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LOCAL

Women discuss issues for '05

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER Staff Writer

Domestic violence and health care are among the issues some Cleveland County women hope the General Assembly will address this year.

During last week's county-level North Carolina Women's Agenda meeting, 32 women developed and ranked issues facing their gender. Their list along with

those from women across the state are forwarded to North Carolina Women United. That group will present the top ranking issues at the beginning of the next legislative session.

Other issues important to Cleveland women include financial security for elderly women who often outlive spouses. The need for community and political involvement among women, pay equity and affordable

housing also ranked high.

The event, hosted by the Cleveland County Commission for Women, attracted women from age 23 to 80.

"It was a wide variety of women through out the county, several economic levels," said Betsy Wells, one of the organizers. "We were pleased with the diversity of the group."

Elected officials in atten-

dance included Cleveland County Schools board member Jo Boggs and Kingstown council women Chinnetta Brooks and Eva N. Jennings.

Cleveland County first held a women's agenda meeting in 1989 making it one the first counties in North Carolina to offer the bi-annual event.

North Carolina Women United will hold a lobby day May 30. For more information, visit ncwu.org.

KM POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Donnie Ramsey, 19, Thomasville, injury to personal property, felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, \$1,500 secured bond.

Richard Weaver, 54, General Delivery, order for arrest on second degree trespassing, \$600 secured bond.

James Gibson Jr., 31, 507 Katherine Ave., fictitious information to officer, careless and reckless driving, driving while license revoked, fictitious registration plate, \$5,000 secured bond.

Faye Guevara, 24, Grover, two counts giving false information to officer, one count each of driving while license revoked, possession of schedule IV substance, possession of schedule VI substance, resist, delay and obstruct, and speeding through school zone, \$5,000 secured bond.

CITATIONS

Brandon Ellis, 16, 911 Grace St., simple affray at KMHS.

Lloyd Byers, 19, 103 Pearce Ct., simple affray at KMHS.

Javon Potts, 17, 921 Long Branch Rd., simple affray at KMHS.

Dennis Moore, 18, 1212 Northwoods Dr., simple affray at KMHS.

Blake Jarrett, 17, Grover, simple affray on student.

James Coley, 23, 3 Bennett Dr., failing to obey stop sign.

Mashonda Johnson, 24, 308 W. Gold St. Apt. 3, driving while license revoked, expired registration plate.

Mashonda Johnson, 24, 308 W. Gold St. apt. 3, failing to stop at stop sign.

Lorenzo Romero, 29, 107 N. Deal St., no operator's license.

Sandra Christ, 43, 8110 Mary's Grove Ch. Rd., expired registration plate.

Stacy Caston, 38, 407 Waco Rd. #B, expired registration plate.

Joseph Adams, 23, 913 Woodside Ave., no insurance.

J.T. Thrift, 60, 113 Idlewood Ct., failing to yield right of way.

Joseph Adams, 23, 913 Woodside Dr., failure to register vehicle, displaying fictitious registration number.

Carolyn Kiser, 48, 133 Graystone Dr., speeding 51 in 35 zone, expired inspection sticker.

Mark Pratt, 36, 1119 Groves St., speeding 58 in 35 zone.

Steven Braswell, 33, Grover, speeding 52 in 35 zone.

Shelton Holmes, 106 Parkgrace Rd., failing to stop at stop sign.

David Bell, 45, 903 Oak Grove Rd., speeding 53 in 35 zone.

Katie Bell, 736 Oak Grove Rd., speeding 56 in 35 zone.

Sandra Baker, 39, 803 W. Mountain St., speeding 61 in 35 zone.

Jamie Crow, 33, 833 Bethlehem Rd., speeding 51 in 35 zone, expired inspection sticker.

Ada Hambricht, 40, 107 Spurgeon Dr., speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Patricia Edwards, 37, 862 Sunnyside-Shady Rest Rd., speeding 51 in 35 zone.

Mary Collins, 61, 203 Patterson Rd., speeding 54 in 35 zone, failing to carry driver's license.

Sandra Stirewalt, 33, Grover, speeding 58 in 35 zone.

Amy Dixon, 42, 914 Dixon School Rd., speeding 62 in 45 zone.

INCIDENTS

Johnsie Adams, 1042 Mountain Crest Dr., reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole money and did \$250 damage to the driver's side window.

