

Community Briefs

City hires new budget and evaluation director
City Manager Lee Garrity has appointed Patrice Y. Toney as the city's new budget and evaluation director, after an extensive national search and assessment process. Toney will assume her new duties on Dec. 5. Toney has worked for Forsyth County since March 1999, including the last five years as a senior budget and management analyst. She also held positions in the Forsyth County Department of Public Health and the Public Library. While working in the county Budget and Management Department, she assisted with the development of the county's \$414 million annual budget, performed management analysis for numerous departments and managed the county's contracts with outside agencies, including local non-profit organizations. Prior to joining the county, she worked as a public safety communications operator for the Winston-Salem Police Department. Toney has received numerous community awards, including the city of Winston-Salem's Outstanding Women Leaders Award in March 2015. Toney will have an annual salary of \$100,000.



Toney

Architect honored for work on depot

David E. Gall, Architect, PA has earned the 2016 Tower Award given by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for the restoration of the 1888 Pulaski Train Depot in Pulaski, Virginia. The award was presented at the annual AIANC Design and Chapter Awards Ceremony held at the Winston-Salem BioTech Place on Nov. 10. The award recognizes "well designed projects ... that exemplify historic preservation and adaptive reuse, restoration, or rehabilitation of an historic structure." The project has previously earned the 2011 Community Preservation Award from Preservation Virginia and the 2014 Virginia Municipal League Achievement Award.

United Way of Forsyth County names new VP of marketing and engagement

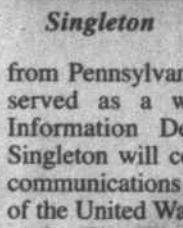
Kim Thore was recently named vice president for marketing and community engagement at United Way of Forsyth County (UWFC). Thore brings 20 years of leadership experience in corporate and higher education marketing. In her role, Thore will ensure that marketing and branding efforts achieve maximum impact and favorably increase donor and community support. She will also lead innovative strategic thinking, planning and management of opportunities to enhance UWFC's branding efforts and value proposition throughout Forsyth County. Thore previously worked as a marketing strategist at Piedmont Advantage Credit Union, after serving in prior marketing leadership roles at Greensboro College and Wake Forest University. She obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a member of Professional Women of Winston-Salem.



Thore

United Way of Forsyth County names new director of communications

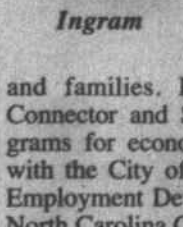
Aaron Singleton, who most recently served as the director of news and media relations for Winston-Salem State University, has been named the director of communications at United Way of Forsyth County. Prior to his role at WSSU, Singleton served as the director of public relations for Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, responsible for all internal and external communications. He currently serves on the board of The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Singleton earned a bachelor's degree in speech communications from Pennsylvania State University, where he later served as a writer and editor in the Public Information Department. In his current role, Singleton will coordinate the organization's overall communications strategy and broaden the awareness of the United Way of Forsyth County. He will report to the Kim Thore, vice president of marketing and engagement.



Singleton

ESR promotes success coach

Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR), a non-profit community action agency that assists the working poor, has promoted Pamela Ingram as its Housing Program Manager. Ingram will manage programs and staff related to housing initiatives which serves 150 clients per year. She will also continue to advocate for programs suited to assist people with housing and other services, through collaborations and program development. Prior to becoming Housing Program Manager, Ingram worked for 10 years as Housing Connector and Success Coach at ESR where she managed client cases of homeless individuals and families. Before her position as Housing Connector and Success Coach, she managed programs for economically disadvantaged individuals with the City of Durham Office of Economic and Employment Development. Ingram is a graduate of North Carolina Central University.



Ingram

Today, Dec. 1 - Lighting Ceremony

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, 1 Medical Center Blvd, will hold the Annual Moravian star lighting ceremony on today, Thursday, Dec. 1. The ceremony will be held from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. The event is open to the public free of charge. The ceremony will be held on the top level of Wake Forest Baptist's Eden Terrace parking deck off Hawthorne Road. The event will have a brief worship service given by Rev. John D. Rights of Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, hot apple cider, Moravian cookies and music by the Medical Center Chorale and Moravian band led by Rev. Nola Reed Knouse, PHD. For more information about the ceremony, call Wake Forest Baptist's Division of Faith and Health Ministries at 336-716-3409.

Dec. 1-4, 8-11 & 15-18 - Production of 'Written on the Heart'

RALEIGH - Burning Coal Theatre Company will present David Edgar's *Written on the Heart*, a drama about the creation of the King James Bible. The play will run Dec. 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 11 and 18th at 2 p.m. The play will be held at Burning Coal Murphey School Auditorium, 224 Polk Street, Raleigh. Tickets are \$25 for regular admission, \$20 for seniors (65+) and \$15 for students, teachers and active military. The first Sunday, Dec. 4, is Pay What You Can Day and will be audio described. All Thursday performances are \$15 general admission. Tickets and further information can be found at www.burningcoal.org or by calling 919-834-4001.

