

The sorority's community outreach will include a free public program and reception on March 18 at 7 p.m. At the program, awards will be presented to local leaders and organizations that have significantly impacted their communities. Several other conference events will allow community involvement, including a dance, step show, banquet and Gospel brunch. Look for a complete list of those activities online at www.communityvoiceks.com and in a future issue of The Community Voice.

The sorority's Cluster C is hosting the conference. The cluster's Wichita-area graduate and undergraduate chapters are Beta Kappa Omega and Epsilon Alpha.

WICHITA POLICE SEE AN INCREASE IN THEFTS OF IDLING VEHICLES

Since the beginning of the year, there have been 61 vehicles stolen throughout the City of Wichita that were left unattended and warming or running. Several of these vehicles were taken after the owner's had started them and then went back inside their residence to finish getting ready for work, school, or to gather something they forgot. These vehicles have also been stolen from convenience stores, schools, shopping centers, and restaurants. The Wichita Police Department is reminding people to allow a few

extra minutes to sit in their vehicle with the doors locked, while it's warming up. This is a crime of opportunity and thieves are roaming neighborhoods and parking lots looking for unattended vehicles. Of the 61 vehicles stolen this year, 41 have been recovered.

Although it is not illegal in the City of Wichita to leave your vehicle running and unattended due to the repeal of the ordinance in 2003, there is still a state statute regarding this issue that makes it illegal without the use of a remote starter.

WICHITA SELECTED AS HOST CITY OF NATIONAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE

The National Association of Black Storytellers has announced the Wichita Griots: Keepers of the Stories will host the association's 35th Annual "In the Tradition..." Storytelling Conference and Festival on November 8-12, 2017, which is expected to attract several hundred storytellers from across the country.

"For more than 32 years, NABS has educated and entertained thousands of people across the country demonstrating how the oral tradition continues to be a sustainable method to depict and document the African American experience," said Jean Pouncil-Burton, Executive Director of the Griots.

The conference, which attracts several hundred storytellers from across the country, aims to further the association's mission of promoting and perpetuating the art of Black storytelling, which embodies the history, heritage and culture of African Americans.

The Griots, a participant in the association since 1998, is currently seeking sponsorships of monetary donations and in-kind support services to prepare for the conference. The Griots are seeking commitments as early as March 2016. ●●

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New Wichita Police Chief Gordon Ramsay shares a lighter moment with community members who came out to meet him at a community-based "Meet and Greet" on Mon., Feb. 8.

Chief Ramsay Meets The Community

In what was a cordial beginning to his relationship with Wichita's African-American community, new Wichita Police Chief Gordon Ramsay answered questions and visited one-on-one with members of the community during a meet-and-greet session held Mon., Feb. 8 at Urban Preparatory Academy.

A crowd of approximately 50 met the chief and listened attentively as he responded to audience submitted questions doled out by moderator Djuan Wash of Sunflower Community Action. The format kept the meeting on task, but still many people were disappointed when the chief wasn't able to answer all the submitted questions within the allotted one-hour. However Chief Ramsay hung around for almost another hour visiting one-on-one with individuals who lined up to have their say.

He responded to questions about new policies for use of force, release of police body camera video and the implementation of a citizen review board with real power. Here's a little of what he said.

- The department currently focuses too much on enforcement said the new chief. He's wants to see the department focus more on "enriching lives and making our community better."
- He's a big believer in community policing and wants all police officers to see their job as community policing or building relationships with the community. This will take more training, he said.
- To increase diversity in the police department he says he's going look for more mature candidates for police officers, people looking for a

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More Fiber in Your Teens Diet Lowers Risk of Cancer Later

For girls and young women, getting a lot of fiber could pay off decades later with lowered risk of developing breast cancer, according to a large U.S. study.

Researchers analyzed data on more than 44,000 women participating in a long-term study and found there's reason to believe that dietary fiber could affect developing breasts in ways that impact long-term cancer risk.

Researchers used data from the Nurses' Health Study II, and asked 44,263 premenopausal women about their diets when they were in high school. The study team divided women into five groups, from highest to lowest intake of dietary fiber when they were teens and also when they were young women.

Those who ate the most dietary fiber when they were young were 16% to 20% less likely to develop breast cancer.

In early adulthood and as teenagers, the women who got the least dietary fiber consumed an average of 12 grams per day, compared to 26

grams per day for those who got the most fiber.

The findings show that each additional 10 grams per day increase in fiber intake during adolescence reduces risk of breast cancer by 14%, and getting the recommended 25 to 30 grams per day would decrease breast cancer risk by 30%.

