

Tindall: honored

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a dollar from his mother and built a candy store from cross ties beside the tracks in Blacksburg, SC. Before long the industrious Tommy was also selling bread and other items and a new magistrate told him he had to buy a permit. "I was going to be Mr. Wal-Mart someday," Tommy told his parents, A.U. and Ethel Tindall. "Running that little store was my way of staying out of trouble," he laughed.

A 1940 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Tom Tindall was a drummer in the KMHS Band directed by the late Dr. Paul Hendricks Sr. and was in the band that played for the dedication of the Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee. "That was a red letter day for us," said Tindall who worked for a year after high school at Kings Mountain Drug Company and served as manager of Piedmont Drug where a big selling product was Soltice Salve. People still call him about that remedy "for almost anything that ails you." Drafted by Uncle Sam during World War II, Tom was a dental assistant for 2 1/2 years. "The guys in the Army liked me to clean their teeth," recalled Tommy. Said Tommy, "I used an apparatus that resembled a sewing machine with pedals and gums never bled." By 1943 Cpl. Tindall was back in the Infantry and in Anchorage, Alaska in August 1945 when the US dropped the atomic bomb on Japan. He was back in the states on Feb. 22, 1946. Returning to Kings Mountain in 1946 Tommy operated Piedmont Drug. "I made sandwiches and took prescription orders for Kings Mountain Drug." He wanted a store with his own soda fountain but when that dream failed he and friends Fred Tate and Gene Austin sold peaches and a next job was helping build houses. A "Tom of all trades" he found his niche in the insurance business and worked for Life Insurance of Georgia for 36 years. At one time he sold insurance to his Army buddies. He married Barbara Barker in December 1949.

His interest and activity in Fairview Lodge was always a priority. In 1979 he was president of Piedmont Shrine Club and appointed a committee including Bobby Bridges, Bill Horn, Jerry Sneed and Dave Sneed to pursue the formation of what became the popular Piedmont Pistons.

In 1982 Tindall and the late Paul Falls organized the White Plains Shrine Club, an active group of Shriners who meet regularly at Fairview Lodge.

A Scottish Rite Mason, Tindall earned his 32nd degree in 1966 and became a 33rd degree Mason Oct. 20, 2007 at a Knight Commander Court of Honor.

The Tindall family includes three sons, Thomas Jr. who is married to Lynn Jones Tindall; Chris Tindall and Frederick Scott Tindall, who is married to Jan Goforth Tindall; and four grandchildren; Leistey, Lane, Christa and Jana Tindall.

In retirement after 33 years as a nurse Barbara Tindall enjoys crafts, including her popular "snow babies" and both she and husband Tommy have two additions to their family: Hooch, part Lab-part Chow, and Susie, a 14-year-old Schnauzer who suffers from cancer.

"I'm really a 90-year-old history book," laughs Tom Tindall as he relaxes in his favorite chair in front of his desk. He stays busy and in retirement enjoys his family and likes to hear his wife play the organ in their comfortable home on Shelby Road.

FLU: it's in your hands

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have weakened immune systems or the elderly. However, even among these people, a flu vaccine can still help prevent complications.

- What are the best ways to prevent catching and spreading the flu?

- Get vaccinated!!!
- Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough.

- Sleep / get rest - a weakened immune system generally makes you more susceptible to illness.

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water. Wash for 15 to 20 seconds. It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using gel, rub your hands until the gel dries. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in it kills the germs on your hands.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches the eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs can live for a long time (some can live for two hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks,

and tables.

- Disinfect your environment, at home and in the workplace. There are several chemical agents that can kill flu viruses, including:

- Chlorine
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Detergents or soaps
- Iodine-based antiseptics (substances that stop the growth of germs)

- Alcohols (wipes or gels with alcohol in them can be used to clean hands)

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100°F or 37.8°C) or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®).

- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

"Vaccination is the most successful and cost-effective means to prevent the flu," Duddy said.

For more information contact the Cleveland County Health Department Immunization Clinic at 704-484-5154.

You may also obtain a consent form and additional information for the flu at www.clevelandcounty.com/cchd.

For more details, visit <http://www.flu.nc.gov/flu/>

Author at Mauney Library Monday

Author Carole Boston Weatherford will present "Moses - when Harriet Tubman led her people to freedom" at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Monday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. In this performance of the Caldecott Honor Book, the audience will join in choral reading, creating sound effects and singing spirituals. The public is invited.

