

CAREERS

Briefly

Dudley named to Domestic Violence Commission

Forsyth County Manager Dudley Watts Jr. was one the 11 North Carolinians sworn in last week in Raleigh as members of the Domestic Violence Commission of the N.C. Council for Women (CFW).

Each member has been appointed to serve two-year terms by members of the N.C. General Assembly. Other new members include Guilford County District Court Judge Susan Bray and Rep. John Faircloth of Guilford County.

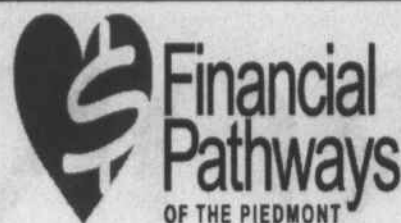
Karen Parker of Mecklenburg County, Chief of Strategic Initiatives at United Family Services, is chair of the Domestic Violence Commission. The 35-member board assesses statewide needs related to domestic violence and collaborates with the N.C. Council for Women to strengthen existing domestic violence programs. Additionally, the Commission examines the status and needs of families in their efforts to live in a violence-free environment.

"The Domestic Violence Commission is very important to citizens of North Carolina as we seek opportunities to improve victim services, increase public awareness, and inform legislators about issues that impact the lives of women and families," said CFW Executive Director Beth Briggs.

For additional information about the Domestic Violence Commission, visit the CFW web site at <http://www.councilforwomen.nc.gov/boards.aspx>.



Watts



Trusted Financial Guidance for Over 40 Years

Credit agency has new name

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Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Forsyth County, Inc., has changed its name to Financial Pathways of the Piedmont.

The agency, the area's leading non-profit consumer financial counseling service and a United Way of Forsyth County partner agency, says that the name change is taking place to better reflect its current capabilities and to appeal to potential clients.

The organization was founded in 1972 to provide professional consumer education and comprehensive financial and housing guidance to members of Forsyth County. To date, more than 400,000 area residents have been assisted by CCCS.

Over the years, the organization has expanded to offer educational programs to residents of Forsyth and surrounding counties to help families build wealth, achieve financial self-sufficiency, attain financial stability and handle financial crises. It also provides services through the Center for Home Ownership, the Homebuyer Education Center, the Center for Financial Education and Senior Financial Care.

"Over the past decade, the scope of services Financial Pathways of the Piedmont provides to area residents has expanded far beyond credit counseling and debt management to include home ownership programs, senior money management programs, education and general financial planning," said Peter Laroche, president and CEO of Financial Pathways of the Piedmont. "We feel that the name of our organization should reflect the expanded role we play in helping our clients achieve financial stability and independence."

The name change was announced Oct. 13 during CCCS's 40th anniversary luncheon at the Old Town Club.

Officials say the new logo, designed by the Russell Agency, was created to distinguish Financial Pathways of the Piedmont from fee-based financial services companies. The contrasting combination of the heart shape and the dollar sign conveys the organization's altruistic mission and caring approach in a unique, simple and universally understood way. At the same time, the lower-case presentation of the organization's name enhances the sense of friendliness versus formality.

For more information, go to www.financialpathways.org.



Laroche

Latino Credit Union to register voters in N.C.

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Latino Credit Union, which has a branch in Winston-Salem, in collaboration with Democracy North Carolina, will be registering voters at all Latino Credit Union branch locations across North Carolina.

Bilingual volunteers from non-profit organizations Democracy North Carolina, El Cambio in Winston-Salem, El Pueblo, and the Latin American Coalition in Charlotte will register voters from Monday, Sept. 24 through Friday, Sept. 28 in an effort to increase voter turnout in the state. The voter registration drive will coincide with the National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 25, 2012.

Latino Credit Union is a non-profit community development credit union committed to economic opportunity for all through ethical financial products and education. It is the first statewide, bilingual and multicultural financial institution in North Carolina that provides all of its services to its members in Spanish and English, without discriminating in pricing.

"Our goal is to provide a safe and easy way for members and non-members to register to vote," said Erika Bell, vice-president of Strategy & Services at Latino Credit Union. "If members of the community who are eligible to vote need to register or update their information, they can conveniently do so at their local credit union. It is another way to help encourage voters to exercise their right."