"Twenty-six grams of fiber a day is not that much," and that amount was tied to a significant decrease in breast cancer risk, said Dr. Kimberly L. Blackwell of Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, who coauthored a commentary on the new results.

Fiber intake influences circulating hormone levels, and hormone levels during the adolescent period of breast development may impact later breast cancer risk, she said.

Women who get more fiber as young adults also tend to carry healthy eating habits into later life, she noted.

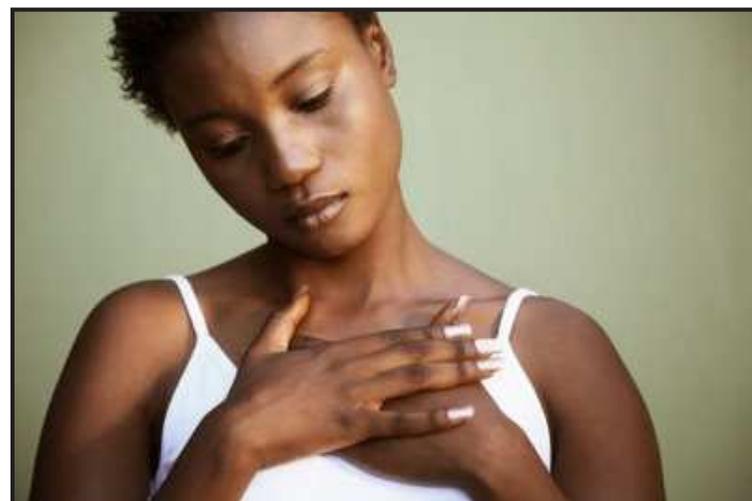
Ideally this fiber comes from fruits and vegetables, but it can also come from cereals or fortified foods, Black-

well said.

It is recommended that parents of young daughters provide plenty of high-fiber foods at home and make sure their children eat enough fruits and vegetables, whole-grain pasta, dark bread or brown rice, legumes and nuts in their diet.

Seven Healthy Ways to Add More Fiber to Your Diet:

1. Plan ahead. Stock your shelves with high-fiber foods.
2. Begin with breakfast. Healthy eating starts with a healthy breakfast. Read the labels and pick whole-grain options with five or more grams of fiber per serving.
3. Eat fruit and avoid fruit juices. One medium-size apple four contains four grams of fiber. The juicing process strips out the fiber.
4. Choose healthy, high-fiber snacks like air-popped popcorn.



5. Cook with whole-grain and whole foods. Wild rice and whole-wheat spaghetti.

6. Eat more legumes. Cooked lentils and beans are among the best foods you can eat when it comes to finding fiber. One serving of lentils or a cup

of cooked split peas contains more than 15 grams of fiber.

7. Include a fiber supplement in your daily routine. Many fiber supplements contain three grams of dietary fiber per serving. Add some to your peach-and-yogurt smoothie. ●●

The Key to Fulfilling that New Year's Health Resolution

Making and then promptly abandoning resolutions to exercise and adopt a healthier lifestyle have become something of a norm.

But there's a way to break the cycle. The solution is as simple as it is effective -- resolve to stand more.

Standing for just a couple more hours a day can be very beneficial. It's the easiest way to finally fulfill that New Year's resolution to get fit.

The average American spends over

six hours a day strapped to a seat. Prolonged sitting prompts muscles to downshift their metabolism and burn less fat. That causes blood circulation to slow down and makes it easier for fatty acid to build up in the heart. Men who sit six or more hours a day are about 50% more likely to die from chronic disease.

Standing also helps release endorphins, which heightens alertness and energy levels -- and therefore makes people more productive.

Take the stairs instead of elevators or escalators. Studies show that if the average adult climbed the stairs for just two minutes a day they would burn enough calories to prevent weight gain for the whole year.

Those who have resolved to improve their health in 2016 needn't fret about gym memberships or fad diets. They just have to start standing more. A couple more hours a day off the seat can make that yearly resolution a reality. ●●

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A six-week cooking workshop designed to make cooking healthier easier begins March 1 at Lynette Woodard Recreation Center. 2755 E 19th St. The free series helps families learn to shop for and cook healthy meals on a budget.

The program is for adults only and participants should be able to attend at least five of the six classes. The classes are on consecutive

Tuesdays beginning March 1 through April 5, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The program is offered by the YMCA in partnership with Sedgwick County Extension. No, you don't need to be a Y member to participate.

Each week, participants will receive free take-home groceries to try new recipes on their family.

