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Major Loftin is pictured with replica of the Barber log cabin he recently made for the Kings Mountain Historical Museum.

# Creative cabin

## Loftin makes replica of Barber house, on display at the KM History Museum

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A replica of the Barber Log House now sits at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum. The cedar structure was created by Major W. Loftin Sr., a Kings Mountain man.

For years, Loftin has made replicas, magazine and shoe racks, shelves and other items from wood. Recently, Shirley Brutko asked him to recreate on a smaller scale the Barber house. He thought about the project for a week and then committed himself.

"I felt like I ought to," he said.

Loftin won't estimate how long the cabin took to make though he jokes about not looking forward to making another one.

The cedar "logs" are held together with grey grout. Cedar shingles top the house. Small, white pebbles cover most of the chimney with faux bricks topping the structure off.

Loftin enjoys working with cedar despite how easily the wood can be scratched.

"You have to be patient. Once you get it looking right you appreciate what a pretty piece of wood it is," he said.

Loftin laughs that his mistakes go in the fire.

Before making the Barber house, Loftin created simpler log structures for all his grandchildren. He fashioned the cabins to act as banks.

"They started saving money, all 14 of them," he said of the gifts.

# Free flicks at Joy

By AL RANKIN

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre kicks off its 2003-04 season by expanding its once a month Saturday free flicks schedule to include a morning matinee for kids, a family movie in the afternoon, and an adult PG-13 film in the evening.

The grand opening flicks of the season will be shown Saturday, August 16 in the Joy Performance Center in downtown Kings

Mountain. Admission is free with concessions such as popcorn, candy and drinks for a nominal \$1 and only 50 cents during the morning kids flick.

"A Bug's Life" premieres at 10 a.m. for children of all ages, followed at 2 p.m. by the original "Star Wars" for the whole family.

"How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days," an adult movie rated PG-13, will hit the screen at 7:30.

# Saving feet

## Hester Haynes volunteers her time to trim feet of seniors in KM, Shelby

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Since 1989, Hester Haynes has trimmed and filed nails and massaged feet for elderly across Cleveland County.

Haynes volunteers at the Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain, the Shelby Senior Center and at two area assisted living facilities.

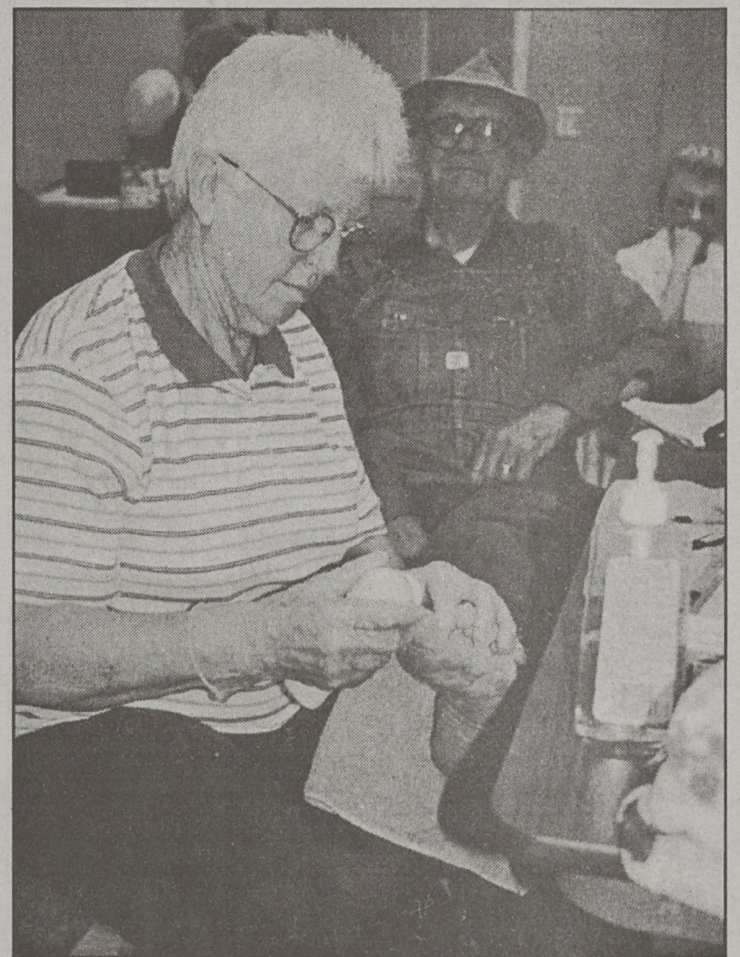
Last Wednesday Haynes spent the morning at the Patrick Senior Center. She worked on 31 people and calls that a slow day. During her monthly visits to the center, she averages 40 to 45 people.

