

TAX

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ISSUE I

Tax Assessor/Collector Message...



Wow! Since taking office on January 1st, I have hit the ground running. From motor vehicle registrations to busy property tax collection season to the implementation of Scofflaw (see the article on page 6), I am enjoying every minute of every day as the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector. It took over two weeks to meet and visit with all 230 employees in the nine substations and the downtown tax office. The downtown department directors (affectionately called "The Cabinet") are doing a great job keeping me informed and teaching me the ins and outs of Dallas County. The substation managers (referred to as the "Leadership Team") are doing a wonderful job reviewing procedures and motivating current and new employees. I am truly blessed to have inherited such a dedicated staff from Dr. Childs.

This newsletter, the *TAX STATEMENT*, will be published quarterly with the assistance of Gaby Morales in the Tax Office Administration (didn't she do a great job!). I hope you will find the articles interesting and helpful. In addition, I'm taking this opportunity to "brag" on our employees throughout this newsletter. Please provide me with feedback on this newsletter so we can continue to make improvements.

I look forward to being the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector for many years and will work diligently to ensure that we work to take the Dallas County Tax Office from Good to GREAT!

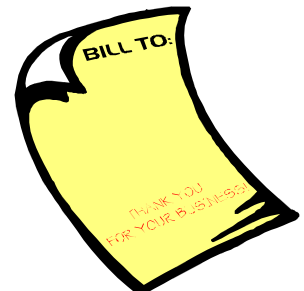
JOHN R. AMES, CTA

Mission Statement

Provide Dallas County Citizens with Excellent Service using Innovative Technology to Ensure Quality Collections

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Here's to wishing all Tax Office Employees born this quarter a...

Happy Birthday!

January

Brenda Walters 1/1
 Alicia Oreste 1/1
 Irma Mendez 1/3
 Dixie Sanders 1/5
 Kara Merendino 1/9
 Maria Estrada 1/9
 Betty Bruce 1/10
 Maria Ovalle 1/12
 Carmen Yarborough 1/14
 Laketricia Merrett 1/14
 Cici Garcia 1/17
 Anita Maki 1/20
 Noemi Vazquez 1/21
 Sandra Lester 1/24
 Pamela Harrison 1/25
 Barbara Simon 1/30
 Maurine Jackson 1/30
 Lauren Carey 1/31

February

Linda Rowell 2/1
 Guy Dowdy 2/2
 Zelma Fry 2/7
 Alvinia Barge 2/9
 Brandi Spencer 2/11
 Pamela Gann 2/13
 Janice Lewis 2/15
 Amanda Hass 2/16
 Tabitha Hood 2/18
 Velma Myles 2/20
 Yvonne Bunkley 2/21
 Sherwana Milam 2/22
 Susan Lehmann 2/22
 Rachel Eitel 2/27
 Nancy Lau 2/27
 Sandy Lopez 2/28
 Anita Roybal 2/29

March

Bridgette Williams 3/1
 Blanca Munguia 3/4
 Sandra Moreno 3/4
 Gwendelyn Cagle 3/5
 Celita Gonzales 3/7
 Richard Buster 3/8
 Mei Chai 3/8
 Antoinette Jones 3/11
 Ema Ruiz 3/12
 Wanda Harkless 3/12
 Angela Wright 3/13
 Delia Garcia 3/13
 Barbara Davis 3/13
 Karen Bruce 3/18
 Jessica Figueroa 3/19
 Brenda Christian 3/20
 Rhonda Hadnot 3/22
 Debbie Jones 3/23
 Elizabeth Nedd 3/24
 Patricia Tate 3/27
 Jessica Johnson 3/29
 Ivonne Ibarra 3/31

Happy Anniversary!

Thanks for sticking around...We really appreciate you!