Weekly topics include:

● Meal planning & budgeting

● Incorporating more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains

● A grocery store tour for affordable, healthy foods

● Hands-on cooking & tasting of nutritious dinner ideas

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St. Matthew Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Celebrates 100 Years

The minister and members of St. Matthew CME celebrated the church's 100th Anniversary with a month of activities and concluded the celebration with a black tie banquet on Sat., Jan.

31 at the Holiday Inn Select. The keynote speaker for the evening was Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr., presiding prelate of the 3rd Episcopal District of the CME Church. St.

Matthew is under the leadership of Rev. James Hendricks, a presiding elder within the CME Church, and his wife Carolyn Hendricks. During the banquet, the church honored their outreach partners.



PHOTOS:
1. (Back Row L-R) Pastor Eric Williams, MC for the celebration and Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr. presiding prelate of the 3rd Episcopal District of the CME Church, stand with senior members of St. Matthew Church, and the church pastor and first lady. (Back row L-R cont.) Shirley Materre, Pastor James Hendricks, Rip Gooch, Peggy Wesley, Clydean Roberson, 1st Lady Carolyn Hendricks and Clarence Wesley. Front Row (L-R) Betty Wesley, Auline Ray, Zeola Johnson, Eula Utsey, and Erylne Bell.

- 2. Sisters Pam Witherspoon & Vernell Morgan enjoyed the evening.
- 3. Youth members of the church joined in the festivities including: Bre'anna Jackson, Alivia Turner, and Alyiah McPherson.
- 4. Peggy Wesley gave a presentation on the history of the church.
- 5. Val Jean and Carol Jackson engage in a lively conversation.



Holy Savior Launches Capital Campaign for New Church, School

After years of planning and preparation, Holy Savior Catholic Church and Academy has launched a capital campaign with the hope of building a new church and school.

The church officially announced its "A New Hope, A New Home: Built of Living Stones" campaign last month.

"Holy Savior Catholic Church has, for many years, fed the hungry (God's Food Pantry), and provided a Catholic education to countless children and youth, both from our parish and outside our parish," said Fr. Jim Billinger, pastor of Holy Savior. "I hope we can build a church and school facility that will contribute, in an even greater way, to do the work of the gospel in the northeast community of Wichita."

The project cost is estimated at approximately \$12 million. Fr. Billinger said that the most important aspect of the project is that the church and the school – which have been in separate locations for more than 12 years – would be reunited on the same campus. The new building would be



Holy Savior Catholic Church has begun a \$12 Million Capital Campaign.

located at the existing church site, at 13th Street North and Erie. The school is currently located in a former public school near 15th and Oliver.

The building, would have three distinct spaces:

- The church and worship space would be approximately 11,000 square feet and would include a worship space to accommodate 500 people, which is about twice the existing church's current capacity.
- The school space would be approximately 22,000 square feet and accommodate 300 students from grades

K-8.

- The shared space, between the church and school, would include a 9,800 square-foot gymnasium and a 4,200-square foot cafeteria.

- The campus would also have a large playground area for recreational use of the school and church.

Fr. Billinger believes the church has positioned itself to have a successful campaign. And he hopes that people who hear of the campaign will be open to supporting it. Work could begin as early as this summer.

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for Black people claims" were a little far reaching:

Protecting Families from Financial Abuses, Hidden Fees, and Deceptive Practices: President Obama fought to pass the most far reaching Wall Street reform in history which created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). It's hard to see much the CFPB has done for Black folks, and they have still failed to act on recommendations to revise payday loan policies across the country.

Expanding Overtime Protections: In June, the President announced that the Department of Labor (DOL) would propose extending overtime pay protections to almost 5 million workers. This one is just a proposal and not passed yet. If passed as proposed, most salaried workers earning less than a projected \$50,400 would be able to take advantage of the Fair Labor Standards Act's overtime protections.

The proposed rule would prevent a future erosion of overtime rights and ensure greater predictability by automatically updating the salary threshold in the future. It would help promote higher take-home pay and allow workers to balance their work and family obligations, it would help shore up the middle class and provide an easier pathway for those aspiring to share in the standard of living it affords.

There were a few other achievements in the Obama release, mostly dealing with entrepreneurship.

So now, the facts have been checked. If you're an Obama believer, then mail this article to your relatives who say the President hasn't done anything for Black people. Or, if you weren't impressed with the list, and still don't think he's done much, do the reverse and mail this to your Obama can do no wrong friends and family. **FACTS CHECKED!** ●●

Jackson Mortuary Wichita

Harris, Loretta, 71, died 1/27. She was a former realtor and Phyllis Wheatley Children's Home employee. Service was held 2/4 at Shiloh Baptist Church. She is survived by: spouse; Berry T. Harris and daughter; Yvette Harris.

