

# CLUBS

## Chappell addresses Thursday Book Club

Marion Thomasson was hostess for the April meeting of the Thursday afternoon Book Club on April 26.

Carolyn McGinnis introduced Bernice Chappell, who is on a committee for the purpose of revitalizing downtown Kings Mountain. She noted several things to the club. A plan is being done to see what the community is interested in, what the town needs and wants done, and implementing a plan.

She noted many recent improvements to Kings Mountain, including a new police station, expansion of the library, the museum, a new community playground, a new senior center, and many other things in the planning stages.

"Kings Mountain has a rich history, and can boast of pride in the fact that so many people care about Kings Mountain," she said. "There is much revitalization going on in our town and hopefully it will continue."

For the May meeting of the club, Pat Plonk will serve as hostess and Mrs. Ethel McGinnis will have the program.

## Health seminar set at Senior Center

Let's Face It, The Shelby Senior Center spring seminar regarding health issues, will be held Wednesday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Topics will address issues that need to be faced in a positive manner.

At 10 a.m., Natalie Pendley, Medical Bill Consultants will speak. Medical Bill Consultants assist patients with the processing of their medical bills and insurance claims.

Doug Mayes, Total Care, Inc., will follow at 10:45. Mayes has served as an anchor for WBT-AM and WBTW for over 30 years; he moved to WSOC-TV in 1982.

At 11:30, Tim Richards,

Cleveland Physical Therapist Associates, will offer helpful information on facing the reality of living with arthritis.

Richards, an occupational therapist, will explain the functions of his profession.

Valerie Whitlock will represent Medical Review of North Carolina, Inc. will speak at 1 p.m.

MRNC, a non-profit agency, has a state-wide beneficiary outreach program to educate Medicare beneficiaries on their rights under the Medicare System.

At 1:30, Nancy Abasiokong, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, will give guidelines concerning passing on family possessions in a presentation titled, "Have You Decided Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate? - How Do I Pass on Personal Possessions?"

## Confederate Memorial Day activities slated

The Cleveland Regiments Camp 1663, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will celebrate Confederate Memorial Day on Thursday, May 10.

The camp will hold a memorial service at the Confederate Monument in downtown Shelby at 4 p.m.

It will also be holding its monthly meeting that evening in Kings Mountain at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Masonic Temple at 806 landing Street, behind Trinity Episcopal Church.

Guest speakers will be Kirk Lyons and H.K. Edgerton.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans membership is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate veterans.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information call Jim Proffitt at 704-739-7517.

## Betty Masters attends 110th DAR Congress

The 110th Continental Congress of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was held April 16-20, in Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Dale Kelly Love, president General presided, and approximately 3,000 members attended.

One member in attendance was Kings Mountain's Betty P. Masters.

Masters represented the Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter as a delegate.

She attended business sessions, the Azalea Tea, the Volunteer Genealogists Breakfast and other special events.

Masters was a member in the All-American DAR Chorus and is currently the North Carolina Program Chairman and Chapter Treasurer.

The members were from chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico, France and the United Kingdom.

Senator Robert J. Dole, National Chairman of the World War II Memorial Campaign addressed the congress at the opening night ceremonies.

He was presented with the final two volumes of the NSDAR Book of Remembrance and the \$460,000 contribution toward the memorial.

Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Director of the Center for Security Policy, also spoke.

On Thursday, April 19, at the National Defense Evening, actor Charlton Heston gave an address, "The Courage to be Free."

Founded on October 11, 1890 and incorporated by an act of the U.S. Congress in 1896, the NSDAR has approximately 169,000 members in over 2,800 chapters.

The society maintains a museum and gallery exhibiting over 33,000 objects of the period prior to 1830, a repository of over 5,000 documents on early America and a library of over 155,000 books of genealogy and relevant history, including unpublished genealogy typescripts and periodicals.

All places are open to the public.

## Alzheimer's meeting at Life Enrichment

An Alzheimer's support group meeting will be held May 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Life Enrichment Center, 1270 Fallston Road, Shelby.

Attorney Karen Wright will discuss legal issues dealing with the elderly.

Free sitter service is available. For more information call 484-0405.

## Senior Center sets Older America activities

In recognition of Older Americans Month, the Shelby Senior Center has slated a number of activities for the month of May.

May 4 - Open house/silent auction at 5 p.m./ drawing for a P.T. cruiser at 6:30.

May 7-10 - Cobwebs 'n Confetti gift shop display.

May 7 - Music at lunch with Eugene Allen.

May 8 - Music at lunch with Faye Nettles.

May 9 - Music at lunch with Winslow Wright.

May 9 - Health seminar "Let's Face It."