January

1 year
 Vanessa Borjon
 Richard Buster
 Felicia Christy
 Cynthia Herrera
 Danielle Williams
 Angela Wright
2 years
 Emmett Frier
 Nina Jackson
 Bobbie Jones
3 years
 Nancy Lau
4 years
 Nancy Bahena
 Tieraney Ford
 Kristen Smith
5 years
 Sherry Britt
 Kenishia Jones
7 Years
 Mei Chai
8 years
 Alice Oreste
13 years
 Cathy Reddick
19 Years
 Jenelle Grisham

February

1 year
 Sharon Horten
 Tracy Lyons
 Veronica Mata
 Anne Reed
 Helen Washington
2 years
 Maria Ovalle
 Lisa Riddle
 Ema Ruiz
5 years
 Shirley Jacobson
 Cheryl Smith
6 years
 Carlos Rincon
8 years
 Cici Garcia
10 years
 Eulane Hart
18 years
 Wendy Fuqua

March

1 year
 Jason Fletcher
 Dee Ann Quillan
 Uy'Londa Bagley-Valentine
2 years
 Maricela Garcia
 Blanca Munguia
3 years
 Delia Garcia
4 years
 Sandy Lopez
7 years
 Donna Higbee
10 years
 Karen Bruce
 Barbara Davis
 Gretchen Woods
11 years
 Diana Best
12 years
 Deb Green

13 years
 Joan Caldwell
 Doris Williams
19 years
 Joe Ann Martin
24 years
 Kathy Ivy
29 years
 Carla Bass
 Ada Bradley
31 years
 Ann Lanning



Great Job!

The following Tax Office Employees and Departments have received Customer Appreciation Comments this Quarter.

Tina Williams	Patsy Gray
Eulane Hart (4)	Shirley Jacobson
Ada Bradley	Charette Green
Anita Mackey	Raven Contreras (2)
Fetina Green	Candi Scarso
Richard Buster	Jessica Weldon
VIT Dept.	Leslie Stewart
Property Tax Dept	Uy'Londa Bagley Valentine

Debbie Langford
Debra Caldwell
Cathy Lattimer
Ann Lanning
Corey Worsham
Jessica Weldon
Rachel Eitel



() denotes the number of comments

Joke of the Quarter

A policeman pulled a female driver over and asked to see her license. After looking it over, he said to her, "Lady, it stipulates here on your license that you should be wearing glasses." "Well, I have contacts," the woman replied. "Look lady, I don't care who you know," snapped the officer. "You are getting a ticket."



Riddle of the Quarter

What word can be written forward, backward, or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

Answer on Pg. 6



*Do you know a good riddle or a hilarious joke? Submit your favorite joke or riddle to Gaby Morales for the next **TAX STATEMENT**.*

RECIPE OF THE QUARTER

Chocolate Soufflé

2 egg whites	1 egg yolk
2 tbsp. Sugar	1 + tbsp. Grand Mariner
1/8 tsp. vanilla	

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Whip yolks, sugar, vanilla, and Grand Mariner. Whip whites until firm but moist. Fold yolk into whites. Turn oven down to 350 degrees. Pour into buttered and sugared soufflé (individual) cup. Bake 13 minutes. Serve by slitting top as a cross and add warm chocolate sauce. Ummmm.....Yummy!

Submitted by: Gaby Morales

Calling for Recipes

If you would like to share one of your favorite recipes, please submit it to Gaby Morales.



Quotes for Success

"Success is not a destination, it's a journey"-Zig Ziglar

"Confidence is the companion of success"-Anonymous

"Motivation is the fuel necessary to keep the human engine running"-Zig Zagler

Top Performers

The following substations are this quarter's top performers in these categories.

	<u>January 2009</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>March 2009</u>
Number of Titles Processed	1st - Richardson - 5,780 2nd - Garland - 5,217 3rd - North Dallas - 4,656-Tie 3rd - Valley View - 4,656-Tie	1st - Garland - 6,488 2nd - Richardson - 6,078 3rd - North Dallas - 5,768	1st - Garland - 6,756 2nd - Richardson - 6,596 3rd - North Dallas - 5,664
Number of Registrations Processed	1st - Garland - 14,837 2nd - Oak Cliff - 10,960 3rd - Mesquite - 10,741	1st - Garland - 17,300 2nd - Irving - 12,591-Tie 2nd - Mesquite - 12,591-Tie	1st - Garland - 17,533 2nd - Mesquite - 15,013 3rd - Oak Cliff - 13,336
Number of Property Tax Transactions	1st - Oak Cliff - 4,166 2nd - Duncanville - 2,954 3rd - Garland - 2,653	1st - Oak Cliff - 1,962 2nd - Mesquite - 1,194 3rd - Garland - 833	1st - Oak Cliff - 1,519 2nd - Duncanville - 665 3rd - Grand Prairie - 488

Substation/Downtown & Customer Care Center Incentives

The following department employees have met and exceeded goals to obtain incentive pay!