Hendrick, Charles "CJ" Junious, 73, died 1/26. He was a former Wichita Royale and Dept. of Correction Work Release Chef. Service was held 2/3 at Tabernacle Bible Church. He is survived by: son; Eric Hendrick and sister; Avon Baskerville.

Love, Cecil Marie, 100, died 2/4. Service will be held 02/13 at 10a.m. at Jackson Mortuary Chapel. Survived by daughter; Opaline Horn.

Lewis, Rhonda R., 50, died 1/14. She was a former classification officer with Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Lexington, SC. Service will be held 2/13, 2:00 pm at Jackson Mortuary Chapel. She is survived by: daughter; Jasmine Washington, mother; Shirley A. Quarles, brothers; Robert Quarles, Herman Allen, Otto Lewis III, Harry Darnell Lewis, Jeffery Quarles, Emmett Quarles Jr., and sister; Latasha Quarles Nelson.

Moore, Mary A., 70, died 2/6. No service announced.

Thomas, Roberta A., 75, died 1/29. She was a retired Swiss Packing Company employee. Service will be held. 02/10, 10 am at Crusaders Baptist Church. She is survived by: daughter; Anna M. Shelton, son; Ronnie W. Thomas, brothers; Eddie Burgess, Donald Falls, Ronald Falls and sister; Viola Tillman.

Wilson, Donnell "Donnie", 69, died 2/1. He was a former truck driver. Service was

held 2/6 at Jackson Mortuary Chapel. He is survived by: sisters; Ernestine Carter and Jo Frances Morris.

Woodard, Della Lee, 79, died 1/26. She was a retired Cessna sealer. Service was held 2/3 at St. James Missionary Baptist Church. She is survived by: spouse; Artensia Woodard, sons; Artensia Woodard Jr., Bobby Woodard, Bernard Woodard, Virgil Woodard, step daughter; Edna Sue Davis, daughters; Barbara Woodard, Regina Woodard, sisters; Dora L. Young, Jessie Ware, brothers; Leon Wheaton and Isaac Wheaton.

RJ Bethea Funeral Wichita

Davis, Leon passed 02/04. No other information provided.

Hoover, Edward, 62, passed 1/30. No service announced
Monroe, Baby newborn, passed 02/08. No service announced.

Polite, Taraz Devin 36, passed 02/04. No service announced

Taylor, Vincent, 51, passed 2/1. No service announced.
Dean-Bell, Baby Kyrie Baby, passed 2/5/16. Service is pending.

Biglow Funeral Wichita

McDaniel, Patricia, 58, passed 2/7/16. No service announced.

Smith, Teresa May, 49, passed 1/25/16. Service was held 1/29/16 at First Pentecostal Church

Stout, Kathy, 54, passed 1/23/16. No service announced.

Vestring, Beverly Ann, 72, passed 1/29/16. No service announced.

Washington, Mandrell, 35, passed 02/07/16, No service announced.

Peaceful Rest Topeka

Holford Sr., Kenneth Edward, 78, passed 1/21. Service was held 1/29 at Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel. He is survived by sons; Kenneth Edward Holford, Jr., Kelvin Holford, Duncan Holford, daughters; Katherine Holford, Mary Francis Holford, Denise Holford, step sons; Kenneth Wayne Robinson, Gerald Mann, step daughters; Carol Jackson, Marie Hurtado, Juanita Robinson, Martha Mann, brother; James Holford, and sisters; Melva McKinley, Alma Augustus, Kim Bailey Holford, Dorothy Holford White.

Williams, Dawn Denise "Missy", 51, Passed 2/1. Service was held 2/9 at Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel. She is survived by her daughters; Irasha Manning, Akira Manning and mother; Irene Williams.

Penwell Gabel Junction City

Russell, Monica, 49, passed 2/1/16. Services will be held 2/12/16, 1:00 pm at Penwell-Gabel Johnson Funeral Chapel.

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Tim Wise, Anti-Racist Activist, to Speak at WSU

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As part of their Black History Month Programming, Wise will speak on the topic Black Lives Matter Vs All Lives Matter and White Privilege. His

presentation is expected to draw a large crowd to the Hughes Metroplex on Wed., Feb. 17. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free for WSU students, faculty and staff, but there is a \$5 charge for the public.

