

Your Right To Say It

Thanks for helping LEC

To the editor:

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Life Enrichment Center, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those Kings Mountain business who donated door prizes for our Sixth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at River Bend Golf Club on May 18. The Life Enrichment Center provides adult day health care to residents of Cleveland County who are aging and/or disabled, and who have impairments which prohibit their being independent without supportive services.

I was very fortunate to have been the first student intern at LEC during my senior year at Gardner-Webb University and was employed there for a while after graduation. It was due to my association with the center that I became aware of the tremendous need for the services that the LEC provides the residents of Cleveland County. It is a very real possibility that if we live long enough, we or some of our loved ones may one day need the services of an adult day care center and it is comforting to know the LEC is there if the need arises. LEC is the only specified Alzheimer's center in our region and if LEC were not there, many families with elderly loved ones would be faced with the dilemma of choosing between premature institutionalization or giving up careers to become full-time care-givers.

I would like to especially thank AAA Sports, The Sub Factory, Angie's Etceteras, Mauney Hosiery Mills Inc., Timms Furniture Co. and Plonk's General Store for their support. It is nice to know that these businesses are concerned about the welfare of senior adults in our county.

Sincerely,
Monty Thornburg

Support Joyce Cashion

To the editor:

In 1947 when I announced that I had purchased the Fulton Funeral Home in Kings Mountain, the late Lee B. Weathers, Editor of the Shelby Star, called me to his office to ask that I might do all possible to build a better relationship between Kings Mountain and Shelby. Many of you will agree that this has greatly improved.

The purpose of this letter is to support the re-election of Mrs. Joyce Cashion as the Kings Mountain area person to serve on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

The people of the Kings Mountain area deserve a seat on the Commission. She is highly qualified and deserving to continue serving the people of Cleveland County.

The Shelby area has three of the five seats. Surely our area deserves one.

This will be in your hands on May 31.

Ollie Harris

Vote for Joyce Cashion

To the editor:

Kings Mountain, I beseech you to please vote on May 31. With Joyce Cashion in a runoff, we in Kings Mountain need to be vocal and visible now more than ever. For many years, Joyce has served as the voice of Eastern Cleveland County on the County Commission. She represents our region well and always watches out for our best interest. For Kings Mountain to maintain a say-so in county government Joyce must remain in office and it is up to us.

I urge everyone to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 31, to vote for our representative, Joyce Cashion. Kings Mountain deserves representation in the county. Due to the small turnout in Kings Mountain on May 3, Joyce is now faced with a runoff. Your vote could make the difference on May 31.

Teresa Melton

Praise for Senior Center

To the editor:

To the public who may not know of the good being done at our Senior Center located at 301 N. Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain. Entering into a small lobby you are greeted by one of the staff, Mrs. Linda King, the Transportation Coordinator. If you want to discuss business, Linda shows you to the office of Monty Thornburg, director of the operation, who is the best young, compassionate man who watches out for all ages, but his empathy for the worn, tired and the poor has elevated their pride. The joy and peace on their faces is proof of the love, fellowship and food given them - just what Christ ordered for us all.

Mr. Thornburg, in cooperation with TACC, has arranged for senior adults who must see out of town doctors to be driven right to the front door. In the busy traffic area of the Charlotte area around Medical Towers, Presbyterian Specialty Hospital, Carolinas Medical Center, and the many other clinics who specialize in various medicine, patients are chauffeured in wheelchairs. Many people are chauffeured including diabetics who have lost both legs to a tiny baby having her esophagus re-attached (KMCS only funds seniors age 60 and over). All of these necessary trips are made possible by the blue van called TACC.

Those who are well and are just going to appointments for check-ups or evaluations ride separate vans

making for a calm trip for the anxious ones. The lovely blue leather seats are very comfortable. The drivers are very good. One driver is Ursula Walls who takes professional care of each passenger, seeing that all are buckled up before she safely proceeds.

