

NEWS

Type O, B blood at critical levels

As a result of the recent bad weather across the country on the heels of the holiday season, the blood supply has drastically decreased in the Carolinas Region.

Type O negative and type B negative blood supplies have dropped to emergency levels and help is needed now. Since type O negative blood can be used for any patient when there is not time to determine the patient's blood type, Red Cross officials say it is critical that there is a sufficient supply.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Faith Ablaze Baptist Church, 1128 York Road, in Kings Mountain Friday from 3-7:30 p.m. A free gift and

Cleveland Mall Chick-fil-A coupons will be presented to each donor. For appointment, call 704-648-7577.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. The American Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region provides lifesaving blood to 103 hospitals and must have 1600 people give blood and platelets each weekday to meet hospital demand. Accidental victims as well as patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders and other illnesses receive lifesaving transfusions every day. There is no substitute for blood and volunteer donors are the only source.

The Red Cross encourages people who are in good health to donate so

that hospital patients have the blood or platelets they need to make a full recovery. Blood is needed to help treat a variety of patients including accident victims and individuals undergoing surgery and cancer treatment.

Blood can be safely donated every 56 days. Most healthy people age 17 and older, or 16 with parental consent, who weigh at least 110 pounds, are eligible to donate blood and platelets. Donors who are 18 and younger must also meet specific height and weight requirements.

For more information or to locate a nearby blood drive, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (448-3543) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Data center recruiter buys Chris-Craft

The struggling economy got another shot in the arm this week with the announcement that the former Chris-Craft plant on Riverside Court (across from Ingles) has been sold to T5 Partners, LLC, a company that specializes in bringing in data centers.

Mayor Rick Murphrey said this proposed high tech center could signal significant growth.

The Chris-Craft building is located at the Moss Lake exit on US 74 West near the property recently announced to be developed by Duke Energy Training Center. Duke will build on a 30-acre site in Cleveland County Industrial Park and employ 75-125 people. At that announcement leaders called the proposed Kings Mountain training facility a "catalyst" for high tech growth in the Greater Kings Mountain and Cleveland County area.

Calendar

The calendar for the month of January includes varied activities at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center on E. King Street in Kings Mountain.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13: - Personal care services, manicures and pedicures by appointment; Seniors in Motion from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Dutch Lunch Bunch at 11 a.m. and SHIPP counseling, by appointment, from 1-3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14: Healthy Lifestyles 8:30-9:30 a.m., Exercise class 9:30-10:15 a.m.; line dance class 10-11:30 a.m., bingo from 10:45-11:30 a.m., grocery shopping noon to 2 p.m. and quilting from 1-3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15: Computer class 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Men's coffee 10-11 a.m.; Women's tea 10-11 a.m.; Seniors in Motion 10:30-11:30 a.m. and aerobics exercise class 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 18: The Senior Center is closed in observance of Martin

Luther King Jr. Day.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19: Knitting 9-10:30 a.m., Bible History 10-11 a.m., advanced line dancing 10:30 a.m., sewing class 10:30-11:30 a.m., Inspirational Words at 11 a.m. and volunteer meeting at 12:15.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20: Seniors in Motion 10:30-11:30 a.m., blood pressure clinic sponsored by Gentiva, 10-11:30 a.m. East Elementary School birthday party 10:45 a.m., information on preparing taxes 1-2 p.m. SHIPP counseling 1-3 p.m. by appointment; low impact aerobics, 1 p.m., duplicate bridge, 1:30-4:30 p.m. and aerobics exercise class 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21: Healthy Lifestyles 8:30-9:30 a.m., exercise class 9:30-10:15 a.m., line dance class 10-11:30 a.m., bingo 10:45-11:30 a.m., duplicate bridge 1:30-4:30 p.m., quilting 1-3 p.m. free legal services by Attorney Shazia Anwar of Legal Aid of NC, 6-7 p.m.

Trash pickup changes for MLK holiday

The holiday trash pickup schedule for the Martin Luther King holiday Jan. 18 and the leaf pick-up ending schedule have been announced by the City of Kings Mountain Public Works Department.

The city will observe the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, Jan. 18. The garbage pickup for that week will be a one day delay schedule. Monday's garbage will be picked up on Tuesday. Tuesday's garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday's garbage will be picked up on Thursday and Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday.

The final day that the city will vacuum leaves from the curb will be Friday, Feb. 12. Any leaves put out after that date will need to be bagged. The city will survey the streets the morning of Feb. 12th to see what leaves are out, according to Public Works officials.

MLK observance Monday at Joy

The City of Kings Mountain will host the annual Martin Luther King Day Observance on Monday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Joy Performance Center in downtown Kings Mountain.

The keynote speaker will be Reverend C.A. Feemster of Mount Zion Baptist Church. A rendition of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered originally

at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC on August 28, 1963, will be performed by William Montgomery.

Guest soloist is Ms. Veronica Greene and the guest choir from the Mount Zion Choir which will feature their Lyrical Dancers. The emcee will be Donna Huie-Brooks.

The event is free and open to the public.

LEAK

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spots may have come from prior damages to the line.

