

## BUSINESS

From 1A

Baker, will move their office there as well as Prescriptions Plus II Pharmacy. We will offer a drive through service at the pharmacy there. We would love to have a doctor in the building and are currently looking to find a doctor or a group of doctors. There will be about 6,000 to 7,000 square feet to rent and the number of units will depend on the tenants. But there is the potential for four to five tenant spots depending on the sizes."

He said that they would also love to have an insurance agent and a real estate agent in the new building. "There has been mention of an upscale day spa or gym and a florist and we are open to any other businesses that may be interested. They can contact us about the building at 704-913-7450 and leave a message," Wease said. "The advantage to any business that looks in now is that we can customize from the beginning their spot. We plan to start construction some time this fall and finish the project sometime next summer or fall. The building will be bricked all the way around with some decorative stucco or equivalent and maybe even some block with lots of windows. We plan to have a very nice professional looking building so we are taking our time talking to different people about the exterior look of the building."

There are also over 1,000 homes under construction or soon to be under construction across Kings Mountain. There are 380 single family homes proposed on 112 acres in the Countryside Road area, being developed by Mann Properties. Hardyal Shergill and MAGLand are developing 238 single family homes on 84 acres at Phifer Road and Camelot Drive. There are also 340 proposed single family homes coming to Phifer Road, Kings Mountain Boulevard and Margrave Road. Ninety homes are planned for Crocker Ridge and 40 homes are in the final stages of construction at Hall Crossing on Maner Road. Fifty units behind Food Lion are also being reviewed for plans.

Shirley Brutko of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce in KM, said that there may also be a change to the front of the Joy Theatre in the near future. Artist Clive Haynes, who painted the murals downtown, will be working on a few design sketches to give the theatre a more retro look. The interior and remaining exterior of the building will remain the same.

Ingles Markets, based out of Black Mountain, NC, made a deposit on 19 acres of land, owned by A. E. Yarbro, along Shelby Road. The company still has a chance to back out, but Murphrey said, "It looks to me like it's going to happen."

## The Gift of Life



**Bob Maner gave blood on Thursday afternoon and was happy to have a pretty and friendly nurse, Shannon McElveen, by his side.**

## Grace United Methodist Church drive helps replenish dwindling blood supply

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With the slight prick of a needle, the compassionate spirit of Kings Mountain residents was witnessed Thursday afternoon as neighbors came out to help neighbors by giving blood and the unmistakable gift of life. The American Red Cross blood drive was held at Grace United Methodist Church from 1:30 to 6 pm, and though thousands were needed only about a hundred came. The blood supply is at a dangerously low level now, but the local American Red Cross Team Supervisor Abul Zaman, said that the supply should get back to normal within the next few weeks.

"We collect less blood in the summer, because more people are going on vacation and we don't visit schools, colleges or universities during the summer," he said. "The supply is also harder on us in the summer because some people who elect to have surgery wait until then to do so, and more people are active during the summer, which increases the chances of accidents."

Zaman said that with school back in session they will again be making their rounds to college and education campuses. "We collect more blood during the school year and a lot more people give at that time," he said, adding that the low supply should come back up to safer levels soon.

"It is so important to give blood. Each donation could save up to three lives," he said. "It is also healthy for you. Just like having your oil changed in your vehicle, it is good to give blood so that your body can rejuvenate itself."

Bob Maner, of Kings Mountain, has been giving blood since he was in the service in 1955. To this day, he has donated at least 38 gallons of blood. "It's a chance to save a life," he said.

Angela Rikard, a nurse with the Red Cross for about 6 months, convinced her husband, Ivan White, to give blood on Thursday. "It's my birthday so he said he would come," she said. "She forced me,"

he said with a smile. This is his second time giving blood.

Approximately one pint of blood is drawn from a donor's arm. Each average adult has 10-12 pints of blood normally circulating throughout his or her body. The pint of blood that is given, will be replaced in the body within 24 hours. After donating blood, there is a waiting period of 56 days (or 8 weeks) before a donor is allowed to give blood again.

All blood types are needed. But one of the most important types is O negative. People with that type are considered "universal donors," meaning any patient with any blood type can receive O negative blood safely. It is often used during life-threatening emergencies or when supply of the matching type is low. But according to the American Red Cross, this type is also less common (about 7 percent of America's population are O neg.), so all blood types are needed for donations.

