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SPECIAL ANGELS

Hospital tree remembers special people living and deceased

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Despite construction and a tiny, temporary lobby, Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary held its annual Christmas tree lighting last week.

Auxiliary members, hospital staff and the public gathered last Wednesday to flip the switch on the angel covered tree. Each ornament is sponsored in honor or memory of someone.

A special angel was placed on the tree honoring physical therapy department head Randy Howe.

"The department has grown because of his leadership and special dedication to his patients," said auxiliary member Collene Bennett. "It's a happy place to be even if you're in pain."

"It's the team. It's not a one person shop," Howe said.

Bennett was honored with another special angel for volunteering 358 hours in the physical therapy department since the spring.

Kings Mountain High School senior Jason Carpenter was also honored with an angel for helping to set up the tree for the past four years.

"Each of these ladies I've grown to absolutely love. You all have a special place in my heart," he said.

Rev. John Houze of People's Baptist Church read from the Gospel of Luke account of the angels which appeared to the shepherds.

"You're angels. You come to people in need," he told the crowd. "Every time you comfort someone that's no more than the glory of God you're giving."

Auxiliary members say they are looking forward to next year when renovations are complete. The Christmas tree will be in the new lobby.

Funds raised by the angel tree support the auxiliary's scholarship program for KMHS graduates majoring in health care.



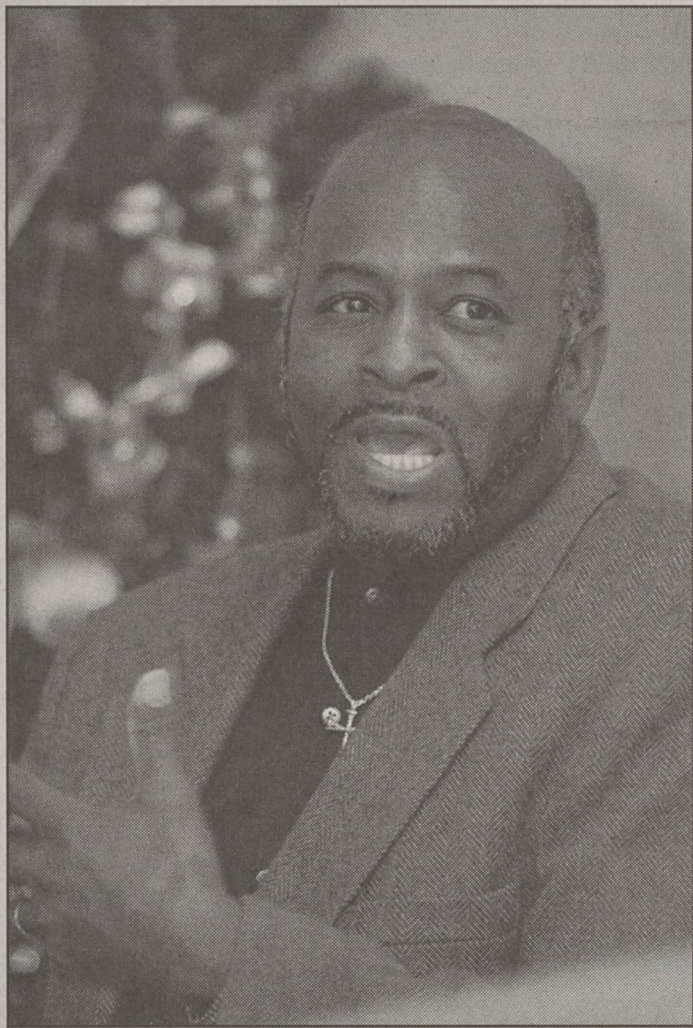
Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary member Peggy Baird recognizes Collene Bennett for outstanding service.

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Kings Mountain Hospital Chief Operating Office Sheri De Shazo welcomes guests to the tree lighting ceremony.

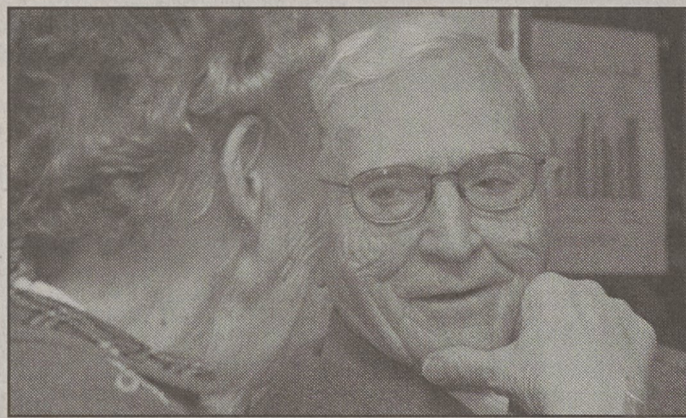
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Rev. John Houze of People's Baptist Church spoke on angels during the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary tree lighting ceremony.



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Eric Wright sings during the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary tree lighting.



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Dr. George Plonk was among the guests at the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary tree lighting ceremony last week.

