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Kings Mountain High School Spanish Club members Jason Carpenter, left, Josh Moore, Andrew Haskett and Kelly Peeler unload food donations for Crisis Assistance Ministry Friday afternoon.

# Crisis Ministry depends on donations to help needy

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A disabled woman's car engine stopped working. Repairing it meant no money for utilities. A single mother who has looked for work for a year can't afford Thanksgiving dinner. A couple facing unemployment and a job related injury can't pay their utility bills.

These are the stories of some of the people Kings Mountain Crisis Assistance Ministry helps. The money comes from churches, individuals, industry, the United Way and the bell ringing campaign which starts Friday.

Churches, civic groups and students from Kings Mountain High School will collect money at Food Lion, Harris Teeter and Winn-Dixie from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 18. Beginning Dec. 2 they will be at the stores on Thursdays from 2 to 8 p.m.

Last year's fundraising goal was \$8,000. This year officials are hoping for \$12,000.

"It's very important. It's the only fundraiser we have," said ministry director Becky Lineberger.

She's watched as industry closings and rising fuel prices have forced folks who have never before been in need to ask for help. So far this year the ministry has given away \$84,208 in assistance.

Friday afternoon students from Kings Mountain High School's Spanish Club dropped off \$120 and several hundred cans of food. The students voted unanimously to make the ministry a project both this year and last year. They collected the money and food from fellow students.

"Some families don't have a lot of money to buy food for Thanksgiving or Christmas," said Jennifer Lingg, club vice-president.

The non-profit ministry is under the umbrella of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association but has its own board. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 1335, Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086. More bell ringers are needed. To volunteer, call 704-739-7256.

## MRSA

From 1A

authorities, so a precise number is not known. According to some estimates, as many as 100,000 persons are hospitalized each year with MRSA infections, although only a small proportion of these persons have disease onset occurring in the community.

The CDC recommends hand washing, covering

sores and avoiding contact with other's wounds.

MRSA is almost always spread by direct physical contact, and not through the air. Spread may also occur through indirect contact by touching objects (i.e., towels, sheets, wound dressings, clothes, workout areas, sports equipment) contaminated by the infected skin of a person with MRSA or staph bacteria, according to the CDC.

## HEFFNER

From 4A

When the trade centers were attacked, the survivors became instant millionaires. The federal government did that, and guess whose money they used.

Some survivors, afflicted with a touch of zealotry obviously, complained because the \$1.2 million they received was not enough. Many got much more, because of private contributions.

Their loved ones are still gone.

When my father came down with the illness which eventually killed him, the first relative to come along slipped a crisp, folded \$100 dollar bill into my mom's hand. She turned, gave him one of her best withering looks and gently tapped the bill into his lapel pocket.

"Thank you," she said.

I would not have been that nice. In fact, I wasn't that nice, but what are you going to do? Some people think they have to do that. The only thing I can figure out is they have guilt. Why, I guess I'll never know.

Oh well, when I take over I'm going to create a Department of Zealotry, and get rid of some of that nonsense.

Zealotry should be a misdemeanor.

# Activities set at KMNMP

Several activities are scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

The park's Backcountry Militia will set up a militia camp typical of the frontier troops who fought at Kings Mountain. Joining them will be the Hesse Kassel Jaeger Korps, a re-created

German unit.

The encampment is open to the public from 9-5 Saturday and 9-3 Sunday.

On Saturday from 1-4:30 p.m., the park will also open the Howser House for tours. Located in a remote section of the park, the 1803 stone house is open to the public once a year. Visitors may

experience early American holiday traditions as the house will be furnished and decorated for the holidays in 1803 style.

The Howser house is accessible from Rock House Road. In the event of rain the house tours will be cancelled.

## BOARD

From 1A

instructional hours, nine calendar months, a minimum of 10 annual vacation days, the same number of legal holidays as designated by the state Personnel Commission for State Employees, no Sunday work days and a mandatory staff vacation day on Veterans Day.

"The calendar keeps getting more complicated each year," David Gross told the board.

Moore said his office had already gotten calls from parents asking about the 2005-2006 calendar.

Officials are not optimistic

the state will grant the waiver. Board member Shearra Miller suggested shortening the winter holiday.

East Elementary Principal Jerry Hoyle was recognized as principal of the year for Cleveland County Schools. He now advances to regional competition.

Schools were recognized for receiving Artists in Schools grants from the Cleveland County Arts Council. Locally, Gene Bumgardner at Kings Mountain High received a \$500 grant for a musical composition software grant. Cindy Cooke received \$450 to be used at Grover and Bethware for the Show Me Emotion program; Kim Duckworth, Grover

Elementary, Now Showing: Library Showcasing Young Artists, \$275; Jewell Kendrick, KMHS, Shakespeare's Upstart Crows Perform, \$200; Anne Mauney, KMMS, Connecting Culture and Clay, \$250; Charlene Maxey, North Elementary, Building Communities That Work, \$200 and Robin Spicer, KMHS, Light's Way, \$225.

## Bethware plans Christmas program

Bethware Elementary School will have its traditional Christmas program on Thursday, December 2 at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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