The trip over with this driver is better than driving your own car. The charge for trips to senior adults are based on what you can afford, and if you can not pay you can still be served.

I hope these services provided by the Kings Mountain Senior Center and TACC will continue forever. I am told by TACC that more patients from Kings Mountain use the vans than any other part of the county. Though the services are available to many in Cleveland County, Kings Mountain has the greater need.

Another driver, Mary Curry, is a caring Christian leader who as the driver for the nutrition site route also delivers home meals supplied by the Cleveland County Department of Social Services to many in various neighborhoods. Mary delivers in summer and winter, sometimes running into angry dogs. She enters the house, assists the little old patient, brightens her day and is off to the next one. In the uptown section, she couldn't do without the meals. The meals are good and the drivers dependable.

Monty and his loyal assistant, Sharon Eaker, attend to all aspects of the department taking care of details both great and small. Sharon's efficiency with the telephone and computer helps seniors in need in a hurry.

Next, I met Carolyn Bell. Carolyn plans the trips, programs, classes and activities for the senior adults to enjoy along with arranging friendly visitors for those who are homebound.

Last, but not least, is Thelma Hicks, who runs the nutrition site. She oversees the preparation of the food and for the home delivered meals program. This place is a state inspected Grade A and serves 50-plus meals every day. Some pay \$0 cents and some pay \$1 or more, but no one asks for money. It is put into a slot in a box and no one is questioned about the amount they give. They are only asked to give what they can afford.

The Kings Mountain Senior Center is an act of Christianity done through federal grant funds but mostly from your local taxes. Our taxes do a lot of good here! Mr. John Henry Moss had the vision to put the senior center in the depot for Kings Mountain. I'm sure he is proud it is so worthily used.

I will write again to enlighten you on the things going on at the Center. By the way, the Bridge Club plays every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-4 p.m. Players are men and women with Mrs. Gerry Myers as the director. They now have four tables a week sometimes. Some of the regular guests are Wilson Griffin, Peggy Hartsoe, Ruth Plonk, Vera Becker, Walter and Doris Eck, Maude McGill, Dot McNamara, Margaret Spratt, JoAnn Fredrick, Margarite Plonk, Modie Houston, Mildred Myers, Charlotte Sudenka, Oscar and Mary Barenwald, and Ellen Foster; and soon to join them will be myself.

Elizabeth Simmons Lynch

Government responsible for crime

To the editor:

We now hear that President Clinton has suggested that, in an attempt to "curb violence in public housing," police should be allowed to raid apartments without search warrants. He also suggested that tenants sign leases allowing police to search their apartments at will for weapons, drugs, or criminal contraband.

On another occasion, Clinton's FBI Director, Louis Freeh, has advocated putting phone tap mechanisms onto every phone line as a means of reducing crime. Furthermore, he had the gall to advocate that we be forced to pay for the phone tap which the government put on our line.

Now, citizens will no longer be allowed to purchase over 185 different types of new firearms (the "19" figure was a blatant lie), and will have to "register" the ones which they already have, to include the magazines for them. Of course, the Federal Judiciary has already declared that registration violates the Fifth Amendment for criminals, so only "law abiding" citizens will have to "register" theirs so that the BATF can come blow off their front doors during the middle of the night when they decide to collect all of those registered guns, just as was done in New York City.

Once again, our government creates a problem in order to cause a panic in which our Liberty may be taken from us. Rather than surrender our Freedom, we must demand that the Federal Government reign in its judiciary and restore the rights of the states and local communities to combat crime. It is the Federal Judges who have imposed prison caps, overturned death penalties, and overturned countless convictions. It is the Federal Government who has cripple the law enforcement efforts of local and state police with ridiculous procedural requirements. It is the Federal Government which has encouraged crime through its social and welfare policies.

We must not allow petty would-be tyrants in Washington, DC to usurp our God-given Constitutional rights as the solution to crime, a problem which they created in the first place.

