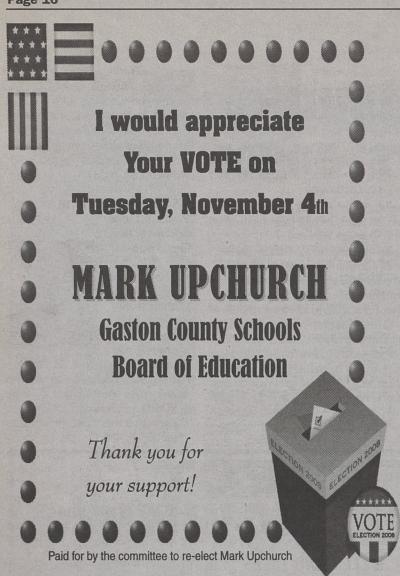
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# The Kings Mountain Herald LOCAL **Election Recap: Candidates speak** out on 'most important issue'

#### **REBECCA PISCOPO**

rpiscopo@kingsmountainherald.com With the November 4 election less than one week away, candidates running for offices, which represent Cleveland County answered, on Tuesday, what they believe to be the most important issue facing the county, and what their proposal is to fix it.

County

Cleveland Commissioners Mary S. Accor (I) Democrat **Bio Fact: Accor** currently works for the Cleveland County

Schools and is retired teacher. She is Grover

a

native. Most Important: "In the face of our economy, it (the most important issue) would definitely be the job

MARY ACCOR

situation. We (County Commissioners) can lend our support in getting them (small businesses) to expand; getting them to hire additional people. I think it's going to be a complete look at everything we've got in Cleveland County.

#### Ronnie Hawkins (I) Republican

Fact: Bio Hawkins has served on the Commission helped

Most Important: "Jobs are the most important thing that we're looking at right now even though with have 46,000 people employed out 50,000 employable people in Cleveland County. We have put in place a structure to develop industry here. The public-private partnership that

**R. HAWKINS** 

we have between 20/20, the Chamber (of Commerce), and the County has been successful and will continue to be successful until the economic downturn changes back to a more positive outlook.

Johnny Hutchins (I)

Republican Bio Fact: Hutchins believes that the the people have a voice in government and that he has been a voice



for the people of Cleveland County.

Most Important: "I think right now the economy is the most pressing issue. We've had a slight increase in unemployment.

(Commissioners) work very close with the Chamber, the community, 20/20 partners."

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Jason, Nancy, Ashley & Nicholas

- Native of Cleveland County
- Father of 2 Children in Cleveland County Schools
- Married to Nancy for over 18 years
- **Owner of Falls Insurance Agency**
- Business Degree from Cleveland Community College
- Honorable Discharge from US Air Force
- Member of Nursing Home Advisory Committee
- Board Member of Pathways (dealing with Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmentally
- Disabled)
- Member of Chamber of Commerce
- Bethware Progressive Club Vice President
- Active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church

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## A Vote For Change In **Cleveland County!**

"I ask for your vote of confidence as your next Cleveland County Commissioner. We have a great County and great people. We should not have one of the highest unemployment rates in North Carolina or a City named the 3rd most vulnerable City in America (by Forbes magazine in October 2008).

This is where I call home. I promise to work hard for Cleveland County... to bring sustainable jobs here, to work with our educational system to teach our children and re-train displaced workers, to keep taxes low, and build an infra-structure to serve us now and in the future.

I would appreciate your vote. I would consider it an honor to represent you as your Cleveland County Commissioner."



for eight years, and put together the 20/20 Committee.

