

## LOCAL

# Battle of Kings Mountain celebration today at park

Dwight T. Pitcaithley, Chief Historian for the National Park Service, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony commemorating the 224th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain Thursday, Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheater.

A wreath laying ceremony will be held at the U.S. Monument at 11 a.m. Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Children of the American Revolution from across the southeast will present wreaths.

Other activities are scheduled this weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Guilford Militia and the park's volunteer group, the Backcountry Militia, will recreate the activities of an 18th century military encampment. The encampment will feature military drills along with musket and rifle firing. The group will perform other camp activities such as cooking, bullet and button molding, and basket weaving.

As with today's National Guard and other military reserve units, civilian males were mustered several times a year to be trained as a military unit.

These musters were necessary because the militia lacked discipline and needed a standard drill before joining the Continental forces as they did in such battles as Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse. However, in most cases, these rugged individuals were at their best when skirmishing on their own as was the case at the Battle of Kings Mountain, where a group of patriot militia defeated a better trained loyalist force under Major Patrick Ferguson.

On Saturday evening from 7-9 p.m., candlelight tours will be presented in the encampment area and nearby battlefield.

## Evans bowls first 400 in duckpins

Greg Evans turned in the first 400 set of the young duckpin bowling league season Tuesday night at Dilling Heating, but his M.R. Ducks lost to Dream Team 6-2.

Evans had a 177 single game and 418 series, but the M.R. Ducks' record slipped to 7-25. Pernell Byars led the Dream Team (15-17) with a 111-321.

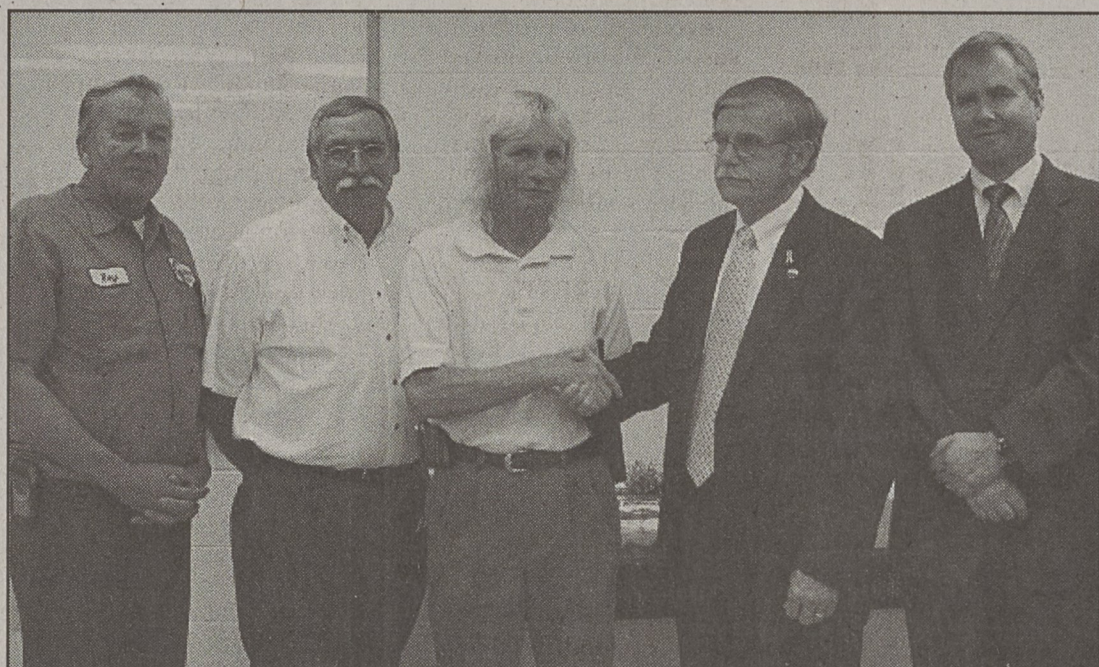
Mark Midgett rolled a 138 line and 356 set and Zeke Rybczyk had a 125-344 to lead the Duck Masters (20-12) to a 4-4 split with first place Mighty Ducks (22-10). Ed Philbeck led the Mighty Ducks with a 115-305.

