

## SENIOR CALENDAR

Kings Mountain Senior Center activities for September and October. Unless otherwise indicated, all activities are at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center, 909 E. King St., Kings Mountain. For more information call 704-734-0447.

**The annual mountain trip** is set for Tues., Oct. 18 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. It will feature a tour of Asheville and a visit to the Trolley Stop and other locations. The cost is \$30 per person (does not include lunch). Registration begins Wed., Sept. 13, on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made at the time of registration.

**A Medicare Part D seminar** will be held Tues., Sept. 27 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. The public is invited. Other meetings are set for Nov. 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Dec. 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m., and Dec. 11 from 2-4 p.m. Take a list of prescriptions, dosage and times taken during the day. Seminars are free. Carolyn Bell, the Center's SHIP counselor, assists seniors with medicare and insurance questions and is available weekdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. by appointment.

**The Senior Chorus** will perform Mon., Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at the Kings Mountain Life Enrichment Center. Their annual Christmas concert will be Tues., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Patrick Center and will present the Christmas concert to the Life Enrichment Center on Fri., Dec. 16 at 10 a.m.

**U.S.D.A. commodities distribution** will be Tues., Sept. 13 from 1-3 p.m. Only persons who pre-registered at the Center will be able to receive food. Others must go to the Cleveland County Fair Grounds on Wed., Sept. 14 at 8 a.m.

**The Senior Center's Fall Bazaar** will be Oct. 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Local vendors ages 55 and older may rent a table for \$10. Call Carolyn Bell for more information. Proceeds will go toward purchasing a sound system for the Senior Center Chorus.

**The annual volunteer appreciation lunch** will be Sat., Oct. 29 at 12 noon. There will be special entertainment and the Charles R. Walker Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented.

**The Senior Strutters line dancers** will perform at the Patrick Center dining room Tues., Sept. 13 at 10:45 a.m.

**Stacey Blair from Foot Solutions** will be at the center on Tues., Sept. 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. to discuss special shoes for persons with diabetes and foot problems. Shoes are free or low cost for persons with medicare Part B. To order shoes, one must have a prescription from their doctor.

**Cleveland County Fair senior citizens day** is Tues., Oct. 4. The Senior Center will provide transportation to any seniors ages 60 and older. Register by Sept. 20. A one dollar donation is requested. Admission to the fair is \$4 for ages 60-64 and free for ages 65 and older. Take proof of age. Call Mattie Scoggins by Sept. 20 to arrange transportation. The group will leave the Patrick Center at 12:30 p.m. and return around 4 p.m.

**Gaither Vocal Band videos** are shown by Bill Worthen each Friday at 10:30 in the dining room. Worthen also teaches a Bible history class on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the library/computer room.

The Senior Center also provides numerous other weekday activities. For more information, call the center.

## SOCIAL BRIEFS

The City of Kings Mountain will hold a 9-11 service Friday at noon at City Hall. Mayor Rick Murphrey will speak. There will be prayer. Police Chief Melvin Proctor and Fire Chief Frank Burns will be part of the ceremony. The public is invited.

Anyone who would like to participate in the **Keep Kings Mountain Beautiful** project should call city Events Coordinator Ellis Noell at 704-730-2103. A committee is forming. The project is part of the national Keep America Beautiful.

The **Cleveland County Department of Social Services** is now accepting applications for the Crisis Intervention Program. These funds are designated for heating and cooling related emergencies. Anyone experiencing an emergency situation, and would like to know if they qualify for this program, contact the Department of Social Services at 704-487-0661. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Gaston County Museum Blues Out Back** concert will be September 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. featuring Cherryville bluegrass musician Darin Aldridge. The museum is located at 131 West Main Street, Dallas, NC 28034. For more information call Jeff Prueett at 704-922-7681 ext. 105.

**Crowders Mountain State Park** will host "Sensational Senses Hike" Sat., Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. The short hike will focus on the importance of sight, sound, smell and touch in nature. The program is great for children. The program will be cancelled if it rains. Meet at the visitor center. Call 853-5375 for more information.

**Crowders Mountain State Park** will hold a fall wildflower hike Sun., Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. Meet at the visitor's center flagpole. Call 853-5375 for more information.

The **54th annual Peter and Polly Lail reunion** will be held Sun., Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Community Center, 1017 Bethlehem Rd., Kings Mountain. All descendants and family friends are invited. For more information or directions call Lisa Morrison at 757-923-4356.

**Descendants of Thomas Lovelace** will have a reunion Sunday at 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Oak Grove Baptist Church located at 1022 Oak Grove Church Road.

**Surplus food commodities** will be distributed Wed., Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. at the Cleveland County Fairground. Those who wish to apply for food will not receive a card in the mail. Some type of ID will be needed. Anyone picking up food for someone else must bring a singled note. For more information call J.D. Baldree of the Shelby Lions Club, 487-7466.

Mail briefs to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC, 28086, phone 739-7496, fax 739-0611 or e-mail gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com

## ART

### Regional art grants available

Grants are available for musicians, writers, film makers, dancers and actors through the 2005-2006 Regional Artist Project Grant Program. The application deadline is noon on Sept. 16. The program alternates disciplines on a two-year cycle. Multi-disciplinary (dance, drama, film, literature, music) artists are eligible to apply for the upcoming September deadline, while visual artists will be eligible to apply next year. Artists may request up to \$3,000 for projects.