	<u>October 2008</u>	<u>November 2008</u>	<u>December 2008</u>
Grand Prairie	100%	CCC 79%	CCC 79%
North Dallas	84%	Duncanville 55%	Grand Prairie 50%
CCC	79%	Grand Prairie 50%	Mesquite 50%
Duncanville	72%	Mesquite 50%	Garland 42%
Garland	67%	Garland 38%	Irving 42%
Valley View	38%	Valley View 38%	Valley View 38%
Richardson	50%	North Dallas 32%	Oak Cliff 36%
Irving	42%	Irving 21%	North Dallas 32%
Mesquite	40%	Richardson 20%	Richardson 20%
Oak Cliff	36%	Downtown 19%	Duncanville 17%
Downtown	17%	Oak Cliff 10%	Downtown 17%

The true joy of life is in the trip!

Enjoy the Ride!

- Steve Gilliland
www.stevegilliland.com



Substation Spotlight - Valley View Tax Office

Pamela Harrison, Manager, and her staff at Valley View are to be congratulated for having a long and sustained percentage of clerks earning incentive dollars on a regular basis.

When Pamela was asked how she achieved this success, she shared the following best practices. She praised the training her clerks went through downtown before coming to her branch and that they came to her with good basic knowledge. She just had to work on speed and accuracy.

Here's what she does:

- Constantly reminds the clerks of performance standards and the importance of meeting goals.
- Tells them they can "give themselves a raise" each month by earning incentive pay-just for the job the signed on to do.
- Daily reviews the production of each clerk, i.e. title count, number of registrations, disks worked, voids, and time working at the Information Desk.
- Stresses customer service and customer satisfaction.
- Gives daily feedback to coach, train, or refresh.
- Assigns high performing clerks to mentor others.
- Stresses importance of doing it right the first time.
- Stresses importance of good attendance.

**Way to go
Valley View
Tax Office!**



Personal Recognitions

- ♣ Congratulations to **Shirley Jacobson**, Chief Deputy, and **Wendy Fuqua**, IT Director, for obtaining their Registered Texas Assessor/Collector (RTA) designation from the Board of Tax Professional Examiners.
- ♣ **Bonita Pete** in the Accounting Dept. just celebrated the arrival of her third grandson on 2/22/09. Wow all boys!! Congrats!
- ♣ Congratulations to **Faye Linn Fowlkes**. She is the proud grandmother of a baby boy, Ty Stanfield. This is grandbaby number 15! Wow!
- ♣ We are glad to have **James Ward**, Asst. Property Tax Manager, back at work. Welcome back James!
- ♣ Congratulations for Antonio Argumaniz, **Kristen Smith's** son. He won City Zone Champs in basketball. He also received an award for the highest score for the 4th grade TAKS Test at Weaver Elementary School. Kudos to Antonio!
- ♣ Congratulations to **Sherry Britt's** youngest son. He was married on March 20, 2009.
- ♣ Please keep **Melissa Pittmon** and her son, William Vaughn, in your prayers. He was deployed to Afghanistan on March 2nd for 6 months. Our thoughts and prayers go out to William and all our troops...God bless and Thank You!
- ♣ Congratulations to **Guy Dowdy!** He is our new manager for our North Dallas Tax Office.

If you have a personal recognition or know of one for another Tax Office employee, please let Gaby Morales know so we can share your news!

The Scofflaw

By Fetina Green and Amber Grisham

The Dallas County Wanted (DCW) website, www.dallascountywanted.com, came on-line in October 2008 and currently contains 757,590 outstanding Class C citations, representing \$210 million in uncollected revenue. The website was created as a tool to improve the collection rate of fines and court costs fees from defendants with outstanding violations, and it is a critical component of the scofflaw project.

The Dallas County Commissioners Court's agenda for February 10, 2009 included the implementation of the scofflaw project. Through the leadership of the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector, Mr. John R. Ames, the tax office began implementing the scofflaw vehicle registration block on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. Since February 11, 2009, Dallas County Tax Office locations have encountered over 100 scofflaw registration blocks.

