

**Briefs**

**Autumn bird walk at KM State Park**

An autumn bird walk will be held Saturday, October 19 at Kings Mountain State Park.

Participants will identify birds and learn their habits while appreciating the outdoors. Take binoculars and bird books (optional). Ages 12 through adult may participate. The fee is \$3 per person and registration is required by October 18. Meet at the campground parking lot by 9:30 a.m. The program will last two hours.

For more information, call the park at (803) 222-3209.

**Coca-Cola bottle commemorates season**

Coca-Cola is honoring the Carolina Panthers' inaugural season at Ericsson Stadium with a very limited edition commemorative bottle. The distinctive 8-ounce bottle features the

Panther logo and the words "Inaugural Season at Ericsson Stadium 1996." It went on sale Monday at selected retail food and convenience stores throughout the area.

Only 19,000 cases - less than one million bottles - will be offered.

**Diabetes Support Group meeting set**

A Diabetes Support Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 6-7 p.m. at Emerald Care, 2923 Rousseau Court, Gastonia. The topic of the program is "Diabetes Update."

For more information call 867-1141.

**Parkinson's Disease support group to meet**

Gaston Memorial Hospital's support group for patients with Parkinson's disease and their families will meet Monday, Oct.

7 at 6:30 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2 at Gaston Memorial.

Tim Pigg, Manager of American Health Services, will present the program "Medicare and You."

For more information, call 834-2251.

**Battle celebration October 7 at KMNMP**

A special program commemorating the 216th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be held October 7 at 3 p.m. in the park amphitheater.

The keynote address will be made by Reon G. Hillegass Jr., President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Following the program, a wreath laying ceremony will be held at the U.S. monument, which is the site of the surrender of the loyalist forces.

The Overmountain Victory Trail Association, which is recreating the march to Kings Mountain for the 22nd year, will march into Cowpens National Battlefield on October 6 and will arrive at KMNMP at 3 p.m., the time the battle began in 1780.

The Guilford Militia, a group dedicated to bringing back a part of history and heritage, will recreate the activities of an 18th century military encampment on October 5 and 6. The encampment will feature military drills and musket and rifle firing. Other camp activities include cooking, bullet and button molding, and basket weaving. A field hospital will house the regimental surgeon who will be discussing Revolutionary War medicine.

There is no admission fee to any of the events. The public is invited. For more information, call the park at (864) 936-7921.

**Battle discussion October 4 in Gaffney**

The Battle of Kings Mountain and its role as the turning point of the American Revolution will be the theme of a major address by noted historian Dr. Dan

Morrill at Gaffney City Hall October 4 at 7 p.m.

The address will be followed on Saturday morning, October 5 at 10 a.m. by a tour of strategic points at Kings Mountain Battlefield and a demonstration by the Guilford Militia Drills and Musketry.

Cost for both events is \$35 and includes a Friday evening reception and lunch on Saturday.

For more information, call the Cherokee County Historical Society at 1-800-416-8937.

**Myrick introduces gun bill in U.S. House**

United States Representative Sue Myrick has introduced a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives that if passed will increase the mandatory minimum sentence for criminals who possess firearms in the performance of their crimes.

Rep. Myrick's bill increases to 10 years the mandatory minimum sentence for criminals possessing firearms in furtherance of federal drug trafficking or violent crimes (current law mandates a five-year minimum sentence).

The bill further stipulates that if the firearm is discharged during the crime, the minimum punishment would increase to 20 years imprisonment, and if the firearm is a machine gun, a destructive device, or is equipped with a firearm silencer or firearm muffler, the minimum punishment would increase to 30 years imprisonment.

**Haunted Trail set at Chestnut Ridge**

For the 13th straight year, Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Haunted Trail during Halloween to raise funds for fire fighting equipment.

The trail, billed as "Deadly Voyage," will include a hayride from the fire department to the trail.

The dates and times are: Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30-12; Sat.,

Oct. 26, 7:30-12; Sun., Oct. 27, 7:30-10; Mon., Oct. 28, 7:30-10; Tues., Oct. 29, 7:30-10; Wed., Oct. 30, 7:30-10; and Thurs., Oct. 31, 7:30-11.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5-11. Children under age five will be admitted free.

For more information, call 739-7756, 730-8882, or 739-1416.

**Lail completes recruit training**

Coast Guard Seaman Leslie L. Lail, daughter of Steven B. and Lorene J. Lail of Kings Mountain, recently graduated from recruit training at Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, NJ.

She was taught general military subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-the-job training leading toward qualification in one of the Coast Guard's 26 occupational fields.

She is a 1993 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

**Legal services date changed at KM Depot**

The regularly scheduled visit by Catawba Valley Legal Services for Friday, Oct. 4 has been rescheduled for Friday, Oct. 11. This service is offered by the Kings Mountain Senior Center and is by appointment only. Call the Center at 734-0447 to make an appointment.

Senior adults age 60 or over who live in Cleveland County may obtain legal assistance in non-fee generating civil cases, some of which involve Social Security, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, Housing, and Probate law including wills, power of attorney, and living wills. Government funding allows these services to be provided free to all who qualify but donations are accepted.

**Alexander Park to break ground**

Ribboncutting and groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Alexander Business Park

will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at 102 E. Gold Street between Carolina State Bank and City Hall.

President Ruby Alexander said the ceremonies were originally scheduled for October 1 but were postponed because of the rain.

City and Chamber of Commerce officials will participate in the ceremonies.

**B&P meeting features projects, goals**

Park benches and door stickers are ongoing projects of the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association which met September 17 at First Carolina Federal Savings Bank.

Kathy Neely presided and reports were given by Angie Barrett, secretary; and Joe Smith, treasurer.

Linda Allen and Neely invited participation in the park bench project which honors and memorializes Kings Mountain residents and will be placed in the downtown area. Frances Caveny will head up the sticker project.

Jim Childers, representing the Consortium for Progress, invited the group to attend the regular meetings on the third Monday of each month at City Hall.

The group made plans to hold a Christmas season project and a social which will combine the November and December meetings.

Members present, in addition to the officers, Caveny, Smith and Childers, were Bernice Chappell, Mike Neely, Joe Robinson, Tim Hord and Don Allen.

**Job skills class at Mauney Library**

A job search and skill class is planned for October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 at Mauney Memorial Library from 1-4 p.m.

Those 18 or over who are unemployed or would like a better job are invited to sign up for the

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**VOLUNTEERS ALL** - Suzie Randall, Janet Martin, Karen Tucker and Brenda Lovelace, left to right, organized the clothing closet at the Kings Mountain Community Center after volunteers built new shelves and display areas during Saturday's Day of Caring co-sponsored by Kings Mountain United Fund and Cleveland County United Way.

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