Annual toy ride for foster children slated December 19

The Windjammers Motorcycle Club will sponsor its 16th annual Ride for the Children Sunday, Dec. 19.

The ride provides toys and presents for children of Cleveland County who are in foster care.

The group will begin lining up at 1:30 at Cleveland Mall and will leave at 2 p.m. to travel through Shelby, on Marion St., around the Courthouse to Aaron's House in Lattimore via Highway 74. Weather permitting, the band "Crimson Rose" will perform from 12-2 p.m. in the mall parking lot for all Toy Run participants and friends.

Over the years, other clubs and individual riders have joined the event. Last year over 600 motorcycles and approximately 1,800 people participated. In addition to gifts that are distributed to all children in foster care in Cleveland County, a monetary gift is made to the Children's Homes of Cleveland County. This gift provides clothing, recreation activities, school fees and extra curricular activities for the children at James Home and Aaron's House for the next year.

The weekend event will begin on Friday at 7 p.m. with a wrestling match at the Belwood Community Center, sponsored by the Windjammers. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information call Britt at 482-6358 or Marc at 482-0918.

The club will hold a drawing for a Harley 2004 XL Custom. Tickets will be sold at the Cleveland Mall on Friday, Dec. 10 beginning at 5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 11 beginning at 12 noon. Tickets will also be available at the Toy Run and at the wrestling match.

Senior Center chorus to perform

The Kings Mountain Senior Center Chorus will be performing at various functions in December.

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.

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Q: It's time to renew my insurance for my car and I want to know what this coverage does as well as what you would recommend?

A: This is one of the best times to look into changing your coverage and to make sure that you are adequately protected.

Everyone in North Carolina is required to carry the "minimum limits" in liability coverage. This coverage is to protect other drivers on the road when you may be negligent. Minimum limits in North Carolina are \$30,000 per individual and \$60,000 per accident. The \$60,000 per accident limitation means that if a number of people are in a car that you negligently hurt, the total amount of coverage from your insurance company would be \$60,000 to be divided by everybody that was injured in the wreck.

How liability coverage you actually need depends on what assets you actually have and how much you can afford to pay for the coverage. One interesting aspect about the payment is that the most of the cost of insurance is in the first liability minimum limits coverage and doubling your coverage would not double your premium. Talk to your insurance agent about costs for upgrading your policy if you have minimum limits. What you are protecting is your assets in that, if you cause injury to someone, you may be sued and found liable for those damages, you would then be subject to having a judgement placed against you and assets potentially taken by execution on that judgement.

The next kind of coverage avail-

able is Med-Pay coverage. This coverage pays only medical bills that you receive from an injury involving a motor vehicle. This coverage applies no matter who was at fault for the wreck and helps cover out of pocket medical expenses. This coverage can be bought in different amounts and is also a fairly inexpensive coverage to add to your policy. This coverage would apply to all the individuals in your vehicle if you are involved in a wreck. It is typically available in amounts of \$500, \$1000, \$2000, \$5000 and up.

North Carolina also provides for un-insured motorists and under-insured motorists coverage. Un-insured motorists coverage protects you and the occupants of your vehicle or the members of your family living with you, if you are in a wreck and someone else is at fault who does not have automobile insurance.

Under-insured motorists coverage provides coverage is the other person does not have enough insurance coverage to cover all your damages from a wreck. This often is the case when someone has minimum coverage and causes significant injuries to one or more people. We have handled claims where people injured had medical bills in excess of \$800,000 and only minimum coverage was available. The defendant had no assets.

This coverage is only available if you purchase more than the minimum coverage of liability insurance. These are the three or four main types of coverage that individuals should assess their risks and determine what type of coverage they need when discussing their new insurance policy with their agent.

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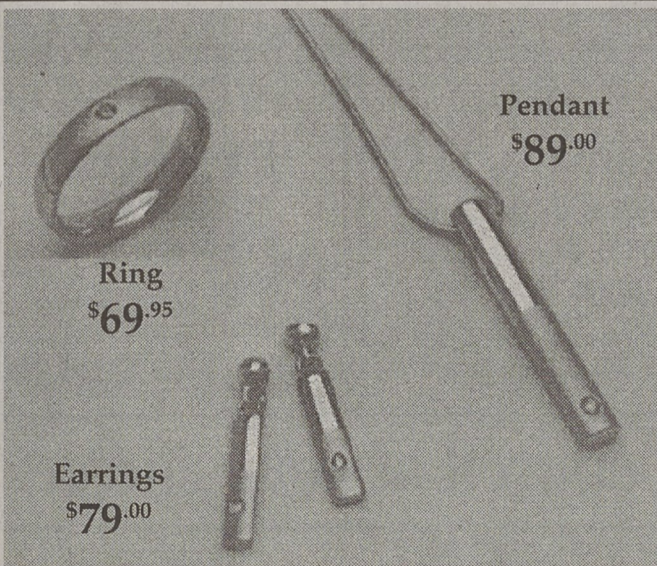
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