

Friday Focus seminars planned by County Information Office

This fall, the Cleveland County Public Information Office is sponsoring four "Friday Focus" seminars - each on a different communication issue.

On August 21, the topic will be "How to Write Press Releases and Other Tips for Working with the Media." Participants will do mock TV and radio interviews as well as write sample press releases.

Other dates and topics for "Friday Focus" are: September 18, "Time Management/Goal Setting;" October 16, "Questions and Answers: Keeping Cool in an Adversarial Situation;" and November 20, "Tips for Becoming a Better Listener."

Each seminar is held from 9 a.m.-12 noon (but is likely to end a little sooner) in the first floor conference room of the County Administrative Building, 311 East Marion Street, Shelby. The best part is that each seminar is free and open to the public.

For more information, call me at 476-3012.

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Also available from the Public Information Office are a flyer listing the requirements for zoning in Cleveland County, the updated Cleveland County Fact Sheet, and the Cleveland County Speaker's Bureau. The zoning flyer is available through my office or the Planning and Zoning Office.

If you have any questions about Cleveland County government, call me at 476-3012.



CLEANING UP - Legionnaires Bob Ramsey, Gene Moore, W.D. Bowen and Whitey Hogue, left to right, clean up debris in the old Ford Cemetery off Slater Street. American Legion Post 155 has taken the area behind the club as a beautification/community service project.

Hard work of KM friends, little fib made Parkers' celebration success

Don and Nell Parker thought returning to Kings Mountain so soon after moving to Cookeville, TN. would give the impression that they were homesick.

So their son, Punch, who was pulling a surprise 60th anniversary celebration for them at Central United Methodist Church, had to resort to a little fibbing.

He told them that their friend, Paul Hendricks Jr., had called to say that his mother and their dear friend, Helen Hendricks, was to receive a civic award and had requested that they be present.

That, they couldn't miss.

They were surprised when they walked into the Central Methodist fellowship hall to see all their friends and neighbors gathered to wish them happy anniversary.

Because of the efforts of Punch in Tennessee, and Geneva Caveny, Helen Hendricks and Mary Black in Kings Mountain, the surprise was pulled off, and according to Punch, was a "wonderful occasion."

Those who have been in Kings Mountain for awhile know Mr. Parker as a longtime teacher and coach at Kings Mountain. He was a wonderful father figure and role model for a lot of people, and he was a great influence on countless thousands of students and athletes.

The Parkers came here in 1943 for what they



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thought would be an interim teaching and coaching stint for Coach Parker, who had been teaching in Fletcher after retiring as a professional baseball player.

But the Parkers loved Kings Mountain so much, they decided to stay and Coach Parker spent the next 25 years coaching and the next 35 in teaching and/or administration. He was head basketball coach for 25 years and is still the school's all-time winningest coach, and he also served stints as head coach in football, baseball and golf as well as being a football assistant coach for many years.

Because Coach Parker had a recent bout with cancer, and also because he is 85 years old, the Parkers decided it would be better for them to move to Cookeville where they would be near their son and his family. The decision was hard, but Punch says they are adjusting and, health-wise, both of them are doing fine.

Homeless took shelter in old Ford Cemetery

The homeless are apparently taking shelter in the trees and waist-high weeds growing in the old Ford cemetery off Slater Street.

"We haven't seen anyone here but we can see where they slept," said Legionnaire Bob Ramsey who pointed to cardboard spread on the ground and food leftovers.

Ramsey and Legionnaires Gene Ware, W. D. Bowen and Whitey Hogue clean up the area behind Post 155 on a regular basis and usually six or seven Legionnaires take Saturday off

to handle the detail.

"This is kind of a shortcut from the back of our Legion Post to the Amvets Club on Slater Street and we will probably have loads of trash to haul off," said Hogue.

Old tombstones in the small graveyard bore the names of Fords. One beautiful big marker had the names of Andy J. Ford, born 1841, died 1901, and Cenith Ford, born 1831-1902. There were several older markers almost hidden under the tall shade trees.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

	July 15-21	Year Ago
Total precip.	.03	1.60
Max. one day	.02 (20)	1.60 (16)
Year to date	35.56"	40.30"
Low temp.	70 (20)	60 (17)
High temp.	99 (20)	96 (15)
Average temp.	83.6	82.2



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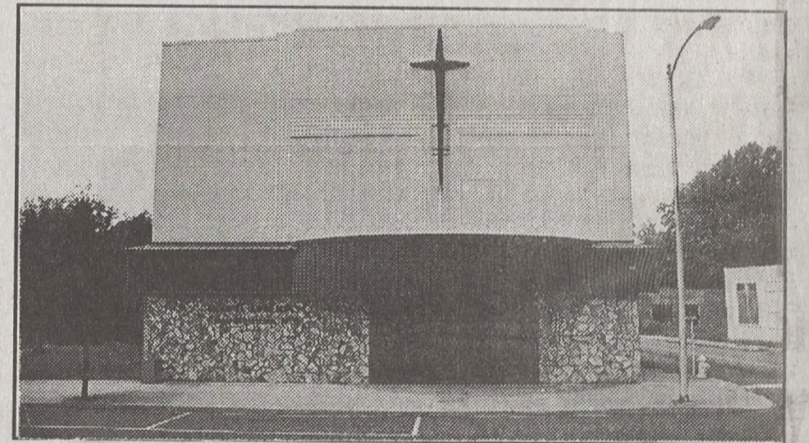
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4. National television show, "Prime Time Gospel with Andy Bryan"
5. From Headland, Alabama



Friday Saturday Sunday - July 24-26
7:00pm 7:00pm 2:00pm

Gospel Assembly

202 S. Railroad Avenue
Kings Mountain, N.C.