

**BUSINESS**

# Kerns wins national award

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Since 1941 Kerns Trucking has called Kings Mountain home. Local rock quarries attracted founders Clyde Kerns and Jim Kerns to the area.

Today Clyde Kerns grandsons, Butch and Clyde Kerns, run a business which serves the nation. The fleet working from the Kings Mountain headquarters includes 35 trucks. The Concord location, opened in 2003, includes 45 trucks. The Iron Station location, also opened in 2003, brokers loads going across the country.

"Most people know us as dump trucks in Kings Mountain but we've gotten bigger than that," said Doug Prestwood, business manager.

Kerns officials credit diversification for its surviving two recessions. Until 1991 gravel and sand were main stays. Today the company hauls recycled goods, agricultural products and "anything imaginable in a dump truck," Prestwood said.

In November the company was named Fleet of the Month by Northland Insurance. The company started the recognition program a month earlier.

"Our goal is to be the first two-time winner," said Clyde Kerns, company vice-president. Butch Kerns is president of the company.

He says safety is a habit at Kerns. Drivers are taught "haste makes waste." A \$500 annual safety bonus also works as an incentive. Kerns said he enjoys writing the



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Kerns Trucking Vice-President Clyde Kerns, left, and Business Manager Doug Prestwood are proud of the safety recognition the company recently earned. Below, Mr. Natural has been Kerns Trucking's mascot since the keep on trucking era of the 1970s.

checks each year. The executive hires and rides with every driver.

Northland honored Kerns with a dinner at McIntosh's Restaurant in Charlotte. Loss control specialist Bob Hart from Minnesota, Charlotte underwriter Jimmy Proffit and Greenville agent Bill Hall also attended.

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**INSPECTIONS**

The following permits were issued by the City of Kings Mountain in December. Column lists name, address, cost of project, and permit fee.

**Master Buildings**

- Aaron Patterson, 809 Ellison St., \$15,000, no fee.
- Aaron Patterson, 133 McGinnis St., \$15,000 no fee.
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- Bruce Miller, 114 Timms St., \$15,000, \$105.
- Foy Fredell, 607 Oak Grove Rd., \$12,000, \$93.75.
- Robert Kempton, 900 Bethlehem Church Rd., \$5,000, \$67.50.
- Cherokee Baptist, 421 Cherokee St., \$2,900, \$50.
- Guy Trout, 1416 Washington St., \$2,500, \$50.
- David Evans Inc., 109 Heatherton Dr., \$130,000, \$480.
- Dick Ferguson, 300 Maner Rd., \$11,000, \$90.
- Hall Builders, 213 Landry Dr., \$110,000, \$431.
- Hall Builders, 223 Landry Dr., \$115,000, \$440.
- Piedmont Construction, 174 Crown Ct., \$52,500, \$242.
- MCE Properties, 525 Conan Dr., \$280,000, \$618.

**Electrical permits**

- Jeanette Cheshire, 613 E. Ridge St., \$200, \$50.
- George Lublanezki, 212 York Rd., \$500, \$50.
- Ronnie Whetstone, 1549 N. Piedmont, \$350, \$50.
- Ricky Ware, 824 N. Piedmont, \$700, \$50.
- Robert Tilly, 810 First St., \$250, \$50.
- Ruth Weinberger, 312 El Bethel Rd., \$500, \$50.
- Mike Hutson, 125 Persimmons Cre., \$200, 0 fee.
- George Goforth, 1533 N. Piedmont, \$275, \$50.
- Louise Roberts, 817 N. Piedmont, \$1,000, \$50.
- Jan Williams, 336 Patterson Rd., \$600, \$50.

**mits**

- Georgia Thomas, 110 Rosebank Dr., \$4,300, \$53.75
  - Anthony Gay, 123 Windyhill Dr., \$10,000, \$76.25.
- Mechanical permits**
- David Logeman, 800 Manor Dr., \$1,000, \$50.
  - Samual Friday, 216 Dixon School Rd., \$2,000, \$50.
  - Terry Hulsey, 705 Princeton Dr., \$2,400, \$50.
  - Bill Bowen, 205 Fairdel St., \$1,000, \$50.
  - City of Kings Mountain, 1013 N. Piedmont, \$7,900, 0 fee.
  - Sarah Huffman, 903 Second St., \$4,100, \$53.75.
  - Chuck Cook, 103 Kimberly Ln., \$1,000, \$50.
  - Ron Byars, 122 Branchwood, \$300, \$50.
  - Ruth Weinberger, 312 El Bethel Rd., \$3,000, \$50.
  - Springfield Apartment, Springfield Spts., \$1,100, \$50.
  - Betty Bell, 116 Branchwood, \$150, \$50.
  - Sunny Pogug, 605 Plantation Dr., \$350, \$50.
  - Mike Hutson, 125 Persimmons Creek, \$6,000, \$61.25.
  - Patricia Williams, 1706 Northwoods Dr., \$3,978, \$53.75.
- Tim Echols, 122 Camelot Court, \$4,179, \$53.75.**
- Gene Murray, 812 Landing St., \$2,000, \$50.**
- James Pruitt, 498 Bridges Dr., \$1,200, \$50.**
- Plumbing permits**
- Charles Shivers, 213 Duke St., \$85, \$50.
  - Louise Carpenter, 113 Bain Rd., \$200, \$50.
  - George Lublanezki, 212 York Rd., \$1,000, \$50.
  - David Logeman, 800 Manor Dr., \$500, \$50.
  - Aaron Patterson, 131 McGinnis St., \$900, \$50.
- Sign permit**
- Faith Baptist Church, \$7,500, \$30.
- Totals for month: 51 permits, value \$872,117, fees collected \$4,474.75.

**HELPING HANDS**

# County to receive food, shelter money

Cleveland County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Program. Cleveland County has been chosen to receive \$79,090 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and the United Way of America. The Local Board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Cleveland County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of funding. This funding is based on local needs as determined by the county's unemployment rate.

Under the terms of the grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board, local public or private voluntary organizations eligible to receive funds must: 1) be non-profit or units of government, 2) have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) provide regularly served meals, emergency food assistance, mass shelter, rent/mortgage assistance, or utilities and 5) have a voluntary board if a private voluntary organization. All qualifying organizations are urged to apply. Service providers requesting funds are asked to contact Julie Young, the local coordinator, for an application.

Applications must be turned in at the United Way of Cleveland County office no later than noon on Tuesday, January 11, 2005. The local Emergency Food and Shelter board will meet at 1pm, Thursday, January 20, 2005 at the United Way of Cleveland County office (132 West Graham Street, Shelby). The Board will receive proposals from service providers, make agency awards, and set up and maintain an appeals process to govern disputes.

For more information contact Julie Young at United Way, 132 West Graham Street, Shelby or by phone at (704) 482-7344.

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**BLADE TRINITY**  
Rated R - 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

**CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANNS**  
Rated PG 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:35

**DARKNESS**  
Rated PG-13 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50

**FAT ALBERT**  
Rated PG-12 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

**FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX**  
Rated PG-13 11:50, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

**LEMONY SNICKETS**  
A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS  
Rated PG-13 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50

**MEET THE FOCKERS**  
Rated PG-13 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

**OCEAN'S TWELVE**  
Rated R - 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

**SPANGLISH**  
Rated PG-13 - 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

**THE POLAR EXPRESS**  
Rated G - 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30

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