

COMMUNITY

# Kennedy receives Long Leaf Pine Award

Suzi Kennedy, executive director of Life Enrichment Center, was recently recognized with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor given by the governor of North Carolina.

Rep. Debbie Clary, on behalf of Gov. Mike Easley, presented the award at the Rotary Club meeting at Cleveland County Club.

"The award was presented to Suzi for her outstanding service to our community and the state of North Carolina," Clary said. "Her dedication to improving the quality of life for disabled and senior adults has touched the lives of more families than she will ever know."

In 1980, Kennedy opened the LEC, an adult day health service, which makes it possible for families to keep their disabled or ill adult loved ones living at home but safe, supervised, and stimulated during the day. In 1995, LEC became the first adult day care in North Carolina to build a facility from the ground up and was the only training model for centers receiving NC start-up grants. LEC has also been designated a national teaching model.

Among her accomplishments, Kennedy began a student respite program for high school occupations students; was a member of the NC governor's Long-Term Care Commission; was an advisor to the state's Division of Social Services in the development of curriculum to educate adult day care providers; has presented at the Duke University Alzheimer's Disease Research Conference; was a member of the National Council on Aging and the National Institute on Adult Day Care's Task Force; and is a consultant with Wake Forest University School of Medicine's Partners in Caregiving Program.

She is a past winner of the Cleveland County Distinguished Woman of the Year.



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Rep. Debbie Clary presents Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award to Suzi Kennedy.

# Open Gate Garden Club meets

The Open Gate Garden Club met March 10 in the parlor of the ARP Church. Grace Talbert, hostess, served dessert to 15 members and two guests.

Margie Bridges, president, welcomed members.

Timely tips were given by Phyllis Carpenter. She noted this is a good time to select and add azaleas to gardens. For best results, plant one color en masse. Azaleas like acid soil and prefer high filtered shade like that under pine trees. Mulch with pine needles or pine bark to protect their fine fibrous roots.

Plant thyme, mint and oregano now. Be sure to wait until all danger of frost has passed before planting dill, fennel and basil. In this area, the last frost is generally April 15. Prune deciduous shrubs such as spires, quince, and Forsythia once they have quit blooming.

Nine crepe myrtle shrubs have been planted in the back lot restoration project. A sign will be put up in memory of Margaret Tate.

A beautiful container of shamrocks was displayed along with a copy of the Irish Blessing on an easel.

Jessie Collins introduced Christine Carroll, who presented an interesting and informative program on "Fences." A fence is a barrier enclosing or bordering a field, yard or other area. It prevents entrance, confines animals or people, or marks a boundary. It can be made from a large variety of materials, such as stone, wood, wire, iron, steel, glass, fiberglass, plastic, clay, bricks and live plants.

No one knows when the first fence was built, but the largest one was begun during the 3rd century BC, and many sections still remain. That is the

Great Wall of China. Its base was 15 to 30 feet thick and its height averaged 25 feet. It was approximately 1500 miles long.

Fences during Biblical times were actually walls built around cities for protection. They were usually 12 feet thick.

Wire fencing was first used in the 1800s. Barbed wire and woven wire were developed between 1860 and 1883 when the first wire was produced for sale. The industry grew rapidly.

A good neighbor fence should be attractive on both sides.

Ms. Carroll showed slides of many varieties of fences.

The friendship basket was won by Grace Talbert.

A silent auction was held at the close of the meeting.

## FOOD INSPECTIONS

Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following food handling facilities during the week ending March 12.

\*\*Denotes 2 extra points when an employee attended an approved food handling course.

### Restaurants

- The Cup & Saucer, W. King St., Kings Mountain, 95.5
- Applebees of Shelby, Earl Rd., 90.5\*\*
- Bojangles, W. Dixon Blvd., 96.5\*\*
- Bridges BBQ, E. Dixon Blvd., 99\*\*
- Chick Fil A, E. Dixon Blvd., 93.5\*\*
- Georgia's Country Kit., Petty Rd., 98.
- Godfather's Pizza, Boiling Springs, 96.5\*\*
- Italian Gardner, Boiling Springs, 98.
- KFC, E. Dixon Blvd., 97\*\*
- Los Amigos, E. Dixon Blvd., 93.5.
- Jan's Rest., Fallston Rd., 96.5.
- Mi Pueblito Mexican, W.

- Warren St., 96\*\*
- Snack Shop, Boiling Springs, 92.
- Tater's Cafe & Eatery, Lattimore, 95.5.
- The Green Pepper, W. Dixon Blvd., 96.
- Pancake House, W. Dixon Blvd., 93.5\*\*
- Shelby Ice Cream & Deli, N. Laf. St., 96\*\*
- Shirley's Kitchen, Carla Dr., Shelby, 97.

### Food stands

- Macs Gill, N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, 91
- Ed's Pizza, Fallston Rd., 99.
- Polkville Seafood & Catering, 99.
- Just Friends BBQ, S. Dekalb St., 95.
- McMurphy Farms, 95.

### Nursing homes

- Alterra Sterling House, E. Marion St., 90\*\*

### School cafeterias

- Kings Mountain Intermediate, 99\*\*
- Ambassador Baptist College, Lattimore, 95.5.

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