The legislation is aimed at a person who violates the law or fails to answer court summonses, which is the definition of the word "scofflaw." Section 502.185 of the Texas Transportation Code states that a County Tax Assessor/Collector or the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) may refuse to register a motor vehicle if the owner of the vehicle owes the county money for a fine or fee that is past due.

The scofflaw process unfolds as follows:

- The county enters into an interlocal agreement with TxDot for the purpose of marking or flagging motor vehicle registration records.
- Surrounding cities are able to initiate interlocal agreements with the Tax Assessor/Collector in order to aid them in the collection of fines and fees owed to that city.
- Dallas County submits input files to TxDot listing license plate numbers of residents who have a fine or fee that is at least 90 days past due.
- TxDot flags records of those living in that county by placing a county scofflaw notation on their record.
- The vehicle owner attempts to register the vehicle.
- The Tax Assessor/Collector's office denies registration and directs the registrant to the appropriate office to pay the outstanding fine or fee.
- The vehicle owner clears his/her record as required by the county, obtains a receipt and presents it to the Tax Assessor/Collector's office in order to receive registration.

Dallas County Scofflaw Program

For a record to be flagged for scofflaw the following must be applicable:

- The fine or fee must be delinquent more than 90 days.
- Must have a valid license plate number or VIN number.
- Must be able to associate the person that received the fine or fee with the record owner.

Dallas County submits input files to TxDot on a weekly basis in order to query license plate numbers as well as to add or remove flags. As of February 9, 2009 Dallas County had submitted 91,549 citations to TxDot for flagging.

Citizens may access DCW to obtain outstanding citation information such as offense, fine, costs and court location. Payments may be made at the court or each tax office is equipped with a kiosk that allows citizens to pay their outstanding balance via credit card. County fine or fee payments made at a kiosk will update on DCW on a real time basis to allow tax office staff to confirm that a payment was made. However, the citizen will not be removed from DCW for 24 hours.

A scofflaw flag does not affect title processing. A motor vehicle may be sold with a scofflaw remark.

Many cities in Dallas County have expressed interest in participating in the county scofflaw program. The Dallas County Tax Office anticipates being able to provide this service to the cities within the next three to four months.

Answer to Riddle: NOON

February was Black History Month

Black History Facts

Black History began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

- ◆ Jack Johnson became the first African-American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title in 1908. He held on to it until 1915.
- ◆ Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court.
- ◆ Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives in 1968.
- ◆ George Washington Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, wood, stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils and cosmetics.
- ◆ In 1940, Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American performer to win an Academy Award for her portrayal of a loyal slave governess in *Gone With the Wind*.
- ◆ In 1992, Dr. Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to go into space aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. The mission lasted 8 days.

[www.history.com/black history facts](http://www.history.com/black-history-facts)



Hope is the thing...

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

-Emily Dickinson

Employee Profile "Getting To Know You"



Name: Sherwanna Milam (Richardson)
Birthday: February 22
Birth Place: Monroe, LA
Family Information: Three Sons-Ages 21, 19, 16
In my life, I have lived in these places: Monroe. LA; Dallas; Milford, TX
My favorite place to live: nowhere in particular
Because: Anywhere my family is
My favorite vacation place: Sea World is nice or any other place that I can enjoy with my family
My Favorite Activity: Going to and watching movies; church activities; card and board games
My favorite hobby: Going/watching movies
A turning point in my life: realizing that I had grown spiritually when my mother and grandmother passed away
An influential person in my life: My mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law
An accomplishment that I am proud of: The birth and growth of my three sons
Things that I still want to do: see my sons get married and play with my grandchildren someday

