

## LOCAL NEWS

### 250 pounds of marijuana seized in bust

Sheriff's Office Narcotics officers seized 250 pounds of marijuana and made six arrests in one of the largest busts in Southern Cleveland County on I-85 January 31, according to Lt Joel Shores. Shores said the investigation and Street Interdiction Unit conducted two vehicle stops and seized the marijuana after an extensive two month long investigation. Shores said the investigation was concentrating on the import of large amounts of marijuana into North Carolina via the I-85 corridor that travels directly through Cleveland County. Each suspect was arrested on \$300,000 secured bond.

Charged with trafficking marijuana by possession, trafficking marijuana by transportation and conspiring to traffic marijuana were

Cesar Castaneda, 29, of 8121 Tanguilo Drive, El Paso, Texas; Sergio Salmon Camarena, 23, 1658 Green Pear St., El Paso, Texas; Condra Nichele Harris, 33, 658 Bruton St., Biscoe; Demetrius Tyrone Hodge, 27, 777 Villaflores St., El Paso, Texas; Jan Darren Graves, 37, 329 Zeb Rd., Gibsonville; a wanted fugitive out of Greensboro for dangerous drugs and William Edmond Parker, 31, 1305 Pisgah Church Rd, Greensboro.

Cleveland County Sheriff Raymond Hamrick commended Shores and his team for their productive effort in combating serious drug crimes.

Kerry Niquon Edgerton, 32, of 3507 Branch rd, Morganton, was charged January 30 with possession

and trafficking and drug paraphernalia charges and was jailed under \$250,000 secured bond. Patrol Deputy Myrl Pennington stopped a vehicle operated by Bobbie Craig on Fallston Road. Captain Alan Norman said that when the passenger, Edgerton, exited the vehicle he pushed Sgt. Rodney Fitch and fled on foot with both officers giving chase. During the chase, the suspect, according to officers, threw an object over a fence that appeared to be 29.1 grams of a white substance believed to be crack cocaine. Sheriff's deputies charged the operator and owner of the vehicle, Bobbie Barnes Craig, of Morganton, with no insurance and no registration plate and she received a \$1,000 secured bond.

### Attempted armed robbery ends in arrest

Roger Dale Ivey, 27, of 246 Humphrey Blvd., Gastonia, was arrested by Kings Mountain Police Saturday at 11:53 a.m., eight hours after the attempted armed robbery of Handy Pantry on Cleveland Avenue.

Ivey was charged with one count of felony attempted armed robbery and one count of felonious assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor said a clerk in the store was

assaulted during the incident and sustained some and was treated and released at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Proctor said a suspect, described as a white male approximately five feet ten inches tall and weighing 150 pounds, had entered the store at 3:33 a.m. and requested a package of Marlboro cigarettes. The clerk said she placed the cigarettes on the counter and was struck in the head with

an empty beer bottle. The clerk said the suspect was not able to open the cash register and fled the scene.

Ivey was transported to the Cleveland County Magistrate's office and placed under \$100,000 secured bond. Trial date was February 3 in Cleveland County District Court at Shelby.

Assisting in the investigation was Sgt. R. S. Davis.

### Local businesses assist Operation Smile

McNeilly Photography and Frame Masters Gallery of Shelby have joined forces to raise money for Operation Smile, a nonprofit organization that uses volunteer surgeons and donated hospital equipment to surgically repair cleft lip and cleft palates in needy children worldwide.

All proceeds from the sale of posters printed with images from McNeilly's photographic exhibit "Gentle Into the Night" will be donated to the project. The 99-piece exhibit was recently on display at the Cleveland County Arts Center.

The 17 x 22 inch posters

sell for \$10 each. The two businesses hope to sell enough to give "at least one child a real reason to smile," said Janet Berry, owner of Frame Masters Gallery.

For more information on obtaining a poster, call Janet Berry at 482-8312.

### Free health fair to be held at local mall

CaroMont Health will sponsor a free health fair Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the first floor of Eastridge Mall in Gastonia.

Local physician practices, hospital departments, and

health organizations will offer free health information and screenings. Information will be available on eye care, diabetes, high blood pressure, maternity, urology, healthy bones, foot care, and pain management.

Free screenings include cholesterol, blood pressure, hearing and bone density.

Kids can take their bicycle helmets and have them checked for proper fit.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Prayer conference set for KM Family Worship Center

Kings Mountain Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Rd., will host a prayer conference Feb. 11-13 on the theme "Focus 2003."

Doug Small, national evangelist, will lead the 9:30 a.m. morning Bible lessons. Asbury Sellers, International Director of Black Ministries, will be the morning worship speaker on Wednesday at 11 a.m. and Thursday's speaker will be Tom Madden, Youth Ministries Coordinator, at 11 a.m. service. The evening worship service will feature a prayer video on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. and Orville Hagan, Assistant General Overseer, as the evening speaker each day. Special music will be featured nightly Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.. A special youth rally with Tom Madden will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the youth sanctuary. A Women's Ministries prayer breakfast will be held on Thursday from 9 until 12 noon in the youth sanctuary. The public is invited to all services.

### Central United Methodist hosts food ministry

Central United Methodist Church Community Kitchen, 113 S. Piedmont Ave., sponsors a food ministry every Monday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome at no charge.

### First Presbyterian seniors plan trip

The Senior Adults of First Presbyterian Church plan a trip to Reynolda House in Winston-Salem February 11. The fun all day trip starts at 9 a.m. from the church with return about 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 and lunch will be at K&W Cafeteria. Call the church office to sign up for the trip.

Reynolda House is a Museum of American Art in a National Historic House built by Richard Joshua Reynolds, founder of the tobacco manufacturing company. It contains the finest

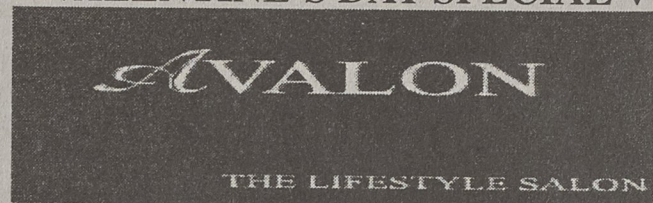
concentration of American art in a public collection south of Washington, DC.

### Boyce Memorial to hold Souper Sat.

Souper Saturday will be held February 15 at Boyce Memorial ARP Church and proceeds from the used book sale and bake sale will benefit the Don Phifer fund. Tickets are \$5 for the meal which will include soup, sandwich, dessert and drink. The public is invited.

A ski trip to Sugar Mountain on Feb. 21 is also planned by the congregation of Boyce Memorial ARP Church. The cost is €27 per person and includes the lift ticket and ski rental. Make reservations by calling the church 704-739-4917.

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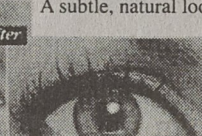
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### Valentine pageant set at Gaston Mall

The Miss Gastonia Scholarship Association, Inc. will sponsor its Valentine Queen pageant on Saturday, February 15, 2003 at Gaston Mall in Gastonia.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the pageant following at 10:30 a.m. Girls newborn to age 18 are eligible to compete in one of 10 age categories. All contestants will receive a tiara and the winners become members of the Miss Gastonia queens' court. Miss

Gastonia 2003 Holly Baucom will serve as hostess for the pageant.

Proceeds benefit the Miss Gastonia scholarship fund. For information and to receive an application, contact Delores Cox at (704) 827-7277. Contestants must pre-register and the deadline to enter is February 10, 2003.

The Miss Gastonia program is an official preliminary of the Miss America Organization.

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