

Briefs

Davis campaigns at KM reception

Dennis Davis, Republican candidate for the North Carolina Senate, called for tougher criminal penalties, the need for abolition of the inheritance tax and reducing taxes, and improving education at a reception at the home of his campaign manager, Tim Moore, and Mrs. Moore March 10.



DAVIS of Cleveland and Rutherford Counties," said Moore.

Davis received overwhelming endorsement from Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot, a candidate for Governor, and former U. S. Congressman Alex McMillan of Charlotte.

"We need more people of Dennis Davis' integrity and quality serving government," said Vinroot.

McMillan spoke fondly of his association with Kings Mountain people when he represented the 9th District of North Carolina in Washington, DC.

Fifty people attended the dessert and coffee including local elected officials N. C. Representative John Weatherly, Kings Mountain Mayor Scott Neisler and Board of Education Chairman Ronnie Hawkins.

Sponsoring the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Ballard Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brand, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks Jr., John O. Harris III, Kelly Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Murphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neisler, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Neisler, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Toney and Mr. and Mrs. Fred White.

The next reception for Davis will be held in Rutherford County on April 16 with special guest Congressman Richard Burr. Anyone interested in attending may contact the Davis campaign headquarters at 434-8700.

Merchants beware of bogus \$20 bills

Det. Sgt. D. E. Johnson warns merchants to beware of counterfeit \$20 bills being passed around town.

"I personally visited many businesses in town after two merchants reported they had been taken in this flim flam operation," Johnson said this week.

He said cashiers to be alert when customers ask for two ten dollar bills for a \$20 or for a \$50 bill for two 20's and one 10. "They put a real \$20 bill on top of the pile and the cashier doesn't examine the other," he said.

Police have no suspects in two reported incidents.



LIBRARY GIFT - Gloria Helton, Program Coordinator Beginnings Early Intervention for the Cleveland County Preschool Interagency Council, and Mildred Wilson, Preschool Coordinator for Cleveland County Schools present 18 books and one video on how children can deal with grief to Children's Librarian Louise Sanders for Mauney Memorial Library. The donations were purchased through a grant from the N. C. Interagency Coordinating Council.

Republicans slate Lincoln celebration

The Cleveland County Republican Party is holding its annual Lincoln Day Celebration Friday, April 3.

There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. at Cleveland Country Club. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at Cleveland Community College.

Special guests include the Honorable Sue Myrick, the Honorable Richard Vinroot, and the Honorable Leo Daughtry (Majority Leader, NC House of Representatives).

Keynote speaker will be Richard Burr, member of Congress from North Carolina's 5th District.

"This is an ideal time to meet the

Republican candidates before the Primary," said spokesperson Kathy Livsie.

Tickets are \$25 single or \$45 couple for dinner only, with student prices at \$15 single or \$25 couple. For reservations or information call 482-6738 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

RSVP by March 25.

New apartments going up in town

Builder Tommy Hall is putting up five apartments on West Mountain Street.

Planning Director Steve Killian said Hall bought dilapidated properties and razed for the new construction.

KMHA, Senior Center receive high scores

No areas of non-compliance were found in recent assessments of the Kings Mountain Senior Center and the Kings Mountain Housing Authority, two programs operated by the City of Kings Mountain.

The Kings Mountain Housing Authority, with a score of 99 percent on the assessment rating for the year, was designated a high performer, according to Ledford L. Austin, Director, State Office of Public Housing, Greensboro Julia B. Nichols is executive director of the local housing authority, 201 McGill Court.

The King Mountain Aging Department, of which Monty Thornburg is director, is responsible for the operation of the Kings Mountain Senior Center which also serves as a nutrition site funded through the Department of Social Services. Transportation services are arranged and provided through TAAC, the Transportation Administration of Cleveland County. The center is in compliance with all cost-sharing requirements and a random sampling of active client files indicates that all had completed client intake forms and updates as needed.

The staff was graded as knowledgeable of service standards, providing a friendly, helpful center for participants. The Center has experienced a 35 percent increase in participants over the last 10 years.

Police sound alarm about unlocked cars

Your car can be the target of thieves if you leave it unlocked with items in it that are in plain view.

That's the alarm sounded by Det. Lt. Melvin Proctor and Det. Sgt. D. E. Johnson who say police have been kept hopping investigating 52 car break-ins in Kings Mountain since January 1.

"There were six just this week and these break-ins are happening all over town with no particular reason other than that vandals see vehicles unlocked and they grab what they see," said Johnson.

The result is that many residents are ripped off of tools, cash, pocketbooks and anything of value they may have in their automobiles.

In many cases vehicles are left unlocked, police say.

Other break-ins occur when vehicles are locked but Proctor said that motorists should be aware that insurance does not pay off for vandalism when cars are left unlocked and insurance agents pick up copies of police incident reports.

Johnson said women should not leave their pocketbooks and cash in a car and should lock up all packages in the trunk.

One incident that occurred last week at 2 a.m. in the morning was viewed by some neighbors who would not call police because they feared of getting involved, said Johnson.

"People should not be afraid to dial 911 and notify police if they see a suspicious activity," he said.

"Just call police," said Proctor.

TIMMS

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former member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Keeping his store open six days a week, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, didn't deter the personable Timms from his activity in church and civic clubs.

The walls of his office include pictures of his family and also plaques he has earned for com-

munity service.

"We built a reputation on quality home furnishings at discount prices and we've try to maintain that reputation over the years," said Timms.

Timms has no immediate plans for retirement. He says he is grateful for his fine staff and his manager of 25 years Larry Dunn.

"Selling has been my life," said Gene, who enjoys meeting the public whether the customer's buying or just looking.

MOBILE HOME

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owners had pushed.

"I don't think it's a whole lot to ask that some of these parks improve," said Steve Gordon, planning board member who served on the committee that established the proposed ordinance.

"We want to improve our

parks and realize that we all must work together," said Lovelace.

At a meeting at Oak Grove Baptist Church in February mobile home park owners complained loudly that the proposed ordinance was too strict and that they would have to raise the rent on tenants to meet the requirements and that would put parks out of business. The proposed or-

Ingle's option extended six months

The owner of property on Oak Grove Road that Ingles Super Markets holds an option to buy extended the option for six months last Monday.

Judy Scism said the closing date for the sale of her property to Ingles passed Monday but the supermarket chain's realtor Charles Murdock has asked for a six month's extension.

"By that time possibly the

company will have ironed out its plans for running the sewer line to Kings Mountain to serve the business," said Scism.

Planning Director Steve Killian said the city has had no contact recently with Ingles but that the city had authorized the submittal of a community block grant to help the firm to pay for the cost of running sewer to the property.

McDONALD'S

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Alexander and Economic Development Director Steve Nye.

City Council members present were Mayor pro tem Norma Bridges, Bob Hayes, Rick Murphrey, Gene White, Jerry Mullinax and Clavon Kelly. City Manager Jimmy Maney also attended along with a large number of business citizens.

dinance required the installation of decks, patios or landings outside each residence in a mobile home park. Street lighting, paving and density requirements were other concerns.

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