May 10 - Music at lunch with Jean Keenan.

May 11 - Golden 90's lunch.

May 16 - Kings Mountain Health Care Fair orientation.

May 23 - Kings Mountain Health Fair.

May 30 - Senior Health and Fitness Day.

For more information call Shirley Bridges at 482-3488.

# Forum Saturday at military park

Kings Mountain National Military Park will hold its fourth annual King Mountain Forum on Saturday, May 5. The forum brings together historians and scholars to discuss the pivotal battle and its influence on the Revolutionary War.

This year's slate of speakers includes Andrew Zellers-Fredrick, Director of Historic Rittenshouse Town in Philadelphia, PA. He is currently writing a biography of Major Patrick Ferguson. He will focus on the life of Ferguson with emphasis on his motivations during his stellar military career.

National Park Service Archeologist John Cornelson will discuss the findings of the archeology survey conducted on the battlefield during 1999 and 2000.

Park Ranger Bert Dunkerly will present an overview of the Virginia Militia that participated in the battle under Col. William Campbell.

A special battlefield tour will be conducted by park staff, volunteers, and Dr. Bobby Moss.

Living history demonstra-

tions will be held throughout the day. Visitors may observe spinning and weaving, cooking, woodworking, leather working, and the making of powder horns. The Guilford Fife and Drum Corps and musician R.G. Absber will be performing Colonial and early American music.

On both May 5 and 6, the New Acquisition Militia will have an encampment demonstrating the life and equipment of the typical Revolutionary soldier. American militia such as this contributed to the eventual defeat of British forces in the Carolinas. Musket demonstrations will also be held all weekend.

Kings Mountain National Military Park features a museum, bookstore, battlefield trail, and backcountry hiking trails. Several monuments stand in the park to commemorate the American victory. Camping and picnic facilities are available in the adjacent Kings Mountain State Park. For more information call 864-936-7921 or visit [www.nps.gov/kimo](http://www.nps.gov/kimo).

# National Tourism Day at KM Welcome Center

A celebration honoring tourists will take place at the Kings Mountain Welcome Center Wednesday, May 9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

National Tourism Day is an event that recognizes the importance of tourism in Cleveland County. According to latest statistics from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Cleveland County had \$65.26 million in expenditures in 1999.

Tourists visiting the Welcome Center will be treated to a mini-trade show promoting some of the events and attractions that

Cleveland County has to offer. A sampling includes the Carolina Foothills Handmade Association, the Cleveland County Historical Museum, the Cleveland County Fair, Broad River Greenway, Kings Mountain National Military Park and the City of Kings Mountain.

In addition, a collection of bluegrass and traditional North Carolina songs will be played throughout the event.

The public is invited. For more information call Cindi Cannon at 484-4999.

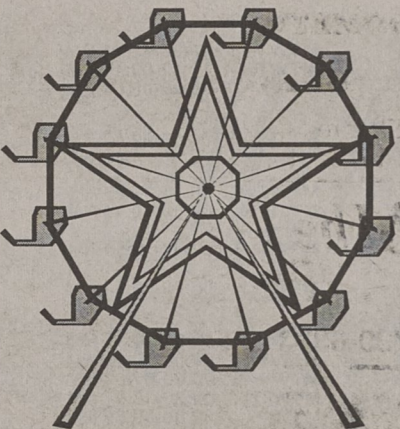
# Down Home Festival Bessemer City

Saturday, May 12 - 10am-4pm

Join us for a day of fun, rides, food vendors, live entertainment, 5K Run, Car Show and more!

Dance & Schools Groups!

Dunking Booth!



### Miracle Amusements

will supply Rides for the entire family, including a Super Slide that has been so popular in past years!

### 5K Run

A 5K Run is the kick-off for the Festival. This will be the 3rd year for the 5K and it has developed into a great event. For information, call Jo D Franklin at 704-629-5111

### Carolina Cruisers Car Show

The Carolina Cruisers have entertained festival goers for years with their beautiful Classic Cars and Street Rods. They are also planning a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children.

### Live Entertainment

A variety of music including gospel, country and more will be performed during the day at the stage on Virginia Avenue.



The Down Home Festival is a joint project of the Bessemer City Chamber of Commerce, City of Bessemer City and the Carolina Cruisers. These groups are dedicated to offering a first quality Street Festival with entertainment, an assortment of good food, craft and merchandise vendors, a great car show, rides, games and much more. Please plan to join us for the festival. We open at 10am and will be on the street until 4pm. See ya there!

Directions: Take I-85 to Exit 13, then take Edgewood Rd. to Bessemer City and follow signs. For information call the Chamber at 704-629-3900.