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Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey swears in new police officer Kenny Stewart. He will work as a patrol officer. Stewart formerly worked at the Cherryville Police Department. He completed Basic Law Enforcement Training at Cleveland Community College.

Barrett running for governor on 'People Come First' pledge

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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A Davie County man running for governor stopped by Cleveland County Thursday morning. Dan Barrett visited both Kings Mountain and Shelby on what he calls the People Come First tour.

Barrett's platform includes lowering taxes, creating more jobs and partnerships between local governments and the state.

If elected, Barrett says he will call for a budget evaluation so cuts can be targeted instead of across the board.

He wants to open the dialogue with Washington on keeping jobs here. Lowering state taxes to be competitive with neighboring states is another strategy.



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Barrett says he will work to bridge the gap between local governments and Raleigh which was created by the state holding back funds to municipalities. He favors eliminating unfunded mandates.

"There needs to be an appreciation from Raleigh of how important local governments are," Barrett said.

The candidate also wants to address rising health care costs. He blames much of this on malpractice lawsuits. Barrett says he will push for reform of laws allowing these suits.

Barrett is a Davie County Commissioner. He is an attorney specializing in employment law. Barrett serves on the local mental health board, aging committee and Arc of Davie County.

He and his wife Kathleen Anderson Barrett have two children, Daniel and Rebekah. They are active in Advance United Methodist Church. He graduated from Wake Forest School of Law.

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Economic Council to meet

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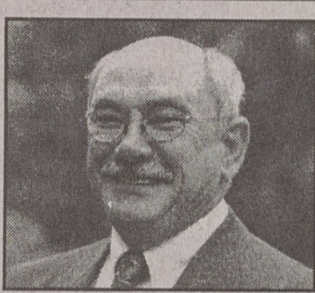
Scott Darnell will give an update on Focus Cleveland, economic development strategies and prospects. Tim Waters will give an existing industry report. Cindi Cannon will discuss travel and tourism.

The board will go into closed session to discuss industrial location.

The chamber is located at 200 South Lafayette Street in Shelby.



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Mary and Olin Love, their sons Darrell and Danny Love and wives and granddaughter Amber Love were joined by Mayor Rick Murphrey and Kings Mountain City Councilmen Rick Moore, Howard Shipp, Dean Spears and Jim Guyton to cut the ribbon opening the new Love's Fish Box dining room Tuesday afternoon.



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Love's Fish Box opens dining room

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After 35 years of serving fish to go, Love's Fish Box opened a dining room Tuesday.

"It has been a dream. We finally got to do it," said Danny Love. He owns the restaurant with his parents Olin and Mary Love and brother Darrell Love.

Mary Love said Tuesday afternoon that business has been "really good" in the dining room. Customers had asked the family for years to provide a dining area.

The new dining room seats 148. Customers still order their fish from the

counter and carry it into the dining area. The new addition was built onto the side of the Business 74 location.

The family anticipates hiring a few more employees because of the addition. Antiques that the senior Love couple have collected over the years decorate the entrance to the dining room.

During a ribbon cutting ceremony, Mayor Rick Murphrey called the restaurant a "cornerstone" of Kings Mountain. Several city officials attended as well.

The Love's granddaughter Ashley Love also works at the restaurant when she is not attending college.



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