

Community Briefs

McCrory announces more DMV customer conveniences for 2016

Gov. Pat McCrory has announced customer service improvements for the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) for 2016. The improvements are aimed at reducing wait times, particularly for obtaining new driver licenses and identification cards, as well as updating online features at the DMV portal. New self-service kiosks will provide customers with touch screen access to online services in busy NCDMV offices. Customers will be able to use their credit cards and print out receipts for their service at the kiosks which will reduce wait times at these offices.

Automated Teen Driving Logs that can be completed online by teen drivers and their parents will be available in January. The new logs make it easier for learning drivers to enter their driving practice times and road conditions in preparation for their final tests at the DMV office.

The Division's MyDMV portal enables customers to view their driver license and vehicle registration details in one online location. These new features have been added to existing online services that offer vehicle registration renewals, duplicate registration cards, ordering personalized and specialized license plates, duplicate driver license and ID cards, requesting driving records, and various liability insurance payments.

Citizens with questions about these new features can visit its website at www.ncdot.gov/dmv or call its customer service helpline at (919) 715-7000.

Twin City Diner to close after 28 years on First Street

Twin City Diner, a landmark restaurant located at 1425 West First Street in Winston-Salem since 1988, will close December 23. Owner Chris Karahalios said that Twin City Diner, which served approximately 3 million meals during its 28-year history, has enjoyed a life cycle like that of many other diners.

"We had a good run for years, but now it's time to move on to a new chapter," Karahalios said. "I appreciate the loyalty of the Twin City Diner staff, many of whom have been with us for years, and I'm working with them to try to find replacement jobs. I also thank the loyal customers we've had over the years, particularly those who have become close friends. ... Above all else, the thank you letters that we received from our customers meant the most to us. Twin City Diner thanks the local community for 28 great years."

Governor McCrory honors Howard Lee for public service

Governor McCrory honored lifetime achiever in public service Howard N. Lee with the North Carolina Award for Public Service during the annual North Carolina Awards ceremony in Raleigh, held in November. It is the highest civilian honor the Governor of North Carolina can give. Howard Lee may be best known as the first African-American to be elected mayor of a predominantly white southern town since Reconstruction, but other firsts were to follow. He was the first African-American to be a cabinet secretary, as secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, and the first to chair the State Board of Education. Lee has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to education and while in the state Senate was co-chair of the Senate subcommittees on education policy and appropriations. In each of these roles he served the public, including creating a transit system and public housing in Chapel Hill, mentoring disadvantaged youth while employed at Duke University, managing all education reform enacted by the legislature from 1997-2000, and overseeing creation of the state's mountains to sea trail. In 2011 Lee founded the Howard N. Lee Institute for Equity and Opportunity in Education with a focus on African-American males.



Lee

First African-American promoted to general in N.C. Air National Guard

The North Carolina Air National Guard recently promoted Sanford, N.C., resident Clarence Ervin to the rank of brigadier general, making him the first African-American general officer in the NC Air Guard's (NCANG) 67-year history.

Ervin pinned on the rank during a ceremony at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh on Friday, Dec. 18.

Originally from South Carolina, Ervin enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1979 as a fuels specialist and transferred to the NCANG in 1985. He earned his officer's commission in 1988 when he graduated from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base near Knoxville, Tenn.

Ervin has served as NCANG's chief of military equal opportunity, commander of the 145th Services Flight and the 145th Mission Support Group and as vice commander of the 145th Airlift Wing, all units located at the NCANG base at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte. Since 2013, Ervin has served on active duty as the NCANG director of staff at the Guard's Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh. In his new role, Brig. Gen. Ervin will serve as the NCANG chief of staff. In civilian life, he is the Assistant Chief for Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.



Ervin

Community Calendar

New Year's Eve dance party

Plan to ring in 2016 at a New Year's Eve Dance Party with Denver and The Mile High Orchestra. The party will be at First Christian Church, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, on Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bring your friends for a fun evening of music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Tickets are \$25 per person. Purchase tickets at itickets.com or at fccministries.com.

Call for entries for sixth annual 10-minute play competition

Winston-Salem Writers is now accepting entries for their 10-minute play competition through Jan. 5, 2016. The contest is open to North Carolina residents only, including full-time students in a North Carolina school. Entries must be original and previously unpublished. Three winning plays will be chosen and stage read on the evening of Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Hanesbrand Theater in Winston-Salem. Entry fee for nonmembers of Winston-Salem Writers is \$20. More information and complete rules can be found at www.wswriters.org under the "Contests" tab.

