

## SENIOR BRIEFS

The following activities have been scheduled by the Patrick Senior Center, 909 East King Street, Kings Mountain. All senior citizens living in the former Kings Mountain Schools district are encouraged to participate. For more information call the center at 734-0447.

■ Applications for prescription drug benefits for senior citizens will be taken Monday, Nov. 8 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the center. Those who are unable to attend may apply at the center offices by calling 734-0447 to make an appointment. Seniors are urged to get their application in by December 25.

To participate, persons must be at least 65 years old, be a resident of North Carolina, have an income of \$23,275 or less if single, divorced or widowed or \$31,225 if married, and have no other prescription drug insurance including Medicaid. Applicants must know their estimated income for 2004.

Persons with health coverage through Medicare+Choice (M+C), a Medigap policy (Medicare supplement insurance) or Veterans Administration may qualify for the program.

■ A bake sale will be held in the senior center lobby on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a mini-van and sound system for the conference room.

■ Seniors will take a trip to Hamrick's in Gaffney on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. They will have lunch (dutch) at the Cracker Barrel and arrive back at the Center by 5 p.m. Transportation cost is \$1.50, payable to Carolyn Bell.

■ Seniors will attend the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte on Tuesday, Nov. 16. They will leave the center at 9 a.m., shop until 12:30 and then travel to The Olive Garden for lunch and McDonald's for ice cream. They will return to the center around 4 p.m. Cost of the ticket for the show and transportation is \$8.50. Lunch, ice cream and purchases are extra.

■ Cleveland Home Health will sponsor a home safety program December 3 at 11 a.m. Lisa Whisnant, RN, will provide a safety "walk-through" of each room of the home, discussing potential safety problems. Revonda Granger, HME Manager, will explain the safe use of medical equipment in the home.

■ Commodities will be distributed Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. Pre-register by calling the center on Monday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Nov. 23 and Wednesday, Nov. 24 between 9-11 a.m. Only those who pre-register will be able to pick up commodities at the Senior Center. Others must go to the Shelby Fairground on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

■ The annual Christmas party will be held Friday, Dec. 17 from 2-4 p.m. the King's Chorus from First Baptist Church will present entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

■ Persons ages 60 and over are encouraged to join the "One Stroke" folk art painting class.

■ The Senior Center Chorus will be performing at various functions in November and December. On Sunday Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. they will participate in a singing program at Bynum Chapel Church. They will perform "Christmas Favorites" at the Senior Center on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. On Monday, Dec. 13 they will entertain participants at the Life Enrichment Center. They will perform for the senior group at Mary's Catholic Church on December 15 at 2 p.m. They will perform at the Shelby Senior Center's New Year party at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Neal Senior Center.

■ Ongoing programs at the Patrick Center.

Mondays - Ceramics 9:30-11:30, sit for fitness 10:30-11:30, senior chorus 10:30, quilting 12:30.

Tuesdays - Beginning line dancing 9 a.m., line dancing 10, Bible history 10:30, knitting 10:30, craft class 1 p.m.

Wednesdays - Sit for fitness 10:30-11:30, senior chorus 12:30, fit for a king exercise class 2 p.m.

Thursdays - Bingo 11 a.m., shopping 12-2, craft class 1 p.m.

Fridays - Mens' coffee time 10 a.m., sit for fitness 10:30-11:30 fit for a king exercise class 2 p.m.

\*Senior shuttle runs Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

\*\*Nutrition is Monday-Friday with a program at 11 a.m. and meal at 11:30.

## 1,400 flu shots to be given today in Shelby

Cleveland County Health Department has purchased 1,400 doses of influenza vaccine which will be administered beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at the Cleveland County Health Department.

The cost is \$20 per dose. North Carolina Medicaid or Medicare can be billed.

Participants should take correct change or their NC Medicaid or Medicare card. The vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis to people who meet the following Center for Disease Control recommendations:

- All Children ages 6-23 months.
- Adults 65 and older.
- Persons ages 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions.
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Children ages 6 months-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Health-care workers involved in direct patient care.
- Out of home caregivers and household contacts of children ages less than six months.

Persons who are unable to stand in line should take someone to stand in line for them, and health care workers will go to the car to give them their vaccine.

## This is Hospice Month

November is National Hospice Month and Hospice of Cleveland County urges residents to learn more about hospice.

For information call [www.hospiceinfo.org](http://www.hospiceinfo.org) or contact Hospice of Cleveland County at 487-4677.



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The Patrick Senior Center chorus is gaining in popularity, performing around the county. For booking information, call 704-734-0447.

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