In addition to conventional manicure tools, Haynes uses an electric file which eliminates snags and tears. According to Maxine Allen, a nurse who volunteers with Haynes, this keeps down infections. Foot care also helps prevent funguses which older people are more susceptible to, Allen said.

Haynes checks for sores and cracks on the feet of people with diabetes. Due to problems with circulation, these can lead to amputation if left untreated.

"I've saved a lot of feet," she said.

Haynes, a retired physical education teacher, first began feet and nail care when her mother-in-law



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Hester Haynes works on Bill Adams feet at the Patrick Senior Center.

was placed in a nursing home. Her next "client" was a retired colleague who had suffered a stroke. From there, Haynes began volunteering at Country Time Nursing Home.

At the center, seniors make an appointment to see Haynes whose services are free. She works on a rotating schedule, trimming each persons nails once every two months.

# Cookbook to raise funds for thermal image camera

The cookbook begins with Jeanette Childers' recipe for Russian tea and ends with Kathryn Neisler's York County Stickers. In between are appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, desserts, vegetable and main dishes, cookies, candies, breads and rolls.

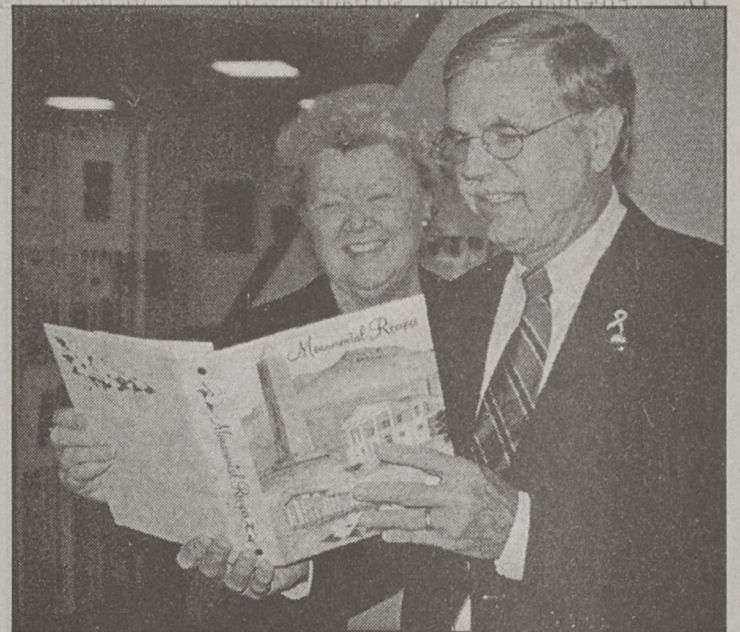
"Monumental Recipes," the Kings Mountain Woman's Club cookbook, has 800 recipes.

The organization solicited recipes from the community. Proceeds from the cookbook will go toward a thermal imaging camera for the Kings Mountain police and fire departments.

"We really appreciate all the woman's club has done raising money for the camera," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. "That camera is so important to the safety of firemen and police."

The club spent the past year raising funds for the camera which runs between \$18,000 and \$22,000.

Past president and cookbook committee chair Betty Gamble said the year of fundraising has been excit-



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Mayor Rick Murphrey and Betty Gamble look over cookbook.

ing for the club.

They have solicited funds from other civic organizations and individuals and sold hotdogs during a city concert.

"I haven't had anyone turn me down," Gamble said of fundraising.

The camera can be used to find lost people, find fire inside building walls and help firefighters navigate inside burning buildings. A thermal camera was recently used to help locate an elderly Boiling Springs woman who had wandered away from home.

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