Jamie Hamrick, 1009 Mary's Grove Church Rd., reported that someone stole her identity by using her social security card.

Kings Mountain Hospital, 706 W. King St., reported larceny of an IBM Think Pac valued at \$1,600.

Blanton McNeill, 1103 W. Gold St. Ext. reported that someone impersonating a utility company employee stole medication and money from his home.

Quincy Shade, Gastonia, reported an accidental vehicle fire at a parking lot on Marie St.. Damage to his 1993 Pontiac Grand Am was \$7,000.

Eckerd Drug Store, 601 E. King St., reported that someone forged two prescriptions to obtain medicine.

Farm Bureau Insurance Co., 1308 Shelby Rd., reported break-in and larceny of three digital cameras valued at \$300 each, and a CD player valued at \$30. Damage to a door was \$200.

Kenneth and Esther Harrison, 203 Cooke Cir., reported a strong arm robbery.

Jerry Hill, 542 Baker St., and Kings Mountain Housing Authority, 216 McGill Ct., reported break-in and larceny. There was \$100 damage to a window. Items stolen included a Game Cube valued at \$75, Play Station valued at \$200, 15 assorted games valued at \$150, and a small

amount of money. City of Kings Mountain reported meter tampering on Ellison St.

Janet Bagwell, 112 Fulton Dr., reported that someone broke a door glass at her home.

City of Kings Mountain reported \$200 damage to a power meter at a home on Morris St.

Selma Whistine, 116 Millcreek Dr., reported that someone backed over a transformer owned by the City of Kings Mountain, causing \$500 damage.

Ron Owens, 209 N. City St., reported larceny of a bicycle.

Joyce Parks, 310 Wilson Terrace, reported that someone cut two tires on her vehicle.

Jeffery Green, 810 Grace St., reported attempted larceny of a vehicle. There was \$1,000 damage to the steering column.

City of Kings Mountain, reported that someone broke a windshield of a city vehicle while it was parked at a convenience store. Damage was \$500.

Kellie Houser, 1-D Kingswood Apts., reported break-in and larceny of money and \$2,500 worth of children's clothing.

Barbra Bigger, 1804 Alpine Dr., reported break-in. Stolen were a game console valued at \$199, three Play Station games valued at \$150, two game controllers valued at \$40, a NASCAR jacket valued at \$106, blue jeans valued at \$140, and shoes valued at \$135. There was \$50 damage to a door and door jam.

Lucille White, 1040 Barnette Dr., reported that someone drove over a fence and street sign, causing \$2,000 to her fence and \$500 to a street sign owned by the City of KM.

Fleete Wilson, 303 Ware St., reported larceny of a Chevrolet van.

Darcy Stahl, 304 N. Gaston St., reported larceny of a check book.

Southern Convenience, 511 Linwood Rd., reported larceny of gas.

Cleveland County Board of Education, Shelby, reported damage to four school buses at Kings Mountain Intermediate School.

Windows were damaged in three of the buses, and tail lights of the fourth vehicle were damaged.

WRECKS

Vehicles driven by Bobby Jack Green of Kings Mountain and Robert Metcalfe of Bessemer City struck on NC

161 at Linwood Rd. Damage to the Green vehicle was \$2,000 and damage to the Metcalfe vehicle was \$1,000.

Vehicles driven by Iris Maldonado of Stone Mountain, GA and Jose Cartagena of Winston Salem struck on I-85 near NC 161. Damage to the Maldonado vehicle was \$5,000 and damage to the Cartagena vehicle was \$20,000. The NC Highway Patrol charged Cartagena with driving while impaired.

Vehicles driven by Odell McLendon of Charlotte and Charles Deviney of Kings Mountain struck on US 74 Business at Phifer Rd. Damage to the Deviney vehicle was \$8,000 and damage to the McLendon vehicle was \$1,000.

Vehicles driven by George Thomasson and Jimmy Rogers Jr., both of Kings Mountain, struck on US 74 at Cansler St. There was \$400 damage to the Thomasson vehicle and \$1,000 to the Rogers vehicle.

Vehicles driven by Daniel Wydo and Maurice Tate, both of Kings Mountain, struck on Brooklyn Dr. Damage to the Wydo vehicle was \$1,500 and damage to the Tate vehicle was \$200.

Vehicles driven by J.T. Thrift and Joseph Adams, both of Kings Mountain, struck on NC 161 at the US 74 bypass. Damage to the Thrift vehicle was \$5,000 and damage to the Adams vehicle was \$800.