In Thursday night action, Tommy's Strike Force moved into first place with a 6-2 win over Allen's Raiders. Tommy Barrett led the Strikers (20-12) with a 120 line and 319 set, and John Dilling led the Raiders (10-22) with a 109 line and 288 set.

Zeke Rybczyk bowled a 108 line and 317 set to lead Merck's Murderers (18-14) to a 4-4 split with the Warriors (16-16). Ed Philbeck led the Warriors with a 106-305.

## Democrats to host candidates reception

The Cleveland County Democrat Party will have a reception for candidates Sunday from 3-4:30 p.m. at County Office Building on South Post Road across from Cleveland Community College in Shelby. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Secretary of Agriculture Britt Cobb, State Auditor Ralph Campbell and local candidates will be there.



**Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, second from right, congratulates Lee Perry for 30 years of service to the city. Others include Roy Grindell from the sanitation department, left, Gas Department Director Mike Nichols and City Manager Greg McGinnis.**

# Lee Perry retires from city's gas department

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
Staff Writer

Lee Perry, the City of Kings Mountain's gas distribution supervisor, is the city's youngest retiree.

Perry started working in the sanitation department while still in high school. After 10 years in that department, he moved to the gas department. In two years Perry was named lead man, meaning he was third in command.

Perry will stay on until the city can fill his position. He plans to spend his retirement enjoying gardening, NASCAR and working part-time in the private sector.

Retirement is bittersweet for the Kings Mountain native.

"I love my job. This is a bunch of wonderful people," he said.

Perry called the gas department his "second home." According to Perry, it's the

camaraderie with co-workers and the city benefits package that have kept him one place his entire career.

Former gas department director Jimmy Maney described Perry as dedicated.

"Lee was part of the foundation it took to rebuild the gas system," he said. "We sort of grew up together in utilities. I've worked many a night with him in a ditch."

Perry's current supervisor Mike Nichols praised his expertise and work ethic.

"It's hard to find someone with that loyalty and devotion," Nichols said.

Perry's co-workers, Murphrey, city council members Houston Corn, Kay Hambright, Rick Moore, Jerry Mullinax, Brenda Ross and Howard Shipp and others honored the retiree with a lunch last week at the public works building.

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## GATEWAY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, October 8

8 a.m.-7 p.m. - Information Center Booth open at Railroad Avenue and Gold Street

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - The History of White Plains and the City of Kings Mountain Exhibit open at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and East Mountain Street.

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - Antique Street open on Railroad Avenue between Gold and Mountain streets. Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association.

6-9 p.m. - Gateways to the South juried art show preview and reception at the Kings Mountain Art Center on Piedmont Avenue, former train depot. Sponsored by the Southern Arts Society.

9-12 p.m. - John Love Band at the Joy Performance Center.

### Saturday, October 9

8 a.m.-7 p.m. - Information booths open at Railroad Avenue and Gold Street and Piedmont Avenue at the Red Cross

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Pony rides beside the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Joy Performance Center on Railroad Avenue. Sponsored by the KMLT.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - The Old Cowboy Picture Show featuring the Silver Screen Saddle Pals at the Joy Performance Center. Sponsored by the KMLT.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Saturday bluegrass music competition at the Gold Street Stage at Patriots Park. Sponsored by Gateway Properties and Cleveland Music.

- Antique Appraisals at the KM Art Center, former train depot. Sponsored by the Southern Arts Society.

- Gateways to the South juried art competition. KM Arts Center. Sponsored by SAS.

- Back Country Historic Encampment at the historic Barber-Patterson Log Cabin behind the KM Historical Museum on Piedmont Avenue. Re-enactors, period craft making, mountain music, storytelling, campfire cookout and tours of the cabin.

- Children's art activities at the Kings Mountain Women's Club sponsored by the KM Junior Women's Club.

- The History of White Plains and Kings Mountain exhibit open at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Mountain Street.

- Calendar making demonstrations at the KM Arts Center on Piedmont Avenue. Sponsored by SAS.

