

# Summer offers numerous opportunities in and around Cleveland County

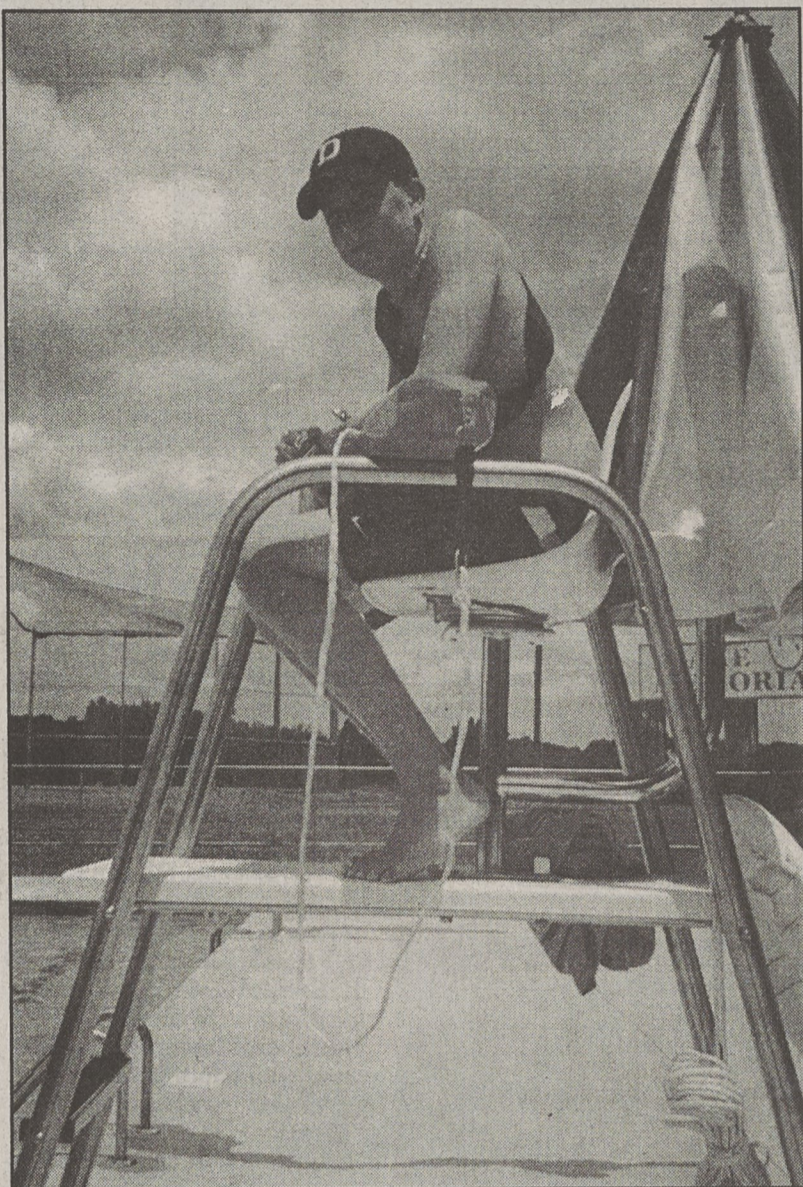
There are recreational and educational activities galore for folks in and around Kings Mountain to do this summer. No matter if your taste in recreation runs from climbing mountains to just quietly listening to some good old time music, Cleveland County and its environs has something for everyone.

The Broad River Greenway just outside of Boiling Springs on Highway 150 is one of Cleveland County's outdoor treasures. Spread along the banks of the First Broad River, the Greenway is a hiking, canoeing, and naturalist paradise. From April until October, something is going on nearly every weekend at the Broad River Greenway.

The month of June features a variety of activities at Broad River Greenway. Saturday, June 19th at 10 am, Piedmont naturalist Bill Hilton, Jr., director of Education and Research at Stowe Botanical Gardens, will present a program on the joy of birds and birding. The next day, Sunday, June 20th, a lecture on bugs and spiders will be hosted by Dr. Barbara Burkett of Gardner-Webb University. Both birders and bug hunters should meet at the restored log cabin on the Greenway.

