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County sets Day of Caring

Cleveland County Day of Caring has been opened to everyone interested in improving the community or helping a neighbor, United Way officials announced today.

The event, set for Saturday, September 16, is a joint effort between Cleveland County United Way and Kings Mountain United Way and will serve as the kickoff for the county's 1995 campaign.

Hundreds of volunteers have signed up to work that day on at least 18 projects in a demonstration of Cleveland County's spirit of caring. The band, Cross Creek, singer Wanda Lu Greene and Gary Houston & Company will entertain workers after their hard day's work at the Cleveland Community College amphitheater.

Charlie Harry, Day of Caring chairman, said it was decided to expand the project to give more people a chance to take part.

"We urge any group or individual in the county who wants to do something special for the community or a neighbor to come up with their own project and join in on September 16," Harry said.

"Recognition will be given to the project which best exemplifies a caring community."

Senior Center will be spruced up

Giving the Senior Center a fresh coat of paint is just one of the 19 projects that will take place on September 16 as the United Fund of Kings Mountain and the United Way of Cleveland County join forces for "A Day of Caring."

This special event will involve hundreds but there is still room for more.

The Senior Center project needs at least 20 painters, so if you would like to join the fun call Shearra Miller at the United Way at 482-7344 for more information.

The projects all over Cleveland County will begin at 8 a.m. and the day will conclude with a special campaign kickoff for the county United Way at James B. Petty Amphitheater at Cleveland Community College.

The celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. with barbecue, ice cream and entertainment by Cross Creek, Wanda Lu Greene and Gary Houston & Company.

Chairman of the event is Charlie Harry and Maude Norris and Mac Lancaster are co-chairmen.

Sponsors are Azdel Inc, BB&T, Cellular One, Doran Textiles Inc., Fasco Controls, First National Bank, Grover Industries, Kemet Electronics, Mayflower Vehicle Systems, Kings Mountain Plant, PMDC Inc., PPG Inc. and Reliance Electric.

Volunteers who have signed up to paint in Kings Mountain are Mayor Scott Neisler, Jay Rhodes, George and Helen Hatch, Rev. Hal Schwantes, J. C. Bridges, Mitch Norris and Ina Blanton.

Cleveland County United Way office by September 25. All entries will be recognized and the one selected by judges as the best example of caring will be awarded a Day of Caring plaque and be featured at campaign celebrations in the fall.

"This added feature of the Day of Caring gives everyone a chance to participate," Harry said. "The major projects we've identified are important but there are so many more needs to be met. We hope hundreds of other projects will be completed from one end of Cleveland County to the other."

Here's all you have to do to participate:

Select your own group or individual project.

Complete the project on the Day of Caring September 16.

By September 25, send a short, one page or less, description, including name, address and phone number of a contact person to: Day of Caring, United Way, 132 West Graham St., Shelby, 28150. If you have questions or if you are interested in signing up for a preselected project, call Shearra Miller at 482-7344.



DAY OF CARING - Jay Rhodes, Maude Norris and Monty Thornburg, left to right, are getting ready to paint the red caboose at the Kings Mountain Depot and Senior Center as a project for Day of Caring September 16. Numerous projects will be underway all over Cleveland County by volunteers in a program sponsored by United Way of Cleveland County and Kings Mountain United Fund.

Denise Leonard always has something going on

Denise Hord Leonard's goal at Pine Manor Apartments is to make a difference.

After a year in the new job of Resource Director for Insignia Management, the residents of the 95-unit low-rent housing project, say Leonard is doing just that.

"This is the most rewarding work I have ever done and you know how much I loved the Kings Mountain Recreation Center," said Leonard, 37, as she directed three toddlers to a new play area equipped with Head Start funds and read them educational materials while their mother was attending parenting class.

"Denise has something going on here all the time," said a mother enrolled in the class which meets once a week to offer parenting skills to the mother of a new-born as well as to the mother of a teenager. If the mother has no sitter for her small children she takes them along and Leonard finds something for the kids to do in a playroom she has renovated on the second floor of the Resource Center.

Other days you can find girls signing up for three Scout troops, families attending Sunday School led by East Gold Street Wesleyan Church and Wednesday services led by New Life Christian Church. Bible School attracted crowds and

a Big Brothers program for boys will be up and running by Christmas.

"We are trying to plan activities for the whole family and we even have homework time after school when I work one-on-one with the kids."

"It's really neat," says an excited Leonard.

Some of the residents are going back to school to get high school diplomas in an adult education program coordinated by Leonard, Cleveland Community College and instructor Donna Canova. The class meets three days a week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

On most any given day of the week a special event is underway and geared to the kids. There are at least 100 preschool children living in the facility.

They have birthday parties each month, holiday parties, Bible School the first week in August, and, of course, Christmas parties and a big angel tree from which 150 children can choose a present and get a treat from Santa Claus. Last year the Adult Class of First Baptist Church provided the gifts and People's Church gave treat bags. Christ Covenant Church serves lunch once a month at a Bible Study attended by women, children and youth, also a popular



Narasha Simpson, 4, Tina Simpson, 2, and Chiquita Simpson, 1, enjoy the new playroom area of the Pine Manor Resource Center with Director Denise Leonard while their mother attends parenting class.

organized a support group of parents who are ready at any time now to provide help with refreshments and other events.