Name: Sany Sun (Valley View)
Birthday: May 18
Birth Place: Pnompench, Cambodia
Family Information: My family is from Pnompench, Cambodia
In my life, I have lived in these places: Pnompench, Cambodia; Dallas, TX; and Carrollton, TX
My favorite place to live: My favorite place to live is Carrollton, TX because it's close to my job
My favorite vacation place: Long Beach, CA is my favorite vacation place because it has a lot of Asian stores, Asian restaurants, and the weather is similar to my country
My favorite activity: I like to read books about proverbs, morals, psychoanalysis and cook books because they have a lot of useful information for a bright future
My favorite hobby: I like to talk to elderly experts to get good ideas about life. I also like to see landscape at the farm.
A turning point in my life: Marriage has changed my life from lonely to more socialized
An influential person in my life: My husband and friends have changed my life from being isolated, serious, hot tempered to more outgoing, open-minded, patient, social, and happy
An accomplishment that I am proud of: I am proud of myself for getting my Associates Degree; having a good husband and working for Dallas County
Things that I still want to do: I always wanted to have two kids and go back to my homeland
Comments: Sany Sun has had perfect attendance for a rolling 12 month period. No tardies, No absences/sick time, and is one of our consistent top performers



Sany Sun and her husband, Kim

Name: Bea Jones (Grand Prairie)
Birthday: November 29
Birth Place: Mississippi
Family Information: Family of four
In my life I, I have lived in these places: Tennessee , Texas, Georgia, and Germany
My favorite place to live: Texas
Because: Family is here
My favorite vacation place: Ruidoso
My favorite activity: Snow skiing, water skiing and watching C-Span
My favorite hobby: Reading
A turning point in my life: My grandson
An influential person in my life: My husband
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Marrying a Christian man
Things that I still want to do: Seek other educational fields

Employee Profile "Getting To Know You"

Name: Cynthia Herrera (Duncanville)
Birthday: September 10
Birth Place: San Luis Potosi, Mexico –Central Mexico (Very Very Nice Place)
Family Information: Me and my two boys-Nathan, six yrs and Ethan, seven months
In my life, I have lived in these places: Only Dallas
My favorite place to live: Dallas
Because: It is the only place I have lived. I was born in Mexico, but never lived there only for my first two years
My favorite vacation place: I like going to San Antonio & Mexico for vacation
My Favorite Activity: I love going to Nathan's games. He plays basketball, football, soccer
My favorite hobby: I like reading. I'm really nerdy!
A turning point in my life: Having my boys...especially my oldest since I was pretty young
An influential person in my life: My mother. She raised me and my sister on her own and has been very helpful and supportive in my life
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Finishing school after I had my son and still going to college. Haven't finished yet, but I'm going to
Things that I still want to do: Finish my Bachelors Degree. I don't need too many classes, but it keeps getting harder and harder to find time

Name: Danielle Wright (Oak Cliff)
Birthday: June 9
Birth Place: Dallas, TX
Family Information: Married to Mike with three angels-Mike, Kaila, and Donovan
In my life, I have lived in these places: Only Dallas
My favorite place to live: D-Ville, because it's a good environment to raise my family
My favorite vacation place: Hot Springs, ARK
My favorite activity: Cooking & Fishing with my husband
My favorite hobby: Just watching the Food Network
A turning point in my life: When both of my parents passed away
An influential person in my life: My aunt
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Finishing high school and having a wonderful family
Things that I still want to do: Own my own catering business and owning my own house with land
Comments: It's never too late to accomplish any dreams!



Name: Twyla Shann Walker (Garland)
Birthday: July 16
Birth Place: Dallas, TX-Florence Nightingale Hospital
Family Information: I have five sisters, two children, and three grand children
In my life I have lived in these places: Dallas, Oklahoma City
My favorite place to live: Dallas because I have lived all over the world and the U.S. and the people here in Texas are the friendliest in any place on earth
My favorite vacation place: Summer Vacation-Yellowstone, Winter Vacation-Key West, Fall Vacation-N.Y.C., and more than a month-Ireland
My Favorite Activity: I love to get together with family and friends and play indoor and outdoor games
My favorite hobby: I like to quilt, travel, and gamble. I play the flute, the piccolo, and the oboe
A turning point in my life: When my father died
An influential person in my life: My parents, teachers, and friends for teaching me to be open minded and to speak up
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Being a good and loyal friend - A keeper of secrets and a fierce opponent
Things that I still want to do: Take my grandchildren to Scotland & Ireland

Employee Profile "Getting To Know You"

Name: Laura Bahena (Mesquite)
Birthday: August 19
Birth Place: Chicago, IL
Family Information: One beautiful four year old daughter, AnnaBelle
In my life, I have lived in these places: Chicago, IL and Mesquite, TX
My favorite place to live: Chicago
Because: It's where my family lives
My favorite vacation place: Anguilla! Small island of the coast of France-clear water, white sands-so peaceful and good burgers!
My Favorite Activity: Playing in the park with AnnaBelle
My favorite hobby: Shopping!!!
A turning point in my life: Having my daughter at a young age
An influential person in my life: My mom.she gets things done no matter what
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Going back to school
Things that I still want to do: Travel!!!

