

BUSINESS

Fidelity Bank rebrands trust department

FUQUAY-VARINA – Fidelity Bank is pleased to announce the rebranding of Fidelity Bank's Trust & Investment Management Department to Trust Company of North Carolina. This division of Fidelity Bank is a full-service multi-family wealth management office now headquartered in Fidelity Bank's Cary Main office located at 100 West Chatham Street in downtown Cary. Trust Company of North Carolina has also opened a second location in Fidelity Bank's Burlington office, at 2517 South Church Street.

John H. Slayton and his team will be managing the Trust Company of North Carolina's efforts. Mr. Slayton is a 35-year veteran fiduciary, tax, and investment expert. Mary Willis, President and CEO of Fidelity Bank stated, "We are pleased to have John on our team and the new enhanced product offerings to meet our customer's needs."

Mr. Slayton is excited about the opportunity. He said, "The solid 105 year history of Fidelity Bank and its conservative culture will enable Trust Company of North Carolina to be a premiere multi-family office manager for individuals seek-



John Slayton

ing privacy, security, and quality personal service. In addition to our top-notch service, our investment offerings are more complete and robust than any that I have been involved with over the course of my career.

"Individuals can no longer simply develop a ladder of stocks and bonds to hold indefinitely. Investors must be proactive, diligent, and sophisticated in their avoidance of undue risks. We are equipped to assist in attaining a satisfying investment and fiduciary experience for our customers."

Fidelity Bank is a full-service financial institution with assets of approximately \$1.6 billion headquartered in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. The Bank owns and operates 62 branches throughout North Carolina and Virginia; and was awarded a 5-star (superior) rating by BauerFinancial.

Fidelity Bank has a local bank in Kings Mountain.



The Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting recently at Mike's Great Finds new location in downtown Kings Mountain.

Photo by Adria Hamrick

New location for Mike's Great Finds

Mike's Great Finds, a Kings Mountain consignment shop specializing in antiques and collectibles, has moved to a more central location where its owner says he gets more foot traffic and can offer better parking for his customers. In the process he's expanded into furniture and home furnishings.

Members of the Kings Mountain business community, the city and Cleveland County welcomed Mike's Great Finds to its new location on Battleground Ave. Thursday in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"We've tripled the amount of space we have," said owner Mike Weaver, referring in part to a new furniture section, located where Kiser's Minit Grill stood for more than a generation before closing in 2013.

In the move from a N. Piedmont Ave. location, Weaver and partner Nicole Smith say they've almost eliminated clothes from the store's inventory, with the exception of a few vintage items.

Since opening up their shop last year, the two have worked to drive business to specialty shops in Kings Mountain. Several months ago, Smith designed a senior discount program and got local merchants involved.

Now they're planning a scavenger hunt that encourages shoppers to visit downtown stores in search of specific items.

Tentatively planned for the start of the school year, the plan is to collect a \$1 each from local business owners to help build a jackpot for the winner. Also, businesses would kick in a \$5 or \$10 gift certificate to spur repeat business. To find out more about the scavenger hunt, contact Weaver or Smith at (704) 466-7095.

Weaver said he's been a collector since he was a small child. He accompanied his father to auctions and flea markets in search of the useful, valuable or simply interesting. The habit stayed with him in his adult life, eventually turning into a passion.

Years ago the Maryland native turned that passion into a business, hunting for and collecting what interested him and selling what others found interesting over the Internet.

The store is brimming with almost every breed of antique and curiosity – from vintage cameras and 19th century swords to china, cutlery and odd souvenirs and books from around the world.

Weaver said last year that the store is a natural and needed extension of his growing warehouse and online business.

Like many collectors, Weaver says his house functions as his warehouse, adding that the items for sale in the store are just the tip of the iceberg. He says he'll never stop "picking" – which is the art of hunting for treasures in unlikely or forgotten places, such as barn lofts or old bomb shelters.

"I still have to take a day off pretty often just to get out there and see what I can find," he said. "We love it."

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Learning Center Orientation

August 13 - 15 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
August 19 - 21 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

September 9 - 11 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
October 7 - 9 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

October 21 - 23 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Paksoy Technology Center, Room 3107

Please arrive thirty minutes before the orientation session begins. No cellphones or electronic devices allowed in orientation.

All students must bring a valid North Carolina Driver's License or ID from the NC Department of Motor Vehicles and a Social Security Card*. If you have questions or would like more information about the Learning Center orientation, please call 704-669-4050 or 704-669-4052.

*Expired or unreadable documents will not be accepted.

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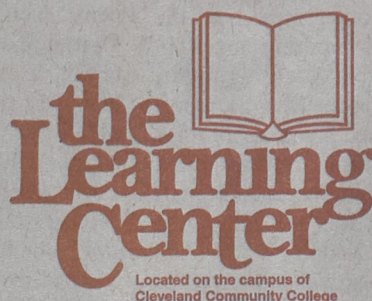
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You can start a neighborhood program at a local church or elsewhere in your community. Programs will be offered whenever and wherever there is a need with a minimum of ten students. Cleveland Community College will offer courses off-campus upon request. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Nanney, Dean of the Learning Center, at 704-669-4062.

CLASSES ON THE CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS							
CLASS	SITE	DAYS					TIME
		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Adult High School/GED Lab	Paksoy 3105	.	.	.	.		8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
	Paksoy 3105					.	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
ABE/GED	Online						Online
Adult Basic Education (ABE)	Paksoy 3112	.	.	.	.	.	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	Paksoy 3112	.	.	.	.		5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
	Paksoy 3116	.	.	.	.	.	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
	Paksoy 3116		5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
English as a Second Language	Hunt 2054	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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CLASSES AT OTHER CLEVELAND COUNTY LOCATIONS							
CLASS	SITE	DAYS					TIME
		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
ABE	DWS/JobLink 404 E. Marion St., Shelby	.	.	.	.	.	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
	Friendship United Methodist Church 111 Friendship Dr., Fallston	.	.		.		5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
	Resource Center Gardner Street		8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
ABE/Teach Me to Read	DWS/JobLink 404 E. Marion St., Shelby	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



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