

LOCAL

# Santa thanks his doll makers



Santa Claus visited the Life Enrichment Center on Thursday with sacks of presents for the participants who made dolls this year for needy local children. They were all happy to see him.



Santa shook hands with his pal and special helper Robbie Conner at the Life Enrichment Center on Thursday. He brought them presents to thank them for their extra help this Christmas in making dolls for local children.

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Santa visited the Life Enrichment Center Thursday with sacks of gifts, lots of hugs and warm words of appreciation for his doll makers. He came to thank them for their hard work and generous contribution of dolls that they made by hand and gave to the

police department a couple of weeks ago. KMPD gave the dolls to Kings Mountain children in need of Christmas love. To match the doll makers "labor of love," he brought them each a gift. The women received little dolls of their own. The men received tools for their kits or playing cards for their poker games.

The doll-making is a year-long

process that the participants of the Life Enrichment Center undertake to bring joy to a needy child. They began this "labor of love" 26 years ago and participants have enjoyed working on the dolls ever since. Last year they sent 102 dolls to children affected by Hurricane Katrina. In previous years, they have given dolls to the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and the Salvation

Army toy closet. But this year they wanted to keep it local, bringing a little Christmas magic and cheer to dozens of Kings Mountain children.

Lt. Det. Lisa Proctor, Capt. Jerry Tessneer and Chf. Melvin Proctor were so touched by their generosity that they spread the word to Santa. Lt. Det. Proctor said that it really moved her, on their first visit, when one of the par-

ticipants came up to her and exclaimed, "you must be one of Santa's helpers," with a big grin. But they all served as "Santa's helpers" this year. The participants made the dolls and the KMPD delivered them to the children, who are grateful that Santa did not forget them (with a little help from his Kings Mountain elves in the making).

## KM online service can help you reduce utility costs

Beginning January 2 the City of Kings Mountain will offer a free online resource for residents to receive valuable tips on how to lower their heating and cooling bills and save energy year round.

Access this site through the internet at home, or use the public computers in City Hall or Mauney Memorial Library. All you will need is an email

address to create a free profile.

To access the site, go to [www.cityofkm.com](http://www.cityofkm.com). Select Department & Services and Select Utilities and then Utilities-Electric and on the top of the page click on the icon marked "Energy Depot." Follow the instructions to create your account.

## Barrett Bunch hold bowling lead

The Barrett Bunch swept the Alley Cats 8-0 and maintained their 14-game lead in mixed duckpin bowling league action Thursday night at Dilling Heating.

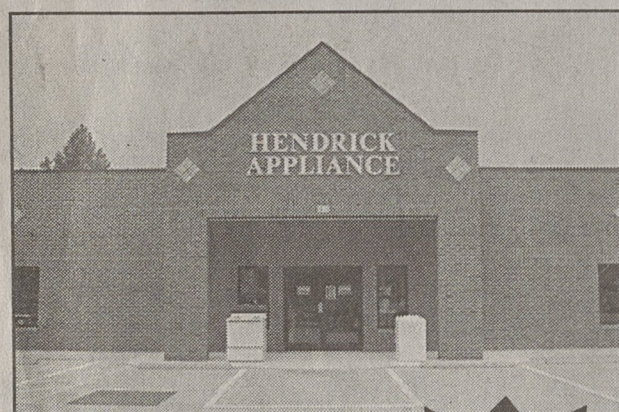
Tommy Barrett rolled a 144 line and 364 set, Jack Barrett added a 117-326, and Margo Barrett had a 115-326 for the winners (44-12).

The Robbers (30-26) held onto second place with a sweep of the Duck Masters (24-32). Allen Myers led the Robbers with a 154 line and 395 set. Joey Whitaker rolled a 117 line and Ed Philbeck had a 300 set for the Duck Masters.

## KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	Dec. 20-26	Last Year
Total precipitation	2.62	.72
Maximum 1 day	1.10 (25th)	.55 (24th)
Month to date	2.72	.92
Year to date	52.52	57.62
Low temperature	30 (26th)	23 (21st)
High temperature	69 (23rd)	58 (24th)
Avg. temperature	50.2	64.0



# END OF THE YEAR CLOSE-OUT!

HURRY IN TODAY WHILE THEY LAST

**\$99**

Over the Range Microwaves New Stock

**\$229**

Magic Chef New Stock Range

**\$699**

25 Cubic Ft. Side by Side Fridge starting at

New Stock

**\$999**

Whirlpool Cabrio Washer/Dryer Sets starting at

Dent & Ding

**\$199**

Dishwashers starting at

New Stock

Lowest Prices in Town on Bottom Mount Freezer Refrigerator.

HUGE SELECTION OF DENT AND DING ITEMS

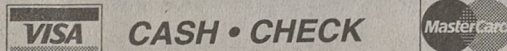
If You Go Anywhere Else, You Will Pay Too Much!

## Hendrick Appliances Transit-Damaged Depot

\*All items come with 1 year warranty through manufacturer or Hendrick Appliance. Limited stock available. See store for details.

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HELPING TO GIVE YOU



# The Power Of Health!

PROGRAMS TO HELP YOU BUILD A HEALTHIER LIFE  
Some programs may require Pre-Registration or Appointments (R). Some require a fee (\$).

## Kings Mountain Hospital

### Lobby Blood Pressure Screen

January 9 - 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
KMH Lobby

## Cleveland Regional Medical Center

### Prostate Cancer Survivor Support Group

January 2 - 7 p.m.  
CRMC Educational Resources, Grover Building  
For more information, please call 704-487-3182

### Breastfeeding Support Group

January 3 - 10 a.m. - Noon  
Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding.  
Women's Life Center Classroom  
For more information, please call 704-487-3887 and 704-487-3983 to register.

### Car Seat Safety Class

January 4 - 5:15 p.m. Information on current laws and how to keep your new baby safe while traveling  
CRMC Women's Life Center Classroom Room  
To register, please call 704-487-3182

### Bridges

A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Sessions offered January 8 or 22 - 2 - 3 p.m.  
CRMC Blumenthal Cancer Center  
Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 704-487-3692

### WINGS Cancer Support Group

January 8 - 6 p.m.  
A support group for patients with all types of cancer  
CRMC Blumenthal Cancer Center  
For more information, please call 704-487-3025

### Healthy Hearts Support Group

January 8 - 6 p.m.  
Dover Foundation YMCA  
For more information, please call 714-487-3697

### Expectant Grandparents

January 8 - 6 - 8 p.m.  
Women's Life Center Classroom  
To register, please call 704-487-3983



### Diabetes Support Group

January 9 - 5:30 p.m.  
"Tobacco and Smoking - Help from the Professionals" CRMC Educational Resources, Grover Building  
For more information, please call 704-487-3953

### OB Tour

January 14 - 2 - 4 p.m.  
A special tour for expectant parents  
Women's Life Center Classroom  
To register, please call 704-487-3983

### Kangaroo Kapers

January 15 - 6 p.m.  
Provides children expecting a brother or sister a positive introduction to the hospital and to what life will be like with a new baby.  
Women's Life Center Classroom  
Pre-registration is required. Please call 704-487-3983

### Boot Camp for Dads

January 16 - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Dad lead training for expectant fathers  
Women's Life Center Classroom  
Fee: \$10  
To register, please call 704-487-3983

### Lobby Blood Pressure Screen

January 23 - 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
CRMC Lobby



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