Dec. 1-4 - Holiday play

GREENSBORO - North Carolina A&T State University, 1601 E Market St., Greensboro, will present the production of "Black Nativity" on Dec. 1-4 in Harrison Auditorium. The play celebrates the birth of Christ with storytellers guiding audiences through the words of the Holy Scripture. The Thursday, Dec. 1 performance will be at 7 p.m.; Friday, Dec 2 show will be at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec 3 will have performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 4 show will be at 3 p.m. The ticket costs are \$17 for adults; \$11 for senior citizens and non-AT&T students; \$8 for children 12 and under; free for AT&T students with student Aggie card. To purchase tickets, call 336-334-7749 or visit ncataggies.com. For group rates, contact 336-334-7519.

Dec. 1-16 - Holiday meals and Food Drive

Ferguson Bath, Kitchen, and Lighting Gallery, 7905 N Point Blvd, is partnering with Move for Hunger, to host a holiday food drive on Dec. 1 - 16. Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Customers, employees and members of the community are urged to bring non-perishable food items to the provide meals for their neighbors in need. City Transfer & Storage, a local moving company, has provided boxes for the collection and has volunteered to deliver all donations to Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina at the end of the drive. For more information, contact Dan Beam at dan@moveforhunger.org or call 732-774-0521 Ext. 109.

Dec. 2 - Food Drive

Southeast Middle School's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Second Harvest Food Bank are collecting canned goods by holding a "Fill the Bus" campaign on Friday, Dec. 2. The school will accept donations from 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the front parking lot, 1200 Old Salem Road, Kernersville. Volunteer staff members will be locked up on the bus until a requisite number of canned goods are donated as bail. Community members are encouraged to participate by dropping off canned goods on a drive-through basis. Staff members and parent volunteers will be available to collect donations throughout the day. For more information, contact Principal Stephanie Gentry by email at sgentry@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or by calling 336-703-4219.

Dec. 2 - 11 - Black Nativity play

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company, 610 Coliseum Drive, will present the play *Black Nativity* by Langston Hughes Dec 2 - 11. The play directed and choreographed by Mabel Robinson focuses on a Christmas story combining gospel music, dance and spoken word. The play will have special school performances on Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.; Dec. 2 - 11 Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets for

adults are \$26, students are \$21 and children 15 and under are \$18. All seats are \$18 on Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. For group rates, call 336-723-2266 for more details.

Dec. 2-21 - Annual Fine Crafts and Art Sale

Deck the Halls will return to the Sawtooth School for Visual Art in the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts, 215 North Spruce St. in downtown Winston-Salem, on Dec. 2 - 21. The event will feature 80 local and regional artists and craftsmen with uniquely handcrafted gifts and home accent pieces. The hours are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sundays. The event kicks off with a preview party on Dec. 1. Tickets to the preview party on Dec. 1, from 6 - 9 p.m., are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For more information and ticket prices, visit sawtooth.org/deck-the-halls or call 336.723.7395, ext. 201.

Dec. 3 - Bag of Shavings Event

Fur Ever Friends of North Carolina is sponsoring a wood shavings bag distribution event, "Spread the Warmth" on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10-11:30 a.m. The bag of shavings will fill two to three doghouses and should be spread throughout the doghouse to provide extra warmth. Free bags of shavings will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis in the parking lot at the corner of Ivy Ave. and Liberty St. across from the Downtown Health Plaza. Volunteers will leave to distribute bags of shavings in several low-income neighborhoods in Forsyth County. There is a limit of one bag per household. For more information, go to Fur Ever Friends website at www.fureverfriendsnc.org.

Dec. 3 - Comfort of Faith Auditions

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company (NCBRC), 610 Coliseum Drive at Arts Council Theatre, will hold auditions on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The auditions are for the play "The Right Reverend Dupree in Exile" continuing the season's theme The Comfort of Faith. The production will be on March 3-12. To schedule an appointment, please email headshot and resume to casting@ncblackrep.org. Audition times will be emailed upon confirmation of appointment. Interested recipients should bring a picture and resume stapled together to the audition.

Dec. 3 - Holiday Parade

The 26th Annual Winston-Salem Jaycees Holiday Parade, downtown Winston-Salem starting at the intersection of Fourth Street and Poplar, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. The parade will be followed by the Downtown Winston-Salem's Partnership annual tree lighting ceremony.

