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Worth Waiting For

With flu vaccine in short supply, 200 people stand in line for shot at KM's Eckerd Drug

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Sleeves rolled up, forms in hand, a crowd waited for flu shots Friday at Eckerd Drug.

Workers from Maxum Healthcare in Charlotte visited the Kings Mountain pharmacy with 200 doses of flu vaccination. According to company representative Marcia Miller, no additional vaccine would be available.

For Donald and Betty Conner, both diabetic, the chance to get the vaccine was worth waiting for their number to be called Friday.

Donald Conner, who also has COPD, has

already had the flu three times in two months, his wife said. Betty Conner said she called several places searching for the shots but had no luck.

Jack Horner came from Shelby to get vaccinated. His doctor didn't have any vaccinations, he said.

Horner said he always gets the shot. He didn't attend the Cleveland County Fair this year, fearful he would be infected with the virus.

"I wanted one now. I've had some health problems. If I even get near a germ..." Horner said.

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ANDIE BRYMER / HERALD
 Judy Tate of Maxum Health gives Ruby Hord of KM a flu shot Friday at Eckerd.

Hyder needs lung transplant

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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After being diagnosed with two serious lung ailments in August, friends, family and church members are rallying around Hyder.



HYDER

Hyder first knew something was wrong when he started losing weight two years ago. Since then he's dropped 50 pounds. The Oak Grove man finally got some answers Oct. 5. Tests revealed severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder and emphysema.

"The results weren't too good," Hyder said.

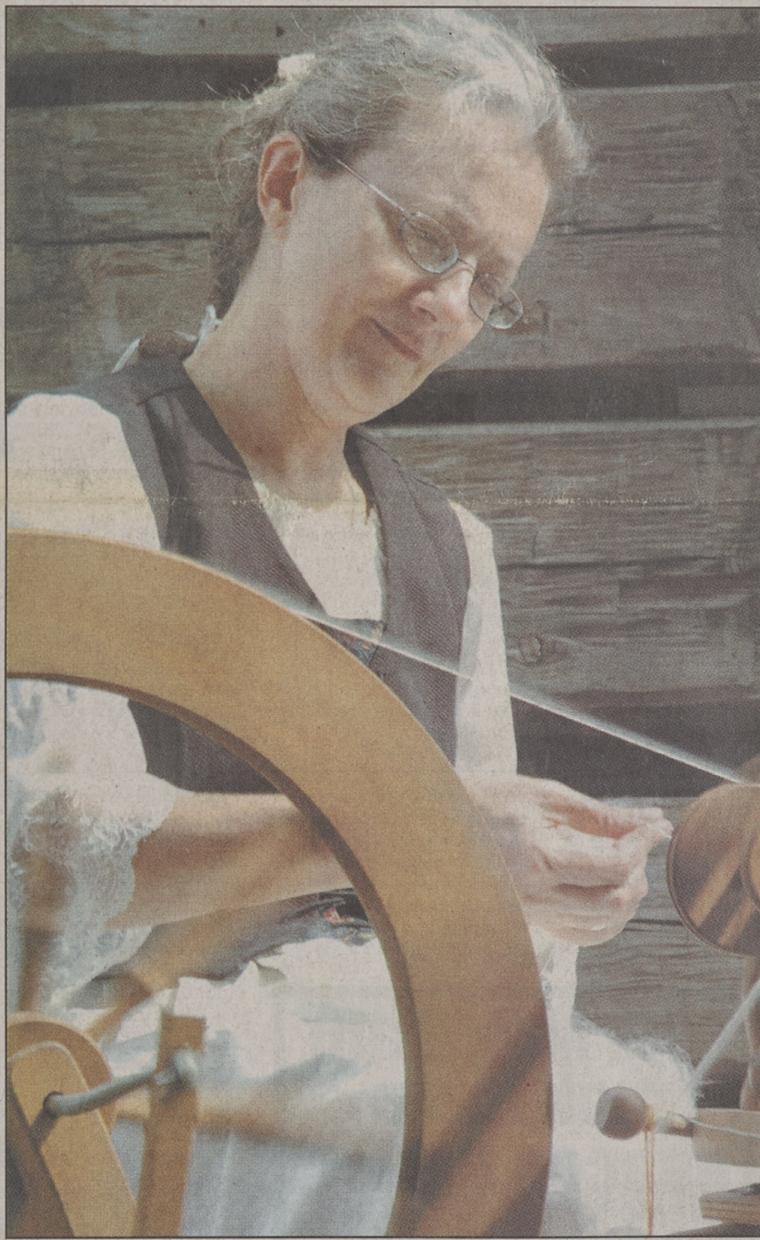
Doctors prescribed inhalers which Hyder says are helping. If tests on Nov. 3 indicate his condition has stabilized and his other major organs are sound, Hyder will be placed on a transplant waiting list. One exam indicated a possibly cancerous spot on Hyder's lung but doctors were not able to biopsy because of the severity of his condition.