Wise is the author of seven books, including his latest, “Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrific-

ing the Future of America.” Other books include, “Dear White America: Letter to a New Minority” and his



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highly acclaimed memoir, “White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son.” ●●

Stevenson to Bring Equal Justice Message to Wichita

What makes Archbishop Desmond Tutu call Bryan Stevenson “America’s Nelson

Mandela?” It could have something to do with Stevenson’s unyielding fight to confront racial bias at every point in the American justice system. More than one quarter of a century ago, Stevenson went to Alabama to offer his services as the pro bono defender of inmates on death row. A Harvard Law School graduate, Stevenson has been based in Alabama ever since, and has never tired of his work to help right wrongs in the criminal justice system. He



Stevenson

the Equal Justice Initiative which has saved 115 men from the death sentence. Stevenson has also petitioned successfully in the Supreme Court to end the legal incarceration of children as young as 13 to sentences of life

without parole in adult prisons. He’s definitely one of the country’s top criminal justice reform advocates and Kansans will have the opportunity to hear from him on Sat., February 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Saint Mark UMC South Campus, 856 S. Green. His presentation will be free. Stevenson’s visit is being sponsored by the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. ●●



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FEB. 16. Learn Borrowing Basics. Almost everyone needs to borrow money at some point in life. If it's used wisely, credit can benefit you. Wichita Habitat for Humanity will offer "Money Smart" at 6 p.m. at their offices, 130 E. Murdock.

17 Black Lives Matter vs All Lives Matter & White Privilege WSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion is celebrating Black History Month with keynote speaker Tim Wise, and anti-racist activist, essayist and author who will present. The event opens at 5:45 pm in the Hughes Metroplex (29th & Oliver). \$5 for non students

17 Senior Wednesday: Richard G. Miller Ultra-DIY filmmaker R. G. Miller creates impossible blockbusters from his tiny studio apartment in Wichita. Winner of the Golden Strands Vanguard Award for Dedication to the Craft of Filmmaking and the subject of the documentary Double Digits: The Story of a Neighborhood Movie Star at the 2015 Tallgrass Film Festival, Miller will talk of his life-long passion for the art of filmmaking, at the Ulrich Museum at Wichita State University. Begins with a reception at 10 a.m. Program begins at 10:30 a.m.

18 Story Time: Kansas African American History Guest Speaker Angela Bates, Executive Director of the Nicodemus Historical Society. Co sponsored by Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Event time is 6-7 p.m. at the Rhatigan Student Center on WSU Campus.

18 Civic Engagement Workshop Come learn more about the political parties in Kansas and how to get involved. A non-partisan event with representatives from both parties. At the Kansas Leadership Council, 325 E. Douglas, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. This is a free event sponsored by Wichita Urban Professionals and Young Professionals of Wichita. RSVP <https://civicengagement.eventbrite.com/>

20 Brown v. Board of Education Wichita Genealogical Society presents: In the fall of 1950, Oliver Brown's 7-year-old daughter was refused entrance to their neighborhood school. Join a discussion about events that led to the desegregation of public schools. Event will take place 1 -3 p.m. at the Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian, Meeting Room

20 Bryan Stevenson, one of the nation's top criminal justice reform activists will speak in Wichita from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Mark UMC, Southeast Campus 856 S. Green. Stevenson, has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent prisoners on death row, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and help children prosecute adults. See more on page 12.

20 Family Fun Day Kids of all ages can explore the photographs of Gordon Parks through story, music, and special make-it-take it art projects. From 1-3 p.m. at the Ulrich Museum, Wichita State University.

25 The Czar of Black Hollywood The Wichita Art Museum and Tallgrass Film Association presents films by and about Kansas native Oscar Micheaux (1884-1951) who was considered the 1st African-American to produce a feature film. There will be a showing of the 2014 bio-pic "The Czar of Black Hollywood" followed by the digitally remastered 1925 silent film "Body and Soul" and conclude with a Q & A with Tallgrass staff and guest. The event is at 6p.m. at the Wichita Art Museum, 1400 Museum Blvd. Free

27 Why We Laugh: Black Comedians on Black Comedy Join the board and staff of The Kansas African American Museum for a night of fun as comedian and documentary filmmaker Darryl Littleton shares a lecture and a comedy show about the history of Black Comedy.

Begins at 7 p.m., at the museum, 601 N. Water. See ad, page 12.

27 Historically Black College Tribute Banquet Sponsored by the Eta Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. This event will begin at 6 p.m at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita, tickets are \$50.