The key to her success in the program is involvement, she will quickly tell a visitor.

"The image of Pine Manor has drastically changed," said one resident attending a parenting session.

The mothers are getting new ideas on preparing nutritional meals and learning to like new foods and cook old recipes a new

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Precaution, common sense could save life during flood

Knowing what to do when floods threaten may save your life, says Claudia Rose of the local unit of the American Red Cross.

"Learn where safe evacuation routes are and how to get to them in the event of a flood," Rose said. "If there has been a severe thunderstorm, have a flashlight, portable radio, and extra batteries on hand. Stay tuned to the local radio and television stations for storm information."

In time of disaster the Red Cross assists with food, clothing, shelter, emergency medical assistance, and other emergency caused personal needs. "Red Cross has been helping disaster victims for more than 100 years," said Rose. "Here in Cleveland County, we're ready to help any time disaster strikes." She stressed that Red Cross disaster assistance is an outright gift made possible by the generosity of the American public.

"Many of the problems caused by floods can be prevented if families take a few precautions," she said. Residents in threatened areas are urged to keep their car's gasoline tank full should evacuation become necessary. Other preparations can be made in advance. Among the items that should be ready in

case of emergency are property deeds, insurance policies, bonds and stock certificates, bankbooks and checkbooks, and other important papers. If evacuation is necessary, you should also take prescription medicines, eyeglasses, a change of clothing for everyone in the family, blankets, basic food supplies and food for special diets, baby formula and diapers for babies, and toys to keep children amused.

"If you are driving through a flood, the most dangerous thing you can do is to drive through flood waters," said Rose. "Police barricades are there for your protection. Many people have lost their lives when they have ignored them. Take refuge in the nearest Red Cross shelter. Your radio can give you its location."

Anyone wishing more information on preparing for floods or other natural disasters, or anyone who wishes to support Red Cross disaster assistance efforts as a volunteer, may contact Claudia Rose at the Cleveland County Chapter at 487-8594. Contributions to support disaster relief efforts can be mailed to the chapter at 215 Patton Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Win big bucks in football contest

Okay, sports fans. Get out your thinking caps and crystal balls. It's time to win some big bucks in the First Carolina Federal Savings Bank Pick the Winners football contest.

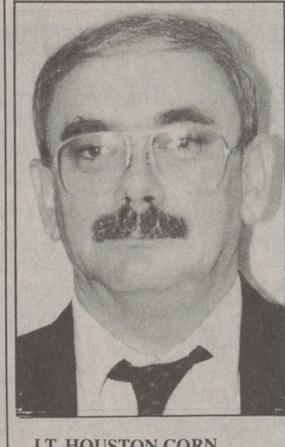
The contest will run for the next 10 weeks in this paper, and the lucky person who picks the most winners each week will win \$100 from First Carolina Federal.

The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. on Friday preceding the Friday and Saturday games. Entries received in the mail must be post-marked (by the post office - not by office postage meters) by 5 p.m. Friday. Entries received or post-marked after 5 p.m. Friday will be disqualified.

Only one entry per person will be allowed each week.

KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

Police work challenge for Corn



LT. HOUSTON CORN

The increase in crime over the past 20 years has necessarily called for skilled law enforcement officers in criminal investigations and that's Lt. Houston Corn's area of expertise.

Corn, 44, who joined the Kings Mountain Police Department January 15, 1973 after a two year hitch with Uncle Sam's Army, was promoted recently by Chief Bob Hayes to Lieutenant in the Detective Division.

Active on the city's Selective Law Enforcement Team Corn was the perfect choice for the job, according to Hayes, who said that Corn had worked areas where high drug use was suspected for several

years as a Sergeant in the Detective Division.

Promoted through the ranks, Corn spent 1800 hours in law enforcement training and attended management development programs at Salemburg and other classes taught by the FBI at the N. C. Criminal Justice Academy. He holds an advanced certificate in law enforcement training and a degree in criminal justice from Cleveland Community College.

"Criminal investigations are a challenge and my job is never boring," says Corn, who came to Kings Mountain the night he graduated from Enka High School near Asheville in 1970 and was immediately drafted in the Army.

His brother, David Corn, was an officer on the local police force so it was natural that Houston would follow in his footsteps.

"That was 22 years ago and I have never regretted my choice of a career," said Corn. He would highly recommend it as a career for any young man or woman but the job takes commitment.

He and his wife, Kathy, formerly of Rutherfordton, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary August 22. They have two daughters, Michelle who is married to Stacey Kale and they have a son, five year old Daniel, and Christy, a graduate of Kings Mountain High School who is a student at Gaston College.

The family is active in Second Baptist Church.

A native of Enka, he is the son of the late Ralph and Ivey Corn. In addition to his brother, David, who was on the KMPD force eight years, he has two sisters who reside in Enka.

Corn was hired by former Chief Tom McDevitt who like Chief Hayes pushed training for his officers.

Corn likes to tinker with antique cars. You might see him at area car shows displaying his beautiful restored 1965 Mustang.