KM Planning Board

The Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. New officers will be elected, a new member will be sworn in and new business will include a zoning request by Tommy Hall, 1403 Bessemer City/Kings Mountain Highway.

Water Board to meet

The Cleveland County Water Board will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the conference room in Lawndale. Reservoir discussion is on the agenda as well as water rates. Don Melton, chairman, will preside.

DOWNTOWN: Main Street is our postcard

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The city is cutting checks to property owners who have been awarded grants for improvements.

Downtown Kings Mountain seems to be on the right track, but just as the City of Shelby Mayor Ted Alexander told those at the conference, this is a long journey.

The conference started on Wednesday afternoon with "The Shelby Story". The city has been a member of the NC Main Street Program for 30 years.

Although Shelby's bustling uptown today may make downtown revitalization look easy, Alexander said it was "never easy for Shelby". The "great fire" of 1979 made ashes and rubble out of a few buildings. A new shopping mall set up shop in the 80s. But he said that Shelby reinvented itself in the face of challenge.

Downtown communities and cities across the state, and even the nation, are tackling their own unique challenges and each downtown has a different story to tell. Keynote speakers challenged those in attendance to "show your uniqueness," said Cindy Blanton, secretary of the Mountaineer Partnership board.

"The depth of knowledge conveyed by most all of the speakers was inspiring," noted local architect Ken Pflieger, who chairs the MP design committee. "The challenges in Kings Mountain may be unique to our history and downtown geography, but the pathway to solutions are well understood - and have been successfully implemented in a host of towns across North Carolina."

The 2011 conference hosted professionals from all over, who gave inspiring keynote addresses and led

Elections board to meet Thursday

The Cleveland County Board of Elections will meet Thursday, Feb. 3, at 10 a.m. in the Board of Elections Office, 215 Patton Drive.

Agenda items include a discussion of consolidation of Kings Mountain precinct and the 2011-2012 budget.

Steve Wells of Kings Mountain is chairman of the board.

breakout sessions all packed with innovative ideas on how to bring new life to downtowns. "Main Street Community Fitness Training: Preparing communities for economic success" focused on topics that highlighted and complimented the Main Street's 4-point approach to revitalization: design, economic restructuring, organization, and promotion.

"To be in a conference where there are targeted seminars that touch all of those four points is key for us," Pflieger said.

Sharon Stack, Mountaineer Partnership board treasurer and executive director of the Mauney Memorial Library, said that she was excited to attend a session featuring guest speaker and State Librarian Mary Boone.

One of three presenters at the "Anchors on Main" seminar, Boone spoke about public libraries and their roles in downtowns and how libraries often have as much foot traffic as a small department store.

Stack said that she also attended a session titled "Thinking Creatively About Underutilized Buildings" and was interested to learn how one architect transformed an old Woolworth's building into housing units.

"It was very creative and inspirational," Stack said. "You get to see the hard work that other people do to make their town beautiful, safe, and interesting - those are all things we want to do in downtown Kings Mountain."

Pflieger said that he at-

tended three workshops: "Anchors on Main", "Thinking Creatively About Underutilized Buildings", and one on private-public sector financing and was inspired by all three keynote speakers.

Something that Phil Walker, author of "Downtown Planning for Smaller and Midsized Communities", said in his address stuck with him. "He said when new people visit your community, downtown is your postcard. All Main Street communities have that in common. Then he asked, 'what do you want your image to be?'" Pflieger said.

One of the main messages he left the conference with, he added, was "downtown is our postcard and there are certain challenges that we share with other Main Street communities but the solutions are local."

For Blanton, of Open Door Consulting, who attended three seminars, she said that what she took away from the conference was, "Don't give up, keep trudging forward and make your downtown the best it can be."

That's the plan, after all.

"The North Carolina Main Street Center promotes downtown revitalization based on economic development within the context of historic preservation, a concept developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation that has proven successful in more than a thousand smaller communities across the country," according to NCMSC. "The North Carolina Main Street

program helps small towns to recognize and preserve their historic fabric, and, using local resources, build on their unique characteristics to create vibrant central business districts that meet the needs of today's communities."

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