June 27th will see one of the most unusual demonstrations of the year take place at the Broad River Greenway. Catfish had better beware when father and son team Allen and Lyman Jones hold an exhibition of grabbling. Now, for those unfamiliar with grabbling, the idea is to wade into the river, feel around logs and rocks for a fish, and then haul that rascal out. Those who care to join the Jones family in this action packed sport are advised to bring old clothes and shoes.

Broad River Greenway programs for July will begin on the 10th with an archaeology class conducted by Dr. Allen May of the Schiele Museum. July 11th will see a woodcarving exhibition at the Greenway by expert carver Frank Barrow. Folks curious about local snakes can see several up close but safe when Dr. Joseph Talley hosts an exhibit at the cabin on July 17. The history of Cleveland County will be the subject of a talk at 2 pm on July 25 by Lamar Wilson,



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Keeping a keen eye on the action at Kings Mountain Community Center's pool, lifeguard Ben Sox is ready for anything. Sox and fellow lifeguard Kathryn Champion plan to keep the swimming fun yet safe at the pool this summer.

director of the Cleveland County Historical Museum. Rounding out the month of July, the 31st will see the Carolina Raptor Center bring an exhibit of their work rehabilitating injured birds of prey.

As summer draws to a close in August, plenty of action will still be taking place at Broad River Greenway. August 8, at 2 pm, the Broadway will celebrate its second birthday with the famous Rubber Ducky Regatta, complete with cake and ice cream. August 14th, the Greenway will have canoe trips available for \$15, and tube trips for \$5 on the river. Prices include equipment and shuttle. Reservations can be made by calling 434-6375. Crafts will be

the subject of choice at the Greenway on August 21st at a spinning demonstration by Itsy Wells. The last event in August at the Greenway will be a moonlight canoe trip at 8 pm on the 27th.

Crowders Mountain State Park has a lot of action on tap during the month of June. Saturday, June 19th will see a night hike and owl outing take place beginning at 8:30 pm. The walk and presentation will take about an hour. Participants should meet at the park office and wear sturdy shoes.

Anyone with a desire to get to know bats better can do just that at 8:30 pm on Sunday, June 20th at Crowders Mountain State Park. Meet at the lake

parking lot for this informative and interesting trip. The next week, June 26th, visitors to Crowders Mountain State Park can take a hike looking for reptiles and amphibians. The walk will last about an hour. June programs will come to a close at the park on the 27th when parents and children are invited to explore a creek with rangers. The 2 pm adventure will last for just over one hour and participants are advised to wear clothes they won't mind getting wet.

More information on events at Crowders Mountain State Park can be obtained by calling 853-5375.

Kings Mountain State Park just off I-85 at Exit 2 in South Carolina will be featuring musical entertainment by Richard Beard on July 17th at 2 pm at the living history farm. Instruments that Beard will be playing are mandolin, fiddle, and dulcimer. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Kings Mountain Military Park, also at Exit 2 of I-85, will feature two events to make the summer an enjoyable one. Saturday, June 19, will see the Miller-Rowe Consort in concert at the park amphitheater. Music to be performed by the group will be performed on the hammer dulcimer and classical guitar. The performance will feature Appalachian, Celtic, Early American, and traditional music.

Living historians will be the center of attention at Kings Mountain National Military Park on Saturday, August 28. Speakers, demonstrations by Overmountain Men, roundtable discussions, period music, and special speakers will be part of the event. The Second Kings Mountain forum is intended to promote discussion and study of the "Kings Mountain War." Cleveland County YMCAs

will be doing much to keep folks in good shape this summer. July 4th will see a 5k Road Race take place at 8 am at the Boiling Springs YMCA. June 25-26 there will be a YMCA Campout at the new YMCA Soccer Fields property. The whole family is invited to take part in a campout, cookout, and talent show beginning at 7 pm on Friday and 8 pm on Saturday. Information on the campout is available by calling 484-9622.

Summer Sports Camps are a big part of the YMCA scene in Cleveland County. The camps run from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm Monday through Friday. Cost is \$40 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Camps and their dates are; June 21-25, tennis; June 28-July 1, all sports; July 12-16, soccer; July 19-23, all sports; July 26-30, tennis; August 2-6, basketball.

A special program will take place June 25 at the Shelby YM-

CA. Ashley McIntyre of the Abuse Prevention Council Response Program will deliver a presentation on the Response Program which provides advocacy, emotional support, and referrals for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Reservations must be made by June 23.