27 Homeownership Meeting. Find out how you can own an affordable home through Wichita Habitat for Humanity. 10 a.m. (English and Spanish) at Habitat's offices, 130 E. Murdock

MARCH 3 Lecture: Dr. Rebecca Miller Davis The WSU Department of History presents a talk by Dr. Miller Davis, Assistant Teaching Professor of History at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Davis is a historian of the 20th century, focusing mainly on race and media in the Jim Crow South, and has a PHD from the University of South Carolina. Her teaching interests include modern America, African American history, media and propaganda, and the New South. At the Ulrich Museum, WSU. Begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6 p.m.

4 Clean Slate Expungement Project Get your adult criminal record expunged for free at this event from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Courthouse. Lawyers will be on hand to provide their services fee and judges will rule that day on the expungements.

5 Community Baby Shower Pregnant women are invited to attend this event to learn more about safe sleep for their newborn. Based on availability, pregnant women who attend and receive the training are eligible to receive a free safety-approved pack-n-play crib and Sleepsack wearable blanket. Hour sessions begin every 15 minutes between 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. at Saint Mark United Methodist Church gym, 1525 N. Lorraine. No RSVP or preregistration required.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION



The Housing and Community Services Department's Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) will begin accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program provides rental assistance to income eligible families in order to make housing affordable in accordance with housing quality standards. The process for making application is as follows:

1. Preliminary applications will be available on line at <https://wichita.apply4housing.com> or <http://www.wichita.gov/Government/Departments/Housing> beginning on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (CT)

2. Disabled persons who need special accommodations to complete the application will need to request the accommodation in writing. The 24-hour written notification request must include: full name, address, and phone number where you can be reached or an email address. The request will need to be provided to the WHA by one of the following methods:

- Letter hand-delivered or mailed to the WHA located at 332 N. Riverview, Wichita, Kansas 67203

-Email request to: Communityhousing@wichita.gov

3. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program staff will review all applications in the order received. As vouchers become available, families who meet preliminary eligibility criteria will be contacted to complete a formal application.

4. Applicant income must be within federal income limits for Wichita, Kansas provided below:

Family Size	50%	30%
1	21,950	13,200
2	25,100	15,930
3	28,250	20,090
4	31,350	24,250
5	33,900	28,410
6	36,400	32,570
7	38,900	36,730
8	41,400	40,890

5. When contacted to complete a formal application, applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- A copy of Social Security Cards for all family members
- Evidence of U.S. Citizenship or legal immigration status
- Documentation of all Household Income

Failure to provide this information at the time of formal application will result in delayed processing and/or disqualification.

6. Once available vouchers have been allocated, all other families will remain on a waiting list for the next available vouchers.

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If you have questions regarding the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program preliminary application process, please contact the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Office at (316) 462-3700.

14 Wichita Art Museum Showing Two Gordon Parks Exhibits

SOCIAL

A diverse audience attended the Wichita Art Museum's opening reception for the opening of two new exhibits on Jan. 30. The lead exhibit "Gordon Parks: Back to Fort Scott" features a collection of photos world renowned photographer and Kansas native Gordon Parks took of his hometown and friends from his hometown. The photos were taken

during the 1950s, represent a rarely seen view of everyday lives of African Americans in small town Kansas. The second exhibit "Freedom Now! Forgotten Photographs of the Civil Rights Struggle" tells the story of how African Americans changed American discriminatory practices through their actions, not their suffering. The exhibits is on display through May 8. ●●

PHOTOS:

1. Former radio personality, Todd Reynolds and "Rolls Royce" of Power 93.9 were among the attendees at the WAM reception.
2. (L-R) Cathy Gray, Susie Longwell and Jessica Brim enjoyed the evening of music and great art.
3. (L-R) Melanie Shurden, Pat Beutin, and Janice Adams, pose with David Parks, the son of the late Gordon Parks.
4. Throughout the evening Carl Stovall (guitar) and singer Corey Smalls with the band Something Xtra entertained the attendees
5. Veronica Kelly and Jacki Kelly were among those who appreciated the Parks' works.
6. Diangela Looney and Armenthia Valentine show their support for the arts.