Grant awards may be used for projects including, but not limited to: attendance at workshops or master classes, production of visual arts portfolios and the purchase of supplies for new works. Previous grant recipients are eligible to reapply after four years. Artists also are encouraged to apply for North Carolina Arts Council Fellowships during alternate years in which they are not eligible for a Regional Artist Project Grant.

Call the Cleveland County Arts Council at 704-484-2787 to receive an application or visit website [www.ccartsCouncil.org](http://www.ccartsCouncil.org).

### Mill history featured in art exhibit

The Cleveland County Arts Council is currently hosting "Cultural Compost" an exhibit by South Carolina artist Ellen Kochansky. Her three-dimensional account of mill history in rural South Carolina includes quilted pieces, journal and book related pieces and other pieces of the past.

The exhibit will run through September 15. Kochansky will return for a closing reception and gallery talk on the evening of Sept. 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The exhibit is presented in three sections. The first group includes paper-like silk organza quilts which fold into book form, and relate to the storytelling aspect of quilting as well as drawing on the artists and her father's history in publishing.

"Virtual Duvelts," spoofing the pocket-like structure of the down comforter, but filling the transparent organza pockets with social and environmental commentary make up the second section.

The third section is a collective community project. A 24 panel sculptural series called Mill Memory is lent by the Hub City Writer's Project from the permanent collection at the Spartanburg Museum of Art.

For more information call the Cleveland County Arts Council at 704-484-2787.

## MEDITATION

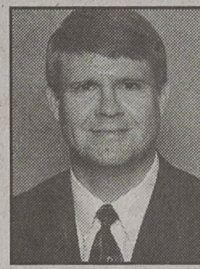
# We need each other

In February of 2003 a fire broke out in a Rhode Island nightclub. A heavy metal band was playing its music to the accompaniment of the customary pyrotechnics. As the fireworks went off, sparks leapt from the stage and spread across the acoustical foam in the ceiling, filling the club with black smoke. The people in the audience tried to escape, but they found it difficult because the smoke was so thick that it was hard for them to see.

A man named Harold, who happened to be outside, saw the terror and wanted to help. The only problem was that the smoke was so heavy that, even though people could hear him calling out, they weren't able to see him. Looking around himself at the snow, he bent down and began to shape snowballs. Then he started throwing snowballs into the club and calling out, "Can you feel the snow? Crawl toward the snow."

An injured and confused man heard Harold's voice and did as he was told. He felt for the snow and followed it out the door. When he came out, it was apparent that he was severely burned on his upper body, but he was alive and he had made it to safety because another man was throwing snowballs.

When a tragedy strikes, it is difficult to see any hope. The cloud of suffering, chaos, fear and grief is so thick that it is hard to know what to do. This is certainly the way it has seemed for many of the residents of



Jeff Hensley  
Meditation

New Orleans, Biloxi and numerous other communities along the Gulf Coast since the arrival of Hurricane Katrina. The destruction caused by this hurricane has left so many people homeless and hopeless that it has been called the greatest natural disaster in our national memory.

Yet, even in hell there can be a touch of heaven, and I thank God for those who have been trying to throw snowballs into the fire. For example, today I read of one religious body that sent people, equipment and supplies to Mississippi to aid the many who are suffering. The efforts of this one group alone have helped to provide a means for people to have food, clean water, a shower and other necessities. In spite of the large amount of looting and panic that has gripped the area, there are people trying to help.

There is little doubt in my mind that people live and die in the same way - with others - in community. And when a tragedy strikes, be it personal or public, the rule of thumb ought to be that people would help those next to them. It is no wonder that the Apostle Paul once wrote to one of his churches: "I thank my God every time I remember you." If there is anything a tragedy like Katrina can teach us, it is that we are all alike in many ways and we need each other in order to survive.

Dr. Jeff Hensley is the pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

**East Gold Street Wesleyan Church**, 701 E. Gold St., Kings Mountain, will hold revival September 18-21. Services are at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Evangelist is Rev. Anthony Graham of Brooklyn, NY. A nursery will be provided.

**Westover Baptist Church**, 114 Westover Dr., Kings Mountain, will have homecoming Sunday, Sunday School is at 9:30 and Cross Reference will sing at 10:30. Rev. Dale Angel will preach after the singing. Lunch will be served after the service.

**Crowders Mountain Baptist Church**, 125 Mayberry Lane, Kings Mountain, will host the drama "I Looked All Over Heaven For You," presented by Pastor Jimmy Greene and East Hudson Baptist Church of Lenoir, September 17 at 6 p.m. For more information call Rev. Larry Laws at 1-864-839-4820. The public is invited.

**David Baptist Church**, Kings Mountain, will host "The Northmen" in concert Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

**Mary's Grove United Methodist Church**, 1223 Mary's Grove Church Road, Kings Mountain, will have homecoming September 18 at 11 a.m. A covered dish meal will follow the service.

**People's Baptist Church** will be in revival beginning Sunday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Rawlinson from Mt. Dowell Baptist Church, McConnells, SC. A different speaker will speak each night for four nights. Monday through Thursday services begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

**Kingdom of God Ministries**, 144 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, will host Pastor Rodney Freeman of Mt. Zion Restoration Church of

Gastonia Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 704-937-7023 or 704-678-0412.

**God's Filling Station**, Laboratory Road, Lincolnton, will hold revival September 12-17 at 7 p.m.

Speakers include Sherry Moss of Grover, and George Hardin of Kings Mountain. For more information call Lester Black at 704-445-8415.

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