In the midst of uncertainty, the family is leaning on faith.

"If it wasn't for church (David Baptist), I don't know what we would be doing," Lisa Hyder said.

Most mornings their
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GATEWAY FESTIVAL



JOSEPH BRYMER / HERALD
 Denise Houston spins wool at the Gateway Festival Saturday in Kings Mountain. For story and more photos, see 8A.

Commission candidates field questions at CCC forum

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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The six candidates for Cleveland County Commission fielded questions from moderator Steve Thornburg Tuesday night during a forum at Cleveland Community College.

How to enhance the county's "business-friendly environment" and continue current economic development was the first question.

Republican incumbent Ronnie Hawkins talked about thinking "outside the box." He praised efforts by the EDC. Incumbent Democrat and commission Chairperson Mary Accor and Republican contender William Troutman supported keeping "taxes at a business friendly rate."

Democrat incumbent Tom Bridges and Republican contender Johnny Hutchins spoke up for small businesses.

Democrat contender Robin Hendrick said his background in business would help him. He has served on the EDC board.

On a question regarding possible changes needed in county zoning, Accor said the laws should be based on citizen input. Bridges supported zoning as a way of protecting rights of property owners.

Hutchins pushed for a wider cross section of people on the zoning board. Hendrick and Troutman called zoning a "necessary evil." Hawkins said that through the land use plan, zoning could be "tweaked" and made to work.

In a question on the best and worst of the current commission, Hutchins and Troutman spoke out against the way the commissioners presented what the two men say is a hike in the total tax bill as a reduction in the rate. Accor and Hawkins defended their actions. Hawkins said that property revaluation is required by law every four years.

Bridges said not getting a sawmill and plastics manufacturer to come to the county was his biggest disappointment. Hendrick called the county's not getting a prison a "missed opportunity."

In closing statements, Troutman said the board needed "some new ideas."

Accor praised the county's work on homeland security, its focus on health and work with the faith community.

Hendrick said his priorities were economic development, education and law enforcement, in that order. Bridges praised the merging of the chamber and EDC, building Kings Mountain Intermediate School, additions at Casar
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WAR STORIES

Vets tape tales for Library of Congress

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Kings Mountain's World War II and Korean War veterans are sharing their stories with the Library of Congress.

Librarian Rose Turner, who retired from Mauney Memorial earlier this year, is video taping their memories for the national project. Vets are meeting with Turner and her camera on the first Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Patrick Senior Center.

Tuesday Voyd Hayes told the group he left the old mule tied to the porch when the Army recruiter picked him up. His dad supported his decision, Hayes said.

First he went to Columbia, S.C., then Camp Carson, Colo. and cook and bakers school. Hayes enlisted before the Korean War
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ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
 Marine veteran Jim Guyton, right, talks with Voyd Hayes, an Army veteran, and David Saunders, a Navy veteran, during a session to record veterans' memories at the Patrick Senior Center.

David Nance to have stem cell transplant

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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A Kings Mountain man who will begin receiving a stem cell transplant in early November is crediting several people in the local medical community for making the life saving surgery possible.



NANCE

After being diagnosed with the rare myelo fibrosis in February, David Nance and his family fought with his insurance company to approve the transplant. Initially the company called

the procedure "risky" and "investigational" and denied funding.

Cleveland Regional Medical Center emergency department nurse Sandy Woods launched a letter writing campaign, Nance said. Soon, hospital Vice-President Dottie Leatherwood, an emergency room physician and from Shelby Family Practice Amy Pearson, a nurse practitioner, and Dr. Christopher Madison also wrote.

"I can't thank them enough. They helped save my life," Nance said Monday. "I was a stranger to them and they didn't hesitate for one second."

Nance is also grateful to the people who have con-
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