

## Tom Brooks joins board at Carolina State Bank

Tom Brooks, president of B&D Enterprises, has accepted a position on the Kings Mountain Advisory Board of Carolina State Bank.



Brooks, a lifelong resident of Cleveland County, operates Tom's Family Mart, Tom's Coin Laundry, and the Oak Grove Car Wash in the Oak Grove Community. A Vietnam veteran, he is married to the former Teresa Rippey and they have two children, Tommy and John, and one granddaughter.

Brooks is active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of Life Enrichment of

Cleveland County, the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department, and the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, as well as being a member of the Postal Advisory Council for Kings Mountain. He is also a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge #202 AF & AM and the Piedmont Shrine Club. As a hobby, Brooks is an airplane pilot and member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Jay Rhodes, Senior Vice-President of Carolina State Bank, stated, "We are delighted that Tom is willing to serve on our Advisory Board. Being the only locally owned bank in Kings Mountain, we need to have individuals give us the pulse of the community so that we can provide the products and services our customers need."

Carolina State Bank will celebrate its fourth anniversary in April. The bank has grown to four locations and over \$90,000 in assets while serving Cleveland and Rutherford counties.



Two Kings Mountain students - Laura Smith and Dana Wray - were among the North Carolina students serving as Governor's Pages last week. Students pictured with Governor Hunt include, front row, left to right, Gerald Rush II, Melanie Milone, Jamie Patterson, Dana Reason, Dana Wray, Leslie Copley, Michael Braxton and Byron Tonic. Back row, Frederick Hill Jr., Spencer Parker Jr., Laura Smith, Jeff Barker, Rodney Cain, Corbett Davis, Elizabeth Keller and Merrick Hylton.

## Smith, Wray are pages for governor

Laura Beth Smith and Dana Lynn Wray of Kings Mountain recently served as pages with the Governor's Page program in Raleigh.

Both are juniors at Kings Mountain High School. Dana is the daughter of David and Cheryl Wray of 607 Temple Street, and Laura Beth is the daughter of David and Krista Smith of 810 Monroe Avenue.

Dana worked as a page in the Department of Cultural Resources, and Laura worked as a page in the Controller's Office.

Pages are nominated by their teachers, principals, or other members of their community to serve a one week term. The program is open to high school students between the ages of 15-18 who maintain a B average.

For more information, call 919/733-5811.

### Women to create ID packets for kids

The Women's Resource Center of Cleveland County will be at Cleveland Mall from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., March 4 to fingerprint, measure, weigh, photograph and videotape children up to age 18 in conjunction with the Association of Childhood Education International "Children Entertaining Children."

There will be a charge of 75 cents for a Polaroid picture to attach to the ID card, and a charge of \$1.50 for a three-minute videotape. All other services will be free. For more information call 484-3503.

### Girl Scout Council to begin fund drive

Caroline Laney of Shelby and May Barger of Gastonia are the chair and vice chair of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council annual giving campaign. The goal for the "Friends of the Future" campaign, which runs March 1-31, is \$40,000.

The Pioneer Council annually provides more than 4,000 girls with Girl Scouting in Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties. The annual giving campaign is run by volunteers in each county, including Julia P. Rankin, greater Belmont; Diane Chandler, Gastonia; Mary Frances Mauney and Carolyn Summer, Cherryville; Susan S. Horvat, Lincolnton; Bobbi Lundy, Denver; Tina Rucker, Cleveland; and Vivian Sitten and Mary Burgin, Rutherford.

### Support Groups planned at Gaston

Gaston Memorial Hospital is starting a support group for patients with Crohn's Disease/Ulcerative Colitis and their families. Crohn's disease is an inflammation and sometimes ulcerative condition of the gastrointestinal tract. Ulcerative colitis primarily affects the large intestine. Symptoms include cramping, diarrhea, rectal bleeding, fever and sometimes weight loss.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Classrooms 1 and 2 at Gaston Memorial. For more information, call the hospital at 834-2251.

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