

# Scout dinner to honor Crawford, East School

Don Crawford, longtime Boy Scout advocate, will receive the Dr. Charles Bell Award at the third annual Friends of Scouting dinner Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.



**CRAWFORD** East Elementary School will be recognized for its contribution to Scouting through its successful Cub Scout program.

All persons in the Kings Mountain area - whether they're actively involved in Scouting or not - are invited to the dinner. To make reservations or for more information call Ronnie Hawkins at 739-2591 or 739-7078.

Crawford, who became a Cub Scout at the age of 11 in 1940, has been involved in Scouting

in some way for 60 years. He joined the Boy Scouts at the age of 12 and worked his way all the way to the Eagle Rank.

He remembers attending Piedmont Boy Scout Camp at Tryon during the War years when gas and tires were difficult to come by and Scouts and their gear were loaded on a 2 1/2-ton mill truck for the trip to camp.

As an adult, Crawford has been active in all areas of Scouting, from serving as Scoutmaster to teaching courses and training camp counselors.

He taught American Red Cross water safety and first aid for Kings Mountain Scouts for 18 summers, and first aid for 20 winters. He often went with Cubs to Camp York at the South Carolina State Park to serve as water front director.

Wood Badge training was another important area for Crawford. He earned his own Wood Badge at the Warner Robins Air Force Base in

Macon, GA, during an eight-day intensive course on Scouting skills.

"It was at my Wood Badge Campfire when I dedicated myself to Scouting," he said. "I saw the impact Scouting had on the lives of men from all walks of life. Some of the men had been Scouts and some had not, but all the men were there to help train boys to become Scouts and better men."

In 1962 Crawford served as Council Scoutmaster for the Piedmont Council and traveled with his troop on a 28-day expedition, staying at Army camps and Air Force bases en route to spending 10 days on the trail at Philmont Boy Scout Ranch. In 1965 he was on the National Wood Badge Staff at Philmont.

Crawford served in some capacity at National Jamborees in 1964, 1973, 1977, 1981, 1989 and 1993.

He has received numerous Scout awards, including the Distinguished Commissioners

Service Award, Wood Badge Deputy Camp Chief, Training Key, Scouters Key for Commissioners, William E. Lawrence Award, and District Award of Merit.

It is estimated that Crawford has touched the lives of over 50,000 Scouts during the past 60 years.

"When you train Scouters at Philmont and Schiff, those Scouters return to their Councils and train Scouters who then train Scouts," he noted. "You must train correctly because one training event you give is multiplied many times."

The East School Cub Scout program has been in existence since 1993 and is credited with being one of the key factors in East attaining status as one of the 25 most improved schools in the state of North Carolina ABC testing program.

The troop began as a way for the school to improve school-community relations and increase community involvement

in the school. The Scout program made a special emphasis on including students from low-income families and a program that would support the school's educational goals.

The Pack was first sponsored through a \$250 donation from the East School P.T.O. Twenty boys were enrolled and numerous parents volunteered their services as leaders and in other areas. Today, Pack 93 has 63 scouts and 22 trained leaders.

The pack's budget has grown to \$5,000 a year with most of the income generated from its annual popcorn sale. Pack 93 has outsold 11 counties for three straight years and proudly calls itself the "popkernels" of scouting.

Pack 93 has been honored as a "Quality Unit" for two straight years. Ninety-eight percent of all registered scouts advance within the Pack, and over 80% regularly attend den

meetings each Monday night at East School.

This year 15 of the 16 fifth grade Webelos Scouts graduated the Pack with the "Arrow of Light" award, the highest honor a Cub Scout can achieve and the only award that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. Over 415 awards have already been given to East Scouts during Pack meetings. Eleven fourth grade Webelos earned the "God and Family" award, and the eighth grade Bears will receive the "God and Me" award on May 1. These awards come from the direct involvement of the Pack has with Second Baptist Church.

The Pack is also actively involved in "Scouting for Food" which is held the first two weeks in November. Over three tons of canned goods have been collected for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry through this program.

## Barrett, Myers top 400

Tommy Barrett won the battle, but Allen Myers and his Thursday's Heroes won the war in a head-to-head matchup in Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

Barrett rolled a 160 line and 406 set for Barrett's Bombers, but Myers and the Heroes swept the series 8-0 to pull to within six games of first place Zeke Zingers, which lost 6-2 to Deuces Wild.

Myers was just two pins shy of Barrett's high marks. He had a 158 line and 404 set. Mark Abernathy added a 137-373 and Ed Philbeck had a 128-352 to offset the performance of Barrett and Greg Pal, the latter with a 121-356 for the Bombers.

The victory moved the Heroes to 25-23, six games behind the Zingers (31-17) and one game ahead of the Bombers

(24-24). Deuces Wild is 16-32. Greg Evans' 142 line and 368 set and John Dilling's 125-344 led Deuces Wild over the Zingers. Chris Hullender led the Zingers with a 131-345 and Zeke Rybczyk had a 117-331.

Several high marks were also turned in on Tuesday night. Mark Midgette bowled a 146 line and 385 set and Zeke Rybczyk added a 141-368 as the first place Duck Heads swept Tyrene's Ducks and increased their league lead to 12 games over the Old Timers, who defeated Ducks Unlimited 6-2.

Mark Abernathy led Tyrene's Ducks with a 124-341, and Ed Philbeck added a 110-313.

Chris Hullender's 138 line and 365 set and John Dilling's 137-335 led the Old Timers over Ducks Unlimited. Mike Murphy led the losers with a 119-335.

## Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce endorses KM satellite health department

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

The Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce held its monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Central School building in Kings Mountain.

At the request of David Faunce of Kings Mountain, the Chamber adopted a position statement proposal supporting the establishment of a satellite office of the Cleveland County Health Department in Kings Mountain. Currently, approximately 25 percent of services offered by the Health Department are provided to citizens with a Kings Mountain zip code. As the proposal stated, a satellite clinic would conveniently provide to Kings Mountain area

residents services including family planning, nutrition programs, "Women, Infant, and Children" activities, health education, maternal outreach, and other programs.

"We would love to have a satellite clinic in Kings Mountain," Faunce said. "It would make better use of the Health Department."

According to Faunce, the roadblock for the satellite clinic is funding. Even though he said that the City of Kings Mountain might provide some free space for the operation, it would still need other funding. Jay Rhodes of the Kings Mountain Branch of the Chamber said he felt annual costs of the clinic could be between \$40,000 and \$60,000 annually. Rhodes also said that

if the clinic couldn't be funded for five days per week, then the possibility of a part time operation could be explored.

Following discussion, the Chamber voted to endorse the resolution which supported the concept of a satellite Health Department branch in Kings Mountain.

Another Kings Mountain member of the Chamber board who addressed the meeting Tuesday was county commission candidate and school merger opponent Ronnie Hawkins. Recognizing that the merger issue had strained feelings countywide, Hawkins asked his colleagues to use their positions with the Chamber to help restore harmony and good will.

"No matter what the final decision on merger, we should work together to make the process of transition a smooth one," Hawkins said. "If there is an interim school board, they will just have two months to make some difficult decisions and they will need everyone's help."

Several others at the meeting echoed Hawk's sentiment, including chairman John Young.

**Roberts graduates**  
Army National Guard Pfc. Jamie Roberts has graduated from unit supply speciality advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. Roberts is the daughter of Dianne Williams of Shelby and James Roberts of Cherryville.

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