

**ELECTION LETTERS**

# Send Westmoreland to Raleigh

To the editor:

Kings Mountain voters will help select a State Senator next week to represent us in Raleigh for several years. Walter Dalton, a Forest City Lawyer has had the job for a long time, and now, Wes Westmoreland, a Shelby printer wants to replace him. The clear choices between these two men could not be more dramatic.

Westmoreland is a family man and therefore opposes gay marriage. He believes that marriage is a sacred act between one man and one woman. He knows that without a constitutional amendment, any liberal judge can overrule a State law, making it possible for men to marry men, women to marry women, brothers to marry sisters, fathers to marry daughters and so on. Dalton, like most liberals, thinks a State law is just fine.

Westmoreland knows that many small businesses are strained to make payroll and keep people working in their companies. High business taxes, high property taxes, and harsh government regulations have already forced many companies to lay off workers and even go out of business. Westmoreland wants to cut these taxes, radically reduce useless regulations, and give incentives to companies already operating in

our two counties.

Dalton created most of these problems, some of them single-handedly, and he is in lock-step cahoots with those elements in Raleigh who benefit financially from restricting fair trade by local employers. According to several Rutherford County people, he worked against the citizens who elected him by being County attorney in matters where the interest of the County ran contrary to the financial concerns of taxpayers

Westmoreland is committed to no new taxes. He will work hard to reduce existing taxes and to ease governmental regulations that strangle existing employers. While certain incentives are necessary to bring in major employers, Westmoreland realizes that a fair tax base, much, much, lower than it is now will eventually bring in companies eager to hire our workers who are known for dedication to productive work and responsible citizenship.

Dalton, on the other hand, never voted against a tax increase. In fact, his liberal party has raised taxes more than a billion dollars a year for all of his time in office. He has never seen a regulation he didn't like, and he consistently sides with the extreme liberal elements of his party, some of them

now under criminal indictment.

A booming economy this past year or so created a massive surplus in Raleigh. Dalton and the liberals went to Raleigh, spent it all, and created new programs that now have us in danger of a shortfall at the next budget session. All these new programs are to hand out State money to people who for one reason or another have not taken care of their own needs. Dalton and the liberals buy their vote with taxpayers money.

Westmoreland built his own company with honesty and hard work, a company that now provides employment for a number of people. As a young man, he worked for low wages as a printer and learned his trade. He also learned the honesty and the integrity that has been at the forefront of Westmoreland Printers in Shelby since its beginning. Dalton, on the other hand has made his fortune in the courtrooms of our country, sometimes helping people accused of horrible crimes get by regardless of their innocence or guilt.

Let's send an honest conservative, Wes Westmoreland, to Raleigh next week.

Bob Scoggins  
Kings Mountain

**LOCAL**



JOSEPH BRYMER / HERALD  
DeAnn Burton dressed as a witch to watch the Kings Mountain Halloween Parade on Tuesday morning. Children from all over the area, including those from schools and day care centers, participated in the annual event.

# Chairman supports Bill Chambless

To the editor:

I write this letter in support of Bill Chambless who is running for one of the seats on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. There are a number of reasons that I would give to support Bill being elected. One of the reasons is the support he gives to the county on economic development.

Most of the citizens of Kings Mountain do not know that Bill, as an independent businessman and commercial realtor, has brought many commercial clients to Kings Mountain, and some of those businesses are now located on York Road, businesses that

many of us use daily.

In his work bill continues to support and promote Kings Mountain in its economic development effort and has been successful in doing so. I have also found Bill to be an individual that will listen, gather information and make sound decisions based on that information. More importantly, Bill has some of the characteristics that we all value, a family man and a Christian.

Please support Bill Chambless for County Commissioner.

Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman, Cleveland County Commissioner

## Letter Policy

Address letters to The Editor, Kings Mountain Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; fax 704-739-0611; Email [gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com](mailto:gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com) or bring them by our office at 824-1 East King Street, Kings Mountain. All letters must be signed in ink and include the full name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. Letters may be edited.

## BILL CHAMBLESS IS QUALIFIED TO BE A CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Northeast Louisiana University.
- Over thirty years in business with extensive experience managing and balancing budgets
- Has been self-employed for over fifteen years.
- Small business owner in Cleveland County.
- Has been directly responsible for bringing nearly 300 jobs to Cleveland County in the past twelve months.

**KEY ISSUES**

- NO tax increases
- Work toward increased Economic Development to gain a broader tax base
- Work toward getting control of our county's Medicaid costs
- Ensure that our tax dollars are used efficiently to support our school, law enforcement, and fire and rescue personnel
- Work toward upgrades to our infra-structure, such as the by-pass, water, and sewer
- Support travel and tourism efforts.

**BILL CHAMBLESS IS THE ONLY CANDIDATE WHO HAS RECEIVED TWO APPOINTMENTS BY THE CURRENT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

1. Commissioner's Representative on the Board of Communities in Schools;
2. Cleveland County Board of Adjustments.

Cleveland County Civic Organizations for which Bill Chambless has volunteered:

- Cleveland County Senior Center, Board Chairperson
- Broad River Greenway, Board Chairperson
- Cleveland Community College, Board of Visitors
- Cleveland County Education Foundation
- Cleveland County Transportation Partnership, Board Chairperson
- Boy Scouts of America, Piedmont Division
- Cleveland County Chamber, Government Affairs Committee,
- 20/20 Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Rotary International
- Ducks Unlimited, Board Chairperson
- Cleveland County Arts Council, Board Member
- Uptown Shelby Association, Economic Development Committee
- Cleveland County Land Use Planning Committee
- West Warren Housing Board, Chairperson
- Rainbow Connection Board, Chairperson

Bill has been married to Mary Ann for over thirty years. They have one daughter, Lacey, who is 14. They are members of Shelby Presbyterian Church, where Bill has served as a Deacon and also Chairperson of the Deacons.

**QUOTES:**

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- Ronald J. Hawkins  
Chairman, Cleveland County Commissioner

"I was at the candidate forum and thought Bill Chambless did very well. He understands what it takes to work as a team and cares about our local issues. Bill will make a great county commissioner."

- Johnny Hutchens

"With Bill Chambless as County Commissioner, he will provide the leadership and energy needed to continue moving Cleveland County forward. His interest in and concern for all the citizens of this county make it an easy decision for me. I encourage you to join me next Tuesday and vote for Bill Chambless."

- Steve Padgett

Paid for by committee to elect Bill Chambless Cleveland County Commissioner.