In order to give blood, general guidelines indicate that a person must be 16 or 17 years old (depending on specific state regulations), weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood in the past 8 weeks. It is generally asked that a donor be in good health, meaning that they feel well and can perform normal activities. People with chronic conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure, however, can also donate as long as their condition is under control.

A mini-physical, checking temperature, pulse, blood pressure and blood count are conducted before each donation. A potential donor's health history will also be discussed before any blood is collected. Making donations for your own use during surgery (autologous blood donation) is considered a medical procedure and the rules for eligibility are less strict than for regular volunteer donations.

Blood can be donated every day at local Red Cross Chapters or Centers. The Cleveland County Chapter is located at 1333 Fallston Road, Shelby and the Carolinas Blood Region is located at 2425 Park Road, Charlotte. To find out when and where the next drive will be, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or 1-866-562-7156.

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## CRAWFORD

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He earned his charge as a Deputy Camp Chief in 1967 when Scouting worldwide had only one Camp Chief.

"It was at that campfire at Warner-Robins AFB in Macon, Ga. that I saw the impact of Scouting on the lives of men from all walks of life," he said. For years he taught American Red Cross basic and advanced first aid classes to life saving crews and for Kings Mountain Scouts he taught Red Cross water safety and first aid courses. He served as water front director for summer camps for Scouts.

In 1962 he was Council Scoutmaster for a Piedmont Council 28 day expedition to Philmont Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, and on the national wood and leadership badge staff for several years.

In 1964 he was the contingency Scoutmaster for the Piedmont Council at the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa. and visited the New York World's Fair and Boy Scout National Headquarters. He represented the National Park Service on the Conservation Trail at the 1973 and 1977 National Jamborees at Moraine State Park, Pa. Crawford, dressed as a frontiersman firing a flint lock rifle, told the difference in life then and now.

In 1973 he developed a Living History program on the site, a program that has been used over and over by the National Park Service and for seven Jamborees that he attended at A. P. Hill Army Camp, Fredericksburg, Va. Crawford dresses frontier-style to give similar Living History programs at the Kings Mountain National Military Park.

One of the highlights of his Scouting career was visiting Gilwell Park in England, the birthplace of Scouting. "It's like a Christian visiting the Holy Land or an ARP Church member going to retreats at Erskine College and Bon Clarken," laughed Crawford. He has served Scouts in the Kings Mountain District, Piedmont Council, Battleground District and Tidewater Council as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Wood Badge

Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant Council Commissioner and on the Council Executive board. He was honored with the Webelos, Eagle, Scouters Award, District Award of Merit, Wood badge deputy camp chief, distinguished commissioners service, training key, scouts key for commissioners, William E. Lawrence Award, Charles Bell Award, Order of the Arrow and the Silver Beaver.

"JoeAnn always said Scouting was my first love and she was my second but that wasn't correct," said Crawford. Their only daughter, the late Donna Ann Cornwell, earned the Curved Bar in Girl Scouting. "I guess you could say we are a Scouting family," said Crawford.

Crawford takes the Scouting oath seriously. He said that when he memorized the Scout Oath, the Scout Law and Bible verses and catechism at Boyce Memorial ARP Church they became real to him.

In Kings Mountain his leadership of Kings Mountain Lions is exemplary. He joined the Manteo Lions Club in 1975 while he was contracting officer for six years with Cape Hatteras National Seashore. He currently is president and has served as president for several terms of the local club and was District 31-C Governor in 1997-98 and led 42 clubs in a high record of accomplishment, to the challenge, "Top of the Mountain." At each event or accomplishment by Lions, Crawford recorded the progress in a monthly newsletter, a big hit and drawing card for new members. The Friendship pin he distributed as a collectible was of a frontiersman and labeled "A Mountain Top Experience."

Lions International presented him the Governor's Award of Excellence.

A life member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, he previously taught Sabbath School, was Sunday School superintendent and past chairman of the board of deacons. He changed careers in 1980, becoming a real estate broker and realtor. He is past president of the Kings Mountain Board of Realtors.

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