Voter Registration forms, along with voter rights information, will be available in English and Spanish. Members and non-members of the credit union are encouraged to visit any of the Latino Credit Union branches to register to vote during the week.

To learn more, visit www.latinoccu.org.



Latino Credit Union Photo

A front view of the Carrboro location.



N.C. Central ranked among top HBCUs

North Carolina Central University remained in the top tier of public universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2013 rankings of the nation's best historically black colleges and universities.

In its annual listing of top postsecondary schools, U.S. News placed NCCU 12th among the more than 100 colleges and universities founded for African-Americans, one notch lower than last year. The top nine spots in the rankings were all claimed by private institutions, led by Spelman College, Howard University and Morehouse College. The two public universities ranked ahead of NCCU were Florida A&M at 10th and North Carolina A&T at 11th.

The U.S. News rankings are based on a range of criteria, including a peer survey among top administrators of HBCUs, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. The weighting of the criteria tends to favor smaller, more selective institutions over larger state universities.

The full report on the HBCU rankings can be viewed at <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/rankings/hbcu>.

A&T's Mosley attends Phi Kappa Phi convention

Dr. Barbra Mosley, an assistant professor at North Carolina A&T State University, represented the university's chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, at its 2012 biennial convention in St. Louis, Mo. on Aug. 10 and 11.

Mosley serves as president for the North Carolina A&T State University chapter and attended the convention as the chapter's voting delegate.

The convention was attended by more than 300 guests including 177 chapter delegates.

The two-day event featured a keynote address from retired NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, as well as presentations by award winners from Phi Kappa Phi's grant programs, professional development workshops, regional meetings, ideas for strengthening chapters and elections for the new board of directors.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.



Mosley

Time of Reflection



Winston-Salem Fire Department Chief Antony R. Farmer speaks last week in Corpening Plaza during the City's 9-11 Commemoration service. Seated behind him are (from left) Police Officer Fleurette Gregory-Phillips, who performed "God Bless America," Mayor Allen Joiner and Chaplain Ronnie Baily.

City of W-S Photo by Jeffrey Toomer



Submitted Photo

Transformed Lives Inc. leaders accept the check from local Food Lion team members at the New Walkertown Road store.

Food Lion supports local nonprofit

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Transformed Lives Inc. has received \$3,500 from the Food Lion Charitable Foundation to enhance its food distribution program and its overall feeding programs for underserved individuals, families and communities.

Founded in 2010, the nonprofit operates the Transformed Lives Community Resource Center at 2610 New Walkertown Road and Transformed Lives Transitional House for formerly incarcerated men located at 2737 Stockton St.

"Our overarching belief system is that everyone has value and every life has worth. If we can somehow help to alleviate the burden of

food provision for people who are already overwhelmed with their life circumstances by providing additional groceries during our monthly food bank and snacks/meals for several of our programs, then we feel we are fulfilling our mission to be a support to the community," said Executive Director Michele Powell. "Everyone's desire is to be able to provide for themselves and their families. We are grateful to Food Lion Charitable Foundation for their partnership with us to help relieve hunger in our communities."

Established in 2001, the Food Lion Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$9 million in grants.

For more information about Transformed Lives, visit www.transformedlivesws.com.



Powell

Charlotte Mayor to give Bennett's Convocation address

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx will give Bennett College's 139th Founders' Day address on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 11 a.m. in the College's Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. Foxx was originally slated to speak at the school in February, but the event was scrapped.

Following two terms on City Council as an at-large representative, Foxx became the youngest mayor in the Charlotte's history, its second African-American mayor, and the city's first Democratic mayor in 22 years when he was elected in 2009. He was re-elected to a second term in November 2011.

As mayor, he has focused on strengthening and diversifying Charlotte's regional economy; improving quality of life; and developing a 21st Century infrastructure system for Charlotte. On his watch, the city has created more than 30,000 jobs and 1,600 new firms have opened in Charlotte.

He became the first mayor in Charlotte's history to lead an international trade delegation to China to help boost the city's exports and explore opportunities for collaboration with the world's second largest economy. Under his leadership, Charlotte has become the first city in the world to endeavor to reduce the carbon footprint of its central business district through a unique



Foxx

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