The two families that were evacuated were invited to come to the Kings Mountain Fire Department - the city's emergency shelter, until they could safely return to their dwellings. One family, who had other means of heat, was allowed to return home by 8:30 p.m. The other, who depended on gas heat, was given the all clear around midnight.

Although this leak was not man-made, it is possible to hit a pipe or a service line when digging. And doing so can be dangerous. Severing a gas pipe or even an electric or water line can result in serious injury.

People are required by state law to call their local gas department or the North Carolina One Call Center before they attempt any type of excavation. Gas employees will respond and locate any lines that may be in the area free of charge.

Nicholson said that they have someone on standby 24 hours a day and seven days a week to respond to line locations. The department also has a public awareness program that they have to follow.

Not only can hitting a main be dangerous, it can also lead to problems down the line. Denting or scraping a line can cause

weak spots that develop over time. When pipes rupture, like water lines, contaminants can mix into the system.

Even if a person forgets to call before they dig and accidentally hits a line, Nicholson said that he hopes they will still call. He added that they will come out, take a look at the situation and make repairs, if needed, to prevent leaks that may occur down the road.

Calling before you dig or reporting the possible connection with a line can "eliminate a lot of problems and a lot of safety issues", Nicholson said.

Brochures about the "call before you dig" program and other safety information are mailed out to customers along the pipeline, Nicholson said.

"The North Carolina One-Call Center, a non-profit organization funded by its members, takes excavation information from contractors, utilities and homeowners, anyone engaged in excavation activities, and transmits this information to its members. The member utility owner or their representatives will mark the location of the underground facilities within 48 hours of your call, free of charge," according to the state's One Call Center.

The city's gas department can be reached at 704-734-4516, the North Carolina One Call Center at 800-632-4949 or nationwide at 811.

First show sells out, second planned for 'funniest man'

Used to be - if you wanted to see a performer like James Gregory you needed to live in a large market or drive 50-100 miles, round trip. Now the comedian known as the "Funniest Man in America" has changed all that by taking his famous homespun comedy on a whistle-stop tour to revitalized theatres in the heartland.

Gregory has been

booked by Kings Mountain Little Theatre at Joy Performing Arts Theatre, Railroad Ave., for a sold-out show Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

Because more people want tickets, Gregory will perform a second show at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28 at the Joy. Tickets may be purchased by calling 704-730-9408 or email jimchampion@carolina.rr.com.

GRANT

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"hometown" operation.

"For each \$25,000 in grant funds awarded, at least one new full time job must be created or retained. No matching funds are required," according to information compiled by the city.

If the 10 new jobs stipulated in the application are not created in two years,

businesses will be required to pay the funds they receive back to the city.

A memo to city council stated, "these funds are available to local governments to assist local small businesses with infrastructure, equipment or capital improvement needs so they may expand. These small businesses must in turn create new full time jobs for area residents."

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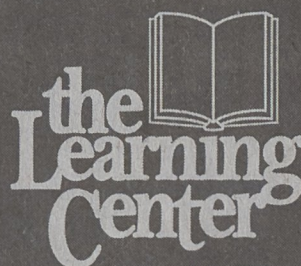
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If you know someone who struggles with reading, math, or English, direct them to us. Our classes are free of charge and are scheduled in various locations around the county.

We also offer courses anywhere there is a need. If you want to start a program in your neighborhood, call Dr. Chris Nanney, Dean of Basic Skills, at 704-484-4062. If there are at least ten students, we can be there.

CLASS	SITE	INSTRUCTOR	DAYS	TIME
ABE	Paksoy 3116	Black, C.	MTWTFH	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
ESL	Hunt 2054	Faulkner, S.	MTWTFH	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
ABE	Paksoy 3112	Gassman, R.	MTWTFH	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
ABE	Paksoy 3112	Jenkins, E.	MTWTFH	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
ESL	Hunt 2054	Lovelace, K.	MTWTFH	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
ABE	Paksoy 3116	Wright, R.	TTH	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
AHS/GED Lab	Paksoy 3105	Wray, J.	MTWTFH	1:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.
AHS/GED Lab	Paksoy 3105	Staff	MTWTFH	8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
ABE/GED Online	Online	Staff	F	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
		Parker, A.	Online	Online
CLASSES AT OTHER CLEVELAND COUNTY LOCATIONS				
ABE/GED	Day Reporting Center 308 Gardner St., Shelby	Petty, C.	MTWTFH	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
ABE	Job Link-ESC 404 E. Marion St., Shelby	Sims, D.	MTWTFH	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
ABE/Teach Me to Read	Job Link-ESC 404 E. Marion St., Shelby	Sims, D.	MTWTFH	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
ABE	Friendship United Methodist Church 111 Friendship Dr., Fallston	Phifer, P.	MTTH	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
GED	Durham United Methodist Ch. 320 E. Ross Grove Rd., Shelby	Brooks, F.	TWTFH	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
ABE	New Bynum Chapel AME Zion 313 N. Cansler St., Kings Mountain	Anthony, K.	MTWTFH	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
ABE	East Elementary 600 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain	Anthony, K.	MW	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
ABE	Mooresboro Town Hall 206 W. Main St., Mooresboro	Whitaker, A.	TTH	6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
ABE	Washington Missionary Baptist Ch. 1920 Stony Point Road, Waco	Phifer, P.	MTW	8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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