Respectfully,
Richmond C. Beecher

Bloodmobile to be at First Baptist Thursday

Give an hour of your time to assure someone in need will have a life time.

That's the plea of Sandi Bolick, Cleveland County Red Cross Chapter Director of Blood Services, who is encouraging a big

turnout for Thursday's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile at First Baptist Church.

Donors will be processed from 1:30-6 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

Bolick says the Blood Services Carolinas Region is in critical need for O negative, B positive and B negative blood.

"O negative is at a one day supply at this time," says Bolick.

City Manager list narrowed to six Tuesday

Six finalists were picked Tuesday night by Kings Mountain City Council and one will emerge as the city's chief executive officer following interviews on June 3-4.

Mayor Scott Neisler said that the seven-member board was pleased with the final candidates, all men and all from North Carolina.

"They all look good but it will be a matter of personal contact with them and how well we can work with them," said Neisler.

The mayor said the original candidate list numbered 97 and was then trimmed to 60. At Tuesday's two-hour session of the board, Council selected 10 candi-

dates each and then voted, narrowing the list to six.

Neisler would not give the cities from which the candidates are coming for interviews. "I would not want to jeopardize their present jobs," he said.

The mayor said he hoped the new manager would be on the scene by early July.

Moss Lake Beach to open May 28

The beach at Moss Lake will open Saturday, May 28 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Regular hours will be Monday-Friday from 12 noon-6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

For more information, call 482-7926.

Deal Street Pool to open on June 4

The Deal Street swimming pool will open Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

Regular hours are Monday-Friday from 1-6 p.m., Saturday from 10-6 p.m., and Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

For more information, call the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department at 734-0449 or 739-9251.

Summer camps set at Cleveland YMCA

Summer sports camps have been scheduled at the Cleveland County Family YMCA. Boys and girls ages 5-15 are eligible to participate.

Camps include soccer June 13-17 and July 18-22; basketball June 20-24 and August 1-5; tennis June 27-July 1 and August 8-12; and all sports, July 11-15.

Each camp will meet Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per session for members and \$45 per session for non-members.

For more information, call 484-YMCA.

Sanctuary Choir To Sing May 29

The Praise & Worship Sanctuary Choir of Second Baptist Church will sing "God With Us," Sunday, May 29, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited.

Singing Godwins To Sing May 28

The Singing Godwins are coming to Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church, 508 Branch St., across from the city walking track, on Saturday, May 28, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited.

Cherryville church sets special programs

Cherryville Church of God, 810 East Main Street, will observe baccalaureate services Sunday, June 5. In the 10:45 a.m. service, church graduates will wear their cap and gown as they are honored. Rev. Todd Phillips, pastor, will speak.

The church will have a world missions service on Sunday, June 12 at 10:45 a.m. A special presentation will be given, pledges taken, projects presented, and Rev. Todd Phillips, pastor, will speak on missions.

The public is invited to both services.

For more information, call 435-4735 or 435-9788.

Macedonia Church to host Vince Tharpe

Macedonia Baptist Church will host a performance of Vince Tharpe of Art Alive Ministries May 22, 15 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Tharpe presents a unique blending of art and music to present the Gospel of Christ.

A love offering will be taken to support his ministry.

Rev. David Philbeck, pastor, invites the public.

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Spectrum and Anvil comprise 90 percent of the city's water business.

"Council hasn't taken seriously what local industry has been saying in recent months," said Parsons.

"Perhaps they thought the industries were just threatening but they meant business."

Parsons said the pull out, even if it should be temporary, of the three plants will mean bad news for city fathers already wrestling with next year's budget and unable to make ends meet on the current budget.

Parsons said that local industrial leaders say that fuel oil is much cheaper than natural gas.

"It's very frustrating dealing with day-to-day operations when what I really need to do is spend all day on finances for which I am trained and like to do," said Parsons, who became the city's chief executive officer March 21 after George Wood resigned after six years as manager to take a similar position in Cleveland, Tennessee.



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