Delta Sigma Theta host "Taste and See" With Chef Febres

The ladies of the Wichita Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted "Taste and See – An Interactive Dining Experience" with Chef Jason Febres at Taste and See II in the heart of Old Town on Jan. 31. The upscale

event featured five culinary courses created especially for the evening paired with two designer cocktails, an open bar, DJ and entertainment. Some of the highlights of the delicious food menu were: fried risotto rice,

lasagna hats, cheese ravioli, banana leaf pulled pork. Thai slaw, onion rings, assorted flavored wings and butter toasted quesadillas stuffed with nutella and fried banana slices. ●●

PHOTOS:

1. Culinary samples were the talk of the evening
2. Sorors Jennifer Smith and Kelly Wallace-Robinson assist Chef Febres in preparing for the evening.
3. Songstress Teketa Paschal has the attention of the audience
4. Attendees were able to sample from five culinary delights created for the evening.
5. Soror Cokie Diggs and Former Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer enjoy a light moment of conversation.
6. Sorors Brooke Burrough and Courtney Hough are proud Deltas.



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REGIONAL CALENDAR

FEB 20 An African American Heritage and Culture Celebration African-American culture and heritage in all its richness will be told through music, performances and display of genealogy and heritage. From 1-5 p.m. at the Topeka Library Marvin Auditorium. Groups are being invited to set up displays of their African American heritage, genealogy and/or family artifacts. For more information contact Sherri Camp, (785) 580-4689 or scamp@tscpl.org. This event is sponsored by the Bake Genealogy Center at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

20 12TH ANNUAL GUMBO FEST This event sponsored by the Johnson County NAACP is a Cajun delight with a menu of chicken & sausage gumbo, red beans and rice, jambalaya, greens, cornbread, desserts and

beverages served alongside musical performances at the Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS., from 3-7 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased online at eventbrite.com for \$20 adults and \$5 children. Tickets at the door are \$25. Musical Artist Oasis (Formerly Men with Red) will perform at 4 p.m.

26-27 2016 Washington Days Gather with hundreds of Democrats at the Downtown Ramada Hotel in Topeka, 420 SE Ave. For a weekend of networking and information. For more details see ad page 16.

27 Setting the Stage, the moving story of African-American Dance Enjoy an interactive walk through African-American dance history presented by the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey. Learn about historically important dancers and

choreographers during this multimedia program that combines live performance with narrated slide presentations. This free Black History Month event is open to all ages and begins at 6 p.m. at Highland Park High School Auditorium, 2424 SE California, Topeka. Reserved seating \$10. For more information or to reserve seats visit www.kcfaa.org. Sponsored by theLinks, Capitol Federal, Leading Learners, African-American Male Leadership Council and the Highland Park Rhythmic Belles Dance Team. Donations will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the Ailey Camp Topeka.

28 The Spoken Word presented by the Women's Network 4-6 p.m. Brown V Board of Education National Historic Site, 1515 SE Monroe Street, Topeka, KS For additional information, contact Barbara at 785 273-6242.

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second career, "people who have lived a little. They can relate better."

- The new Chief shared an experience where he walked into a shift meeting shortly after arriving in Wichita and how the officers, not immediately knowing who he was, treated him in a less than a friendly manner. "If they're going to treat me that way, how are they going to treat people out in the street," Ramsay said.

- On implementing an independent citizen's review board, Ramsay shared in his former position in Minnesota, he had a group of community leaders that he would sometimes share videos with after police related shootings or other police/community incidents. "There are a lot of laws in officer involved shootings," says Ramsay. "I want you to have trust that it's (the incident) going to be taken seriously, but I'm not sure I have the answer to that (citizen review board with power)."

- He's a big supporter of body

cameras and his department in Minnesota was one of the first in the country to fully implement body cameras. He began by installing dashboard cameras in the squad cars and when the video from one of those cameras helped answer both his and community questions in an officer involved shooting, he says he was sold on cameras. He initially purchased cameras for patrol officers but after they were received so well, they eventually expanded them to the whole department.

- On the current City of Wichita policy on release of police body camera video, he noted the policy gives all the power to release video to the District Attorney and takes it totally out of his hands. He didn't seem to like that and indicated he would be looking into the policy.

- Chief Ramsay wasn't aware of the City of Wichita favorable ballot initiative vote to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana but he indicated that in his previous department he made possession of small amounts of marijuana a ticketable offense, similar to the policy voted on and approved by Wichitans.

"Someone with a small amount of

marijuana should not be pulled into jail," he told me, "and you can quote me on that." He's not sure what he can legally do in Kansas to implement a ticketing policy for simple marijuana possession, but it appeared to be something he would look into.

The meet and greet was cosponsored by: the Wichita Branch NAACP, Sunflower Community Action, the Kansas African American Affairs Commission, the Greater Wichita Ministerial League, Real Men, Real Hero's and PACT.

