

Scare away hunger Friday on Ridge St.

By EMILY WEAVER
Editor

North Carolina comes in second out of 50 states with the highest hunger rate, according to a report by WRAL, out of Fayetteville.

To put that statistic into perspective, one in eight women will be affected by breast cancer, while one in eight people will be affected by hunger. After studying this scary statistic, the FaithKidz at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church have decided to "Scare Away Hunger" on Oct. 30.

Dressed in their Halloween best, they will be collecting non-perishable foods outside of the church on Ridge Street from 5-7 p.m. on Friday. People are asked to bring donations in this special drive-up drive.

"(The FaithKidz) will come to your car, take your food items and give you a treat (for donating)," said Nikki Paulson, who leads the FaithKidz ministry at St. Matthew's.

All donations will be given to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry to help stock the pantry's shelves for one of the organization's busiest times of the year.

"The kids were appalled when they found out that North Carolina was the second out of 50 states (most affected by) hunger," Paulson said. "I did not know that it was such a big problem locally."

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church has invited other churches to participate and has scattered fliers for the "Scare Away Hunger" event, hoping to get the community involved and aware that there is a need.

"In the last 10 minutes about 68 children have died from hunger in the world," Paulson read from her statistic sheet.

The effort to curb the world's hunger has

been championed lately by such stars as Bono, of the rock group U2. It can be eradicated through community help.

Paulson said that they will have some "magic disappearing footsteps" at the "Scare Away Hunger" event this Friday to show donors how they are helping chase hunger out of town.

"At the beginning of scaring away hunger there will be 36 glowing footprints on the sidewalk. As food is dropped off those footprints will begin to disappear as hunger leaves Kings Mountain," Paulson said in an email sent throughout the community.

The FaithKidz hope to collect 500 lbs. of food to give to KM Crisis Ministry Friday night.

The FaithKidz have spent many hours digging into this hidden dilemma and have found many Bible verses to support their calling to eradicate it.

A few of the verses they have found are: "and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will come like noonday," (Isaiah 58:10) and "Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble" (Psalm 41:1).

This is not the first time the youth at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church have reached out to help the less fortunate. For the past few years, young church members have been collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, which delivers needed essentials and special messages to suffering children throughout the world that God loves them.

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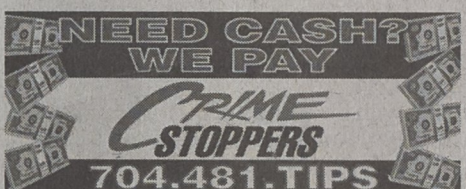
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Kings Mountain Police at 704-734-0444 or CrimeStoppers at 704-481-8477.

Ptl. M. J. Howard, in the incident report signed by Cpl. B. M. Black, said that a man entered the business at 6:13 a.m. on October 21 "posing to have a weapon and demanded money from the clerk." The clerk complied with the request and gave him \$67.

Police recovered surveillance video that showed a white vehicle, possibly a pickup

truck or SUV sitting on the entrance ramp of U. S. 74 bypass in the eastbound direction. Police said that while the suspect was walking toward the store he put on the bandanna, entered the gas station/convenience store with his left hand inside his pants pocket and his right hand reached out toward the clerk demanding cash.



FUNDRAISER

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plan to hold at least one fundraiser every year around this time to raise money for the Patrick Senior Center.

Pendergrass' common sense approach to finances make her book an easy read that all need to read.

Her wisdom of finances began with a few "unnecessary" hard knocks. "I experienced financial problems early in life, including bill collectors, late payments, living from paycheck to paycheck and everything in between. I always thought if I had a better job making more money, those problems would not exist," she wrote in her preface. "One day my mom heard me stressing out about my bills and struggling to pay them. She said something so simple and yet it was something we all should know. She said, 'Katherine, it is not how much money you make, it is how much you spend.' After I started to live by that truth, I began to

prosper."

In her book, Pendergrass makes finances easy to understand, the debt monster becomes not so hard to slay and she reminds the reader that freedom and power doesn't come with more money, but with better sense.

She puts the common words of wisdom, like "pay your bills on time" and "don't spend more than you have", into relatable true stories from her own life or the lives around her.

Katherine Pendergrass owns and operates Liberty Tax Service and Annie's Consignment with her husband Karl Pendergrass, in Union, SC. She has one daughter, Kelli, a son-in-law, Montero, and one granddaughter, six-year-old Kaia. She has two sisters, Janice Raye of Charlotte and Wanda Gilmore of Kings Mountain.

Pendergrass was previously employed with Cytec Industries, in Charlotte, for 13 years as a corporate trainer and course developer. She has facilitated training on diverse topics

and audiences throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico.

She is a guest columnist for the Union Daily Times, writing "Keeping It Real with Katherine", which focuses on issues of finance, life lessons and common sense topics for the readers.

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HUGHES

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"I was drafted in 1942 and served in the Army three years," said Hughes, whose family sent four sons into the military.

Hughes' brother, Jack, enlisted in the US Navy during World War II, and Erwin, US Navy, and Gene, US Army, served in the Korean Conflict. D. C.'s young son, Dudley, died while he was serving in the Seabees in Vietnam in 1967.

"I served as a Technical Sergeant in the Army in North Africa and France and most of the time I drove a wrecker following truck convoys of troops and supplies," said D.C., adding, "before we shipped out overseas I was stationed in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Fort Bliss, Texas. He married Evelyn Biddix, who died in 1985, in 1941.