- 7 1/2 gauge live steamer trains display at the Senior Citizens Park on Mountain Street between Battleground Avenue and Cherokee Street. Sponsored by the Central Carolina Live Steamer Trains.

- Gateway Classic Car

Show at the center city parking lot on Cherokee Street between Gold and Mountain streets.

- Crafters Alley beside the American Red Cross at 210 Piedmont Avenue.

- Carolina Raptor Center exhibit behind the KM Historical Museum. Sponsored by the City of Kings Mountain.

- Open house and first aid station sponsored by the American Red Cross at 210 Piedmont Avenue.

- Roving Mountaineer Dale Putnam all around downtown.

10 a.m.-7 p.m. - Antique Street open on Railroad Avenue between Gold and Mountain streets. Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association.

10-11 a.m. - Hammered dulcimer music by Rod Croft at Barber Cabin.

11 a.m.-noon - The Wagon Wheelers square dance group on Piedmont Avenue at Mountain Street.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Poor Man's Supper Cook-off at the Dixie Theatre on Railroad Avenue.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. - No Alibi in concert at the Cleveland Music Stage at the corner of Kings Street and Battleground Avenue. Sponsored by Cleveland Music.

12 noon-4 p.m. - 1936 Ford fire truck rides around downtown. Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

1:30-2:30 p.m. - Log Cabin String Band at Barber Cabin.

2-4 p.m. - Christian Music Concert at City Hall Amphitheater. Sponsored by Faith Ablaze Church.

4-5 p.m. - Praise in Blue, Blue Grass Band, at Barber Cabin.

6-9 p.m. - Miss Kings Mountain Pageant at the Joy Performance Center.

Sponsored by the KMBPA.

7-10 p.m. - The Mink Band in concert at the Gold Street Stage.

### Sunday, October 10

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Antique Street on Railroad Avenue.

- Gateway to the South juried art competition at the Kings Mountain Art Center (former depot). Sponsored by the Southern Arts Society.

11 a.m.-noon - Bluegrass Gospel Service at the Gold Street Stage sponsored by Gateway Properties

1-2 p.m. - Hammered dulcimer music by Rod Croft at Barber Cabin.

1-5 p.m. - Back Country Historic Encampment at the Barber-Patterson Cabin on Piedmont Avenue.

1-5 p.m. - History of White Plains and Kings Mountain at the KM Historical Museum. Exhibit and craft activities for children.

2-6 p.m. - Sunday jazz concert at the City Hall Amphitheater featuring Sibyl Lee-English, The Exciting Harris Brothers and The Calvin Edwards Group.

4-5 p.m. - Praise in Blue, Blue Grass Band, at Barber Cabin.

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## Abbey Kates receives scholarship

Abbey Kates, daughter of Jerry and Debbie Kates of Kings Mountain, is the recipient of the Johnnie James Bridges Memorial Scholarship Endowment for the 2004-2005 academic year. Kates is a student at NC State University, where she is a member of the Marching Band. She is majoring in Animal Science and plans to study veterinary medicine and specialize in large animals.

Established in memory of Johnnie James Bridges by his family, Mr. Bridges taught vocational agriculture, was a retired naval lieutenant, and in 1954 became owner and manager of Shelby Bonded Warehouse. He had an avid interest in agriculture and livestock and was active in the civic life of Shelby and Cleveland County. He died in 1980.

The scholarship is awarded to entering freshmen or transfer students from Cleveland County who are majoring in Animal Science with emphasis in beef production or pre-veterinary medicine.

## REUNION

Fiber Industries, Inc. (FII) - Shelby Plant  
Former/Current Employees,  
Spouse/Guest of the Shelby Plant

Saturday, October 16, 2004

Plant Rec Club Building

Registration 2:00 PM

After a short WELCOME beginning at 3:00 PM, BBQ Serving Lines open and serving continues up to 5:30 PM.

\$12.50 Per Person

PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED FOR MEAL  
MAKE CHECK TO: FII REUNION (Must be received by Saturday, 10/02/04)

MAIL TO: Carl Spangler, 2403 N. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150

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**Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's Forty!!**  
**Happy Birthday**  
**Renee McComas**  
Love, Greg, Brandon, Justin & Sarah