Both Shelby and Boiling Springs YMCAs will have Camp YMCA at their facilities this summer, in addition to sports, other themes at Camp YMCA will be; Grandma's Apple Pie, June 28-July 1; Aloha From Hawaii, July 5-9; We Go Spirit, July 12-16; Block Party, July 19-23; Gold Rush, July 26-30; Oh, the Places You'll Go, August 2-6.

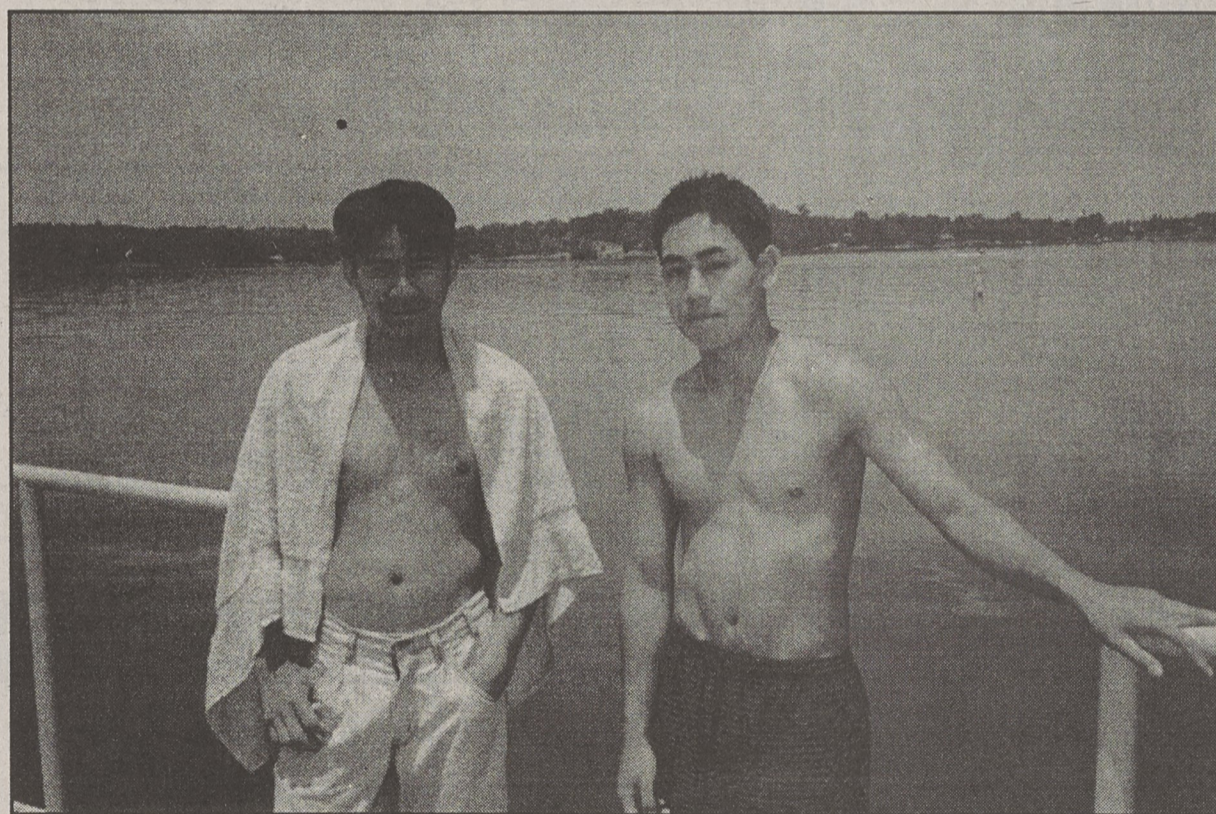
Let this summer be one to remember by taking advantage of all the wonderful recreational and educational things on tap in and around Cleveland County. Summer always seems to fly by, so don't be left behind.

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Friends Soulivong Sourisoud (left) and Kelly Insixienmay relax after a swim in Moss Lake. With temperatures soaring over 90 degrees, it didn't take long for the boys to dry off.

## Correction

The name of Eric Boyd's father, Tim Boyd, was incorrectly identified as Tim Ruff in last week's Herald. Tim's mother is Maxine "Mackie" Ruff.

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