Nellie McDonald and D.C. Hughes will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary May 11, 2010. Mrs. Hughes and her family were longtime friends of the Hughes family. Her children and their families, Kay Sparrow and David and Lynn Frye of Gastonia and Tim and Rosanna Frye of Indiana, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren plan to wish D. C. a happy birthday.

D. C. is a member of Antioch Baptist Church near Grover and Mrs. Hughes is a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Gastonia.

Retired for a number of years, D. C.'s failing eyesight prohibits him from enjoying TV, but he is always interested in sports and news happenings and keeping in touch with grandchildren and friends. He likes company and reminiscing about the "good ole days."

"I can't work on your car anymore," he laughs, "but maybe you got a new one."



D.C. HUGHES, SERVICE PHOTO

VOTE

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dates have been busy pumping hands. And in Grover, the most activity, according to councilwoman Jackie Bennett, will be centered on the beer and wine issue.

Elections Director Debra Blanton predicts that 20 percent (1,211) of the 6,022 registered voters will cast their ballots in the Kings Mountain city election, although she said she had seen those numbers swell to 40 percent. The total of registered voters include 1,022 in Ward 1; 1,110 in Ward 2; 1,030 in Ward 3; 1,648 in Ward 4 and 1,212 in Ward 5. A total of 463 people are registered to vote in Grover.

The last day of early vot-

ing is Saturday, and the Elections Board in Shelby will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. An early voting rally will be held in Palmer Park near the Board of Elections office, for all interested voters and candidates. Concerned Citizens of Cleveland County is sponsoring the rally which also includes refreshments.

Blanton said that she anticipates voting will run smoothly and hopes all registered voters will cast their ballots.

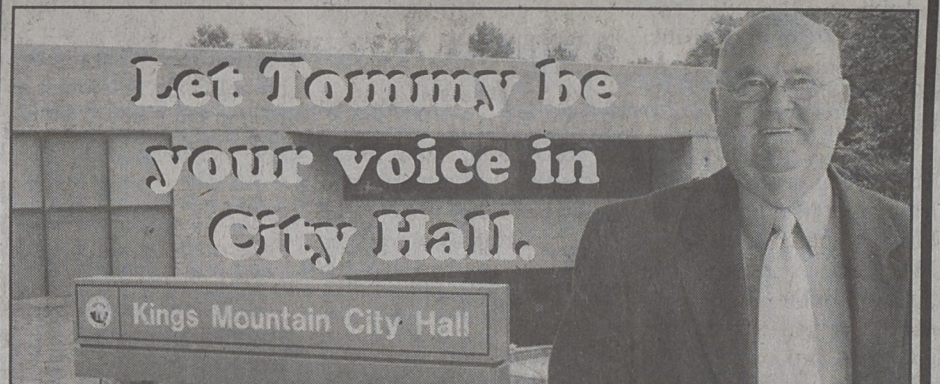
"Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had 100 percent voting on Nov. 3," she said.

In Kings Mountain Brenda McFalls Ross, 68, is challenging Mike Butler, 62, for the Ward 2 seat on City Council; Tommy Hawkins, 65, is challenging

Jerry Mullinax, 69, for his Ward 3 seat; and a three-way race exists for the At-Large seat. Dean Spears, 75, is challenged by Gina Collias, 42, and Curtis Pressley, 43.

The Kings Mountain Board of Education race for three seats now held by Connie Phifer Savell, 56, George Litton, 73, and Phillip Glover, 44, are being challenged by Kathy B. Falls, 43, Eddie Benton, 66, S. Dale Oliver, 47, and Yvette D. Grant, 45.

No major issues have emerged in the race for four years on Kings Mountain City Council but all candidate opinions are expressed on "Meet the Candidate" special pages in today's edition of The Herald.



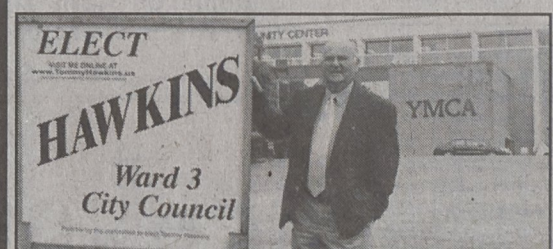
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Five plus years of active and productive participation in Kings Mountain City government more than qualifies Tommy Hawkins to represent the citizens of Ward 3.

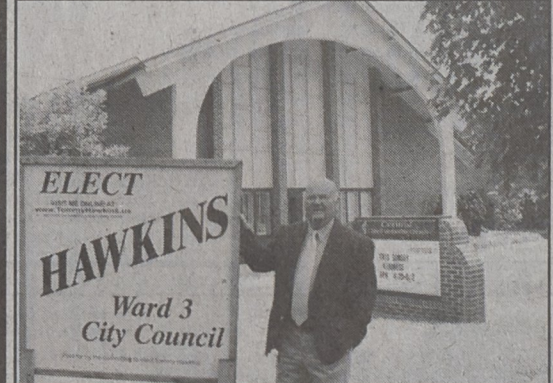
Vote Tommy Hawkins for Kings Mountain Ward 3 City Council.

If you live north of East King St.



...your voting place will be at the rear entrance of the YMCA on Cleveland Avenue between 6:30am and 7:30pm.

If you live south of East King St.



... your voting place will be at the Central United Methodist Church across from Harris Funeral Home on South Piedmont Avenue.

Visit Tommy on the web at:
<<http://www.tommyhawkins.us>
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