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One of the secrets of successful advertising is consistency, not size. It often takes more than just one ad to create awareness or generate results. Just as you wouldn't expect to go to a weight-loss clinic for one week and lose 20 pounds, you shouldn't expect a single ad to perform similar overnight miracles. Frequency can earn you lower rates, even as it increases the effectiveness of your advertising.

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR ADS

- You can advertise the brand names of the merchandise you handle and cash in on the manufacturers' national advertising in all media.
- If you can't compete on price, emphasize reasons, other than price, why customers like your store or service. It may be credit, service or the friendly atmosphere. Promote the quality and value of your merchandise.
- Although your ad may be small, if it makes a great offer, it will generate traffic.
- Make sure you have these crucial elements in your ad: a benefit headline, an appealing offer and a call to action.

HAVE A STRATEGY

Research shows that advertising works. What doesn't work is not having a marketing strategy. So before you start writing a single ad, take the time to develop a strategy. It will help position your business and determine what makes your business unique.

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Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce: Ready to do Business

By Bonita Gooch
The Community Voice

Robert Bowden has been in business since he was 11 years old. He started with a paper route and grew up in an entrepreneurial household. For the past eight years, he's run the family business that includes Bowden's Liquors at 25th and Hillside in Wichita. As a small business owner, and especially as a small African-American business owner, with a family legacy of 35 years in business, the Bowden's have beaten the odds.

Each year since 2008, America has seen more businesses lock up and go out of business than new business starts. Times are tough, especially for small businesses and even tougher for African-American owned businesses. That's why Bowden and fellow members of the Heartland Wichita Black Chamber of Commerce have organized to help advance the growth and success of Black Businesses in the Wichita community.

With a downward trend in business startups, encouraging more individuals to go into business is one of their goals.

Bernard Knowles, president of Heartland

Wichita and owner of TOPS Restaurant and Knowles Building Maintenance & Renovations, encourages individuals to give up their 9 to 5 jobs, to be producers, not just consumers. But before you step out there, PREPARE.

To help individuals and existing business owners obtain the information they need to start and/or grow their business, the chamber is offering workshops and connecting people with the resources they need to grow. While a lot of the information sharing will come through formal programs, a lot of the growth and development will come from networking – that casual exchange of knowledge and information.

Networking with other chamber members is something Kevin Harrison, owner of Kevin Harrison & Friends, looks forward to.

"I've met a lot of positive business people with unique business ideas that I didn't know existed," said Harrison.

The chamber was cofounded by Knowles and Warren Pyles, owner of Pyles Excavating and Contracting, in mid-2015. The two were a part of a team that worked for several years to start another Black Chamber, but changed direction when they

were approached about affiliating with the Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce in Kansas City. That organization was also in a transition mode.

Originally formed as the Kansas Black Chamber of Commerce, the organization reorganized in early 2015 to become the Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce, with an expanded coverage area that included Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Affiliation with the Heartland Chamber gives Wichita's chapter and strong base of support. The Heartland Chamber has more than 200 business and corporate members in the Kansas City area, full-time staff and is an official member of the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

Collaborating with Heartland made sense, said Knowles, "We need to pool our resources. We can do more collectively than individually."

So far, the Wichita Branch has approximately 50 paid members and regularly participating businesses. Many of them are established business owners, but others are interested in getting started while others are barely off the ground.

In addition to business startup, Knowles

said the chamber plans to reach out to youth, to get them thinking early in life about entrepreneurship as an option. Their goal is to develop a shadowing program where youth can follow successful business owners.

"We have to change the mindset of our

youth. They need to think there's more they can be other than an employee, rapper, hustler or drug dealer," said Knowles noting the great business minds of many Black youth that's not always focused on something legal.

Now that their past the organizing stage, the

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Wichita Chapter of Heartland is ready to supplement the chamber's Kansas City-based programs with programs of their own, including monthly meetings, regular networking events, business building workshops and several fundraisers.

They have an event scheduled for March 11, a screening of the documentary "Generation One: The search for Black Wealth." The documentary presents a blueprint for building a legacy of wealth in the African-American community. The movie, followed by Q&A and a discussion is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kansas Leadership Center, 325 E. Douglas. Refreshments and drinks will be served. Tickets are

\$10 for the general public and \$5 for Heartland Chamber members.

Memberships in the Chamber is \$200 per year and applications are available online at www.communityvoiceks.biz.

Bowden encourages business owners and business dreamers to become a part of the chamber.

"We need to cooperate with each other. That's how we go further," Bowden said. ●●

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