Shepherd's Center to offer classes at Peace Haven Baptist

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold the following classes and workshops at Peace Haven Baptist Church, 3384 York Road, beginning in January:

*Writing Stories From Your Life, Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Must pre-register. Call Diana at 336-768-6168.

*Beginning yoga, Mondays, 4:00 p.m. \$2 donation per class. Call 336-748-0127 to register.

*A Matter of Balance: Fall Prevention. Eight-week class at no charge. Information session will be held on Monday, Jan. 11, 1:00 p.m. Class begins Jan. 18, 1 - 3:30 p.m., through March 7. Must pre-register as class is limited to 16. Call 336-748-0217 to register.

*First Thursday Craft Club with Joyce Treadway. \$5 supply fee. Class limited to 20. To register, call 336-748-0217.

*Living Healthy with Chronic Disease, Feb. 25 - March 31, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Call 748-0217 to register.

Forsyth County 4-H club forming

Forsyth County 4-H is forming a new 4-H club for youth ages 8-11. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 7 at the Forsyth County Extension Center at 1450 Fairchild Road. Call Tara Cuello, 4-H Leader, at 336-934-7468 or email her at tcuello@yahoo.com for more information.

City holding Small Business Plan Contest

The city is holding its Small Business Plan Contest in 2016 and will hold an information meeting Jan. 7 for entrepreneurs interested in participating. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in Room 530 of the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem. The Community and Business Development Department is sponsoring the contest to promote small business and job creation by helping entrepreneurs develop sound business plans. The two winning business plans will each receive a \$5,000 grant for start-up costs and up to \$5,000 in a potential matching micro-loan.

Eligible submissions must be for micro-businesses (five employees or less) located within the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, which includes downtown and portions of the northern, southern and eastern quadrants of the city. The business must also create low- to moderate-income jobs or benefit low- to moderate-income residents. Staff from the department's Business Development Division will be available to provide assistance throughout the contest.

Following the information session on Jan. 7, two-page business proposals must be submitted by Feb. 4. All submissions will be reviewed and the top finalists will have the opportunity to submit completed business plans in May.

The finalists will be judged by the Small Business Loan Committee and the winner announced in June.

All entrepreneurs entering the contest are eligible to receive guidance on how to improve their business plan and how to apply for the city's Small Business Loan Program.

More information is available at CityofWS.org/CBD, or call Ken Millett at 747-7472

Remembering John Biggers

The Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts presents "Remembering John Biggers," an exhibition of prints and drawings by Dr. John T. Biggers (1924-2001), an African-American muralist, painter and educator now through Jan. 30, 2016 at Delta Arts Center, located at 2611 New Walkertown Road. The exhibit features works from Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts' permanent collection and the works from private and public collections across the state. Biggers, a native of Gastonia, came into prominence after the Harlem Renaissance and was often called "a canvas master of the human condition." Visit www.DeltaArtsCenter.org or call 336-722-2625 for more information.

Night to Shine Prom

Night to Shine Prom, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, will take place on Feb. 12, 2016 at First Christian Church Ministries, 1130 N. Main St., Kernersville, from 6 to 9 p.m. The prom will include a red carpet entrance. The honored guests receive either a crown or a tiara to serve as a reminder that they are all kings and queens.

If you know of someone with special needs who would like to participate, please register at <http://www.fccministries.com/#/night-to-shine-prom/register-to-attend>.

Ongoing American Legion Post 128 fish fry

A fish fry is held every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4817 Old Rural Hall Road to support and serve the community. The funds also support the Post.

Karaoke

Karaoke Night is every second Friday of the month from 8 to 10 p.m. at Camel City Elks Lodge on 1405 N. Patterson Ave. There will be cash prize winners judged by the audience from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music by DJ R.M. and sponsored by the Magnificent Seniors Social Club.

Food and Clothing Giveaway

Love Community Development Corporation serves those in need of food and clothes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. JobLink is also available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for those needing resumes or who are looking for a job. Love Community Development Corporation is located at 3980 N. Liberty St. For more information, call 336-306-8119.

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Commercial banker, bank win awards

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

HIGH POINT — Tina Greene, commercial banker with Bank of North Carolina, recently won Best Banker in the Go Triad Readers' Choice Award 2015.

Greene, a vice president with over 20 years of experience in banking, is a 1995 graduate of High Point University.

Her office is in High Point, where her primary focus is around enhancing the experience for the business customer, while building new relationships in the area. A surprise celebration was hosted for Greene, so that her award could be shared with her customers and the community. Bank of North Carolina won the award of Best Bank, as well.

The Readers' Choice Awards recognize various businesses and individuals in the areas of Food & Spirits, Shopping and Services, People and Personalities, Entertainment, and Health, Beauty, & Fitness.

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