Name: George Moore (Irving)
Birthday: April 5
Birth Place: Dallas, TX
Family Information: Mom, three sisters, one brother, and I have a twin sister
In my life, I have lived in these places: Dallas, TX
My favorite place to live: Dallas, TX because it's home
My favorite vacation place:
My favorite activity: Watch movies
My favorite hobby: Sports
A turning point in my life: When I lost my grandmother and my best friend
An influential person in my life: My grandmother and my mom
An accomplishment that I am proud of:
Things that I still want to do: Travel
Other Comments: I have enjoyed working for Dallas County & working in Irving



Name: Ramona Stringer (North Dallas)
Birthday: September 4
Birth Place: Helena, Arkansas
Family Information: Husband-Mike, Daughter-Becka, Son-Alex, Step-Sons-Josh & Jason
In my life I have lived in these places: Dallas, TX, Shreveport, LA, and Ojia, CA
My favorite place to live: Dallas, TX, because lots to do & close to family
My favorite vacation place: Walt Disney World
My Favorite Activity: Fishing and camping with my hubby
My favorite hobby: Playing computer games
A turning point in my life: The day my son was diagnosed with cancer. He was ten yrs. old
An influential person in my life: My grandmother. She taught me how to cook and how to love unconditionally
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Taking care of my mom the last three months of her life. It was a blessing to be able to spend so much time with her
Things that I still want to do: Travel the U.S. I love road trips. I want to see Niagara Falls, Mt. Rushmore, and Old Faithful
Other Comments: I have two grandbabies that I spoil and can't wait to have more!

Employee Profile "Getting To Know You"

Name: Jessica Jaramillo (Downtown Motor Vehicle)
Birthday: August 2
Birth Place: Dallas, TX
Family Information: My husband of ten years, my seven yr. old son-Daniel, my four yr. old daughter-Amaya
In my life, I have lived in these places: Oak Cliff, Stephenville, TX, and Grand Prairie, TX
My favorite place to live: Would be somewhere out in the Country because it will be peaceful
Because: It's where my family lives
My favorite vacation place: San Antonio
My Favorite Activity: Anything the whole family could be involved in
My favorite hobby: Having family fun
A turning point in my life: Having my babies. They made me grow up
An influential person in my life: My mom of course.she has done a whole lot for me
An accomplishment that I am proud of: I am proud of having two beautiful and smart children, a steady job, and I am proud to say that I can hold my own!
Things that I still want to do: Travel!

Name: Willie Mae Nobles (Property Tax)
Birthday: September 7
Birth Place: Royse City, Texas-Greenville County
Family Information: I am the first born of four siblings to William James and Nonia Mae Huff
In my life, I have lived in these places: Dallas, TX
My favorite place to live: France because it's so beautiful
My favorite vacation place: Las Vegas
My favorite activity: Watching TV
My favorite hobby: Sewing
A turning point in my life: Growing up in the real world
An influential person in my life: My grandmother, Mary Ethel Watson
An accomplishment that I am proud of: My children, grandchildren and great-grand children
Things that I still want to do: Travel

Name: Bonita S. Pete (Accounting)
Birthday: November 14
Birth Place: Joplin, MS
Family Information: Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Carr, Husband-Timothy Pete, four children, three grandchildren, three nieces, brother-Wallace Carr Jr.
In my life I have lived in these places: Joplin, MS, Fayetteville, AR, Dallas, TX, and Houston, TX
My favorite place to live: Dallas, TX, because Dallas offers opportunities that are not available in other cities
My favorite vacation place: Bahamas
My Favorite Activity: Fishing
My favorite hobby: Shopping
A turning point in my life: Experiencing God and enjoying all of His blessings
An influential person in my life: Great grandparents
An accomplishment that I am proud of: Becoming the first African-American homecoming queen at my high school
Things that I still want to do: Travel, go skydiving, win the lottery, and build my dream house