Vehicles driven by Stephen Inman of Shelby and Joan Gore of Kings Mountain struck on S. Battleground Ave. at Wells St. Damage to the Inman vehicle was \$1,900 and damage to the Gore vehicle was \$2,500.

Vehicles driven by Scott Mayse of Kings Mountain and Crystal Lambardo of Shelby struck on Edgemont Dr. at US 74 Business. Damage to the Mayse vehicle was \$3,500 and damage to the Lambardo vehicle was \$3,000.

Vehicles driven by Stephen Campbell and Thomas Moore, both of Kings Mountain, struck on US 74 Business at N. Dilling St. Damage to the Campbell vehicle was \$3,000 and damage to the Moore vehicle was \$2,000.

Vehicles driven by Chadwick Arnold of Kings Mountain and Ronald Willis of Shelby struck on NC 161 at Gold St. Damage to the Arnold vehicle was \$1,000 and damage to the Willis vehicle was \$200.



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD

Cup and Saucer owner Alice Armstrong is proud that the restaurant was voted Small Business of the Month by the Small Business Council of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce.

Cup and Saucer Business of Month

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Will it be quiche, tomato pie or homemade soup? Or maybe grilled chicken on a bed of fancy greens? Diners make the tough choice Tuesday through Saturday at the Cup and Saucer.

Unlike the menu full of difficult choices, the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Council didn't have a hard time selecting the restaurant as Small Business of the Month for January.

The restaurant draws patrons from Shelby, Charlotte, Cherryville, Clover, Gastonia and Boiling Springs, according to owner Alice Armstrong. She credits word of mouth.

The restaurant, located in a historic two-story home on West King Street, is known for its decor. Sunny yellow walls trimmed in bright pink greet guests who sit at dainty glass-top tables. Hardwood floors gleam. Curtains are made from cup and saucer print fabric. Miniature tea sets are placed through out the restaurant.

Despite the decor, the restaurant isn't a girls only kind of place. Armstrong says once men dine here they'll be back. One salesman brings his clients and confides to Armstrong that he looks for any excuse to visit Kings Mountain because of the restaurant.

Armstrong, along with Diane Guy and Judy Whitener, opened the

restaurant and gift shop exactly four years ago today. Since then Guy and Whitener have opted out of the business.

The three women were encouraged by local banker Brenda Lovelace to open the restaurant. She had eaten the trio's cooking at their church, First Wesleyan in Bessemer City.

"Brenda was our inspiration," Armstrong said.

Though she lives in Bessemer City, Armstrong has fallen in love with Kings Mountain.

"Everybody has been so good to us. They're sweet as they can be," she said.

Armstrong calls city hall Receptionist Elaine Love "chief cheerleader." Love directs callers looking for a place to eat to the Cup and Saucer.

Chamber of Commerce staff, Mayor Rick Murphrey and Police Chief Melvin Proctor are among those who have been supportive, Armstrong said.

Before opening the Cup and Saucer, she worked for John Deere in Gastonia until the plant closed. Armstrong says God waited till the later part of her life to give her the best.

"This place belongs to God, he just lets me hang out," she said.

In addition to Armstrong, the restaurant employees 10 people.

"They make the Cup and Saucer," Armstrong said.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MILITARY

Dalton home from 16 months in Iraq

Robby Dalton has returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq having served a total of 16 months there.



Dalton also served six months in Afghanistan in 2001-2002.

Dalton received several awards for his service including the Joint Service Achievement Award for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He

received an Army Commendation and a Joint Service Achievement Award for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In May Dalton will spend two years at Fort Bragg training to be a Green Beret. He will return to Fort Campbell, Kentucky upon completion.

Dalton is a 1996 Kings Mountain High School graduate. His parents are Mike and Vickie Dalton. His grandparents are Bob and Betty Ware, all of Kings Mountain, and the late Archie and Kathleen Dalton of Shelby.

Navy Band to play in Clover

The U.S. Navy Band and Sea Chanters Chorus from Washington, DC will present a free concert at Clover School District Auditorium Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

The band and chorus will present a variety of popular and classical favorites

reflecting the Navy Band's 80-year heritage.

The concert is free but tickets are required by calling 803 222-8018. Any unclaimed seats will be available to non-ticket holders just prior to concert time.

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