Dec. 3 - Holiday with Santa

The Virginia College in Greensboro, 3740 S. Holden Road, will hold a Holiday Fest with Santa event for the community on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Attendees are invited to enjoy activities for all ages such as pictures with Santa, making holiday cards for Operation Gratitude, decorating Christmas ornaments, hot chocolate and tacky sweater contest. Individuals can also learn about the College and its programs through campus tours.

Dec. 3 & 17 - Book Signing

Karen Fullerton author of *Sergei's Eyes: Reflections of Soul Lessons* will have a book signing on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 17 from 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. The Dec. 3 signing will be at Winston Cup Museum Special Event Center, 1355 N Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Dec. 17 signing will be held at The Natural Dog Pet Food Market, 29 Miller Street, with special guests the White Christmas Carolers 29 Miller Street. The book focuses on inspiring spiritual growth and help sick and injured pets receive veterinary care.

Dec. 4 - Holiday Concert

Winston-Salem State University's Department of Music, Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, 601 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, will hold its annual holiday concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. The WSSU Choir, the Burke Singers, Schola Cantorum and the Singing Divas will perform holiday favorites. The concert is themed "In Silent Night," will feature holiday favorites, arrangements and student compositions. Maestra D'Walla Simmons-Burke is director; Dr. Myron Brown, accompanist; Dr. Ronald Patterson, bassist; and guest percussionists.

Dec. 5 & 7 - Youth Chorus Auditions

The Winston-Salem Youth Chorus and Ambassadors of the city will hold auditions for the 2017 Winter/Spring semester beginning on Jan. 2. Auditions are open to third-through 12-graders on Monday, Dec. 5 and Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 2151 Silas Creek Parkway. For more information and to schedule audition time, visit www.wsyouthchorus.org or call 336-703-0001.

Dec. 5 - 9 - FAFSA Assistance

State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) will be offering additional help to college-bound students and families with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the week of Dec. 5 - 9 during normal business hours in all 257 locations. FAFSA is the document that is required to be considered for all federal and most state financial aid for college, career or graduate school. The branch personnel will be available through the week to answer questions and help with the completion and electronic filing of the FAFSA for 2017-2018 college academic year. The annual event is offered by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASFAA) and SECU.

Dec. 5 - 9 - Toy drive

The Winston-Salem Police Department is holding a "Stuff the Patrol Car" toy drive to serve local families. A police officer will be at the Walmart on Hanes Mill Road from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Dec. 5 - 9, to accept donations of new unwrapped toys for children.

Dec. 6 - Genealogy Club

The Lexington Public Library, 602 S Main St., will have the History Hunters Genealogy Club on Dec. 6 from 6 - 7 p.m. The club will talk about preserving Christmas memories.

Dec. 6, 9 -10, 13 & 20 - Christmas tours

Reynolda House Museum of American Art, 2250 Reynolda Road, will hold "A 1917 Christmas" tours on Dec. 6, 9, 10, 13 and 20. The tours consist of daytime and evening tours. The daytime tours will be held on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 between 2 - 3:30 p.m., with tours starting every 15 minutes. The evening tours will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 from 5 - 8 p.m. The tours will consist of the sights, sounds and scents of the house that will be brought to life by the museum staff and costumed actors. The prices are \$20 and \$15 for students as well as members of the museum. To obtain admission reservations are required.

Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Free Concerts

Old Salem Museum & Gardens will present a series of free concerts at the Old Salem Visitor Center, 900 Old Salem Road, on Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 12 p.m. Organist Susan Foster will perform on Dec. 7; Organist and Director of Music Stephen Gourley will perform on Dec. 14; Regina Pozzi, Organist and Director of Music Ministry will perform on Dec. 21; Organist and Director of Music for Traditional Worship Frances Burmeister will perform on the Dec. 28 concert. For more information, visit www.oldsalem.org or call 336-721-7300.

Now through Dec. 2 - Medicare Annual Enrollment Sessions

The Medicare Annual Enrollment period will take place from Oct. 15 to December 7. To assist Medicare beneficiaries, the annual enrollment sessions are being offered on Fridays from Oct. 21 through December 2. The sessions will assist Medicare beneficiaries to review their drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans and make changes if necessary. Trained Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors will be available to assist in the enrollment process. Enrollment sessions will be conducted on the following Fridays: Oct. 21 and 28; November 4, 11 and 18; and December 2. All of the enrollment sessions will be held at the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem, 1700 Ebert Street. One hour appointments will be offered from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Space is limited. Appointments must be made by calling the Shepherd's Center at 336-748-0217.

Now through Dec. 10 - Road Closing

Hawthorne Road, between Magnolia and Coventry St., will be closed to through traffic from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. from now until it reopens on Saturday, Dec. 10, if the weather permits it. The road will have a detour

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