

NEEDED: One alert dog for a restful night's sleep

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the waiting list, but in order to get the service dog his family will have to pay the balance of \$19,000 over a two-year period. The cost includes training and ongoing support, not to mention a restful night.

What is diabetes?

In the case of type 1 diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, the body does not produce insulin.

"Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into

energy needed for daily life. Only 5% of people with diabetes have this form of the disease," according to the American Diabetes Association.

One in 20 people affected by this disease die from low blood sugar.

Why a diabetic alert dog?

Diabetic alert dogs are trained to recognize and alert on the scent of low and/or high blood sugar in diabetics. Implanted glucose monitoring systems are often 20-30 minutes behind a fully-trained alert dog.

FIVE: from KM file for reelection; many in state have decided not to run with redistricting in effect



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HASTINGS



McHENRY

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committee dealing with modifying the state's Racial Justice Act and death penalty litigation.

A contest has already developed for the county register of deeds position where Bonnie Reece is challenged by Shelley Wray Roberts of Shelby. Both are Democrats. Roberts was the first candidate to file Monday at the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby, followed closely by Reece, Hawkins, Hutchins, Accor and Moore.

Pearl Burris-Floyd of Dallas also faces a GOP Primary with incumbent Rep. Kelly Hastings of Cherryville for the District 110 seat in the N.C. House. She announced her intentions to run several weeks ago for the seat she held in 2009-2010.

North Carolina is already assured of its heaviest political turnover in years with announcements recently that Governor Beverly Perdue, Republican Congresswoman Sue Myrick, two other members of the US Congress and 31 North Carolina legislators won't seek reelection, many retiring apparently because of redistricting.

"It's sure to be a nightmare," says Ronnie Hawkins.

Offices up for election this year include the 10th Congressional seat in the US House of Representatives now held by Rep. Patrick McHenry (R) of Cherryville who filed for reelection Monday. After being redrawn by the N.C. General Assembly, the 10th Congressional District now includes all of Cleveland, Gaston, Polk, Rutherford and Lincoln Counties and parts of Buncombe and Catawba.

The N.C. General Assembly redrew maps last summer, moving Burke County out of Senate District 44. Now Burke joins Cleveland County to form District 46 where Senator Wes Westmoreland of Shelby was appointed to represent the

district after resignation of Senator Debbie Clary. A hot race is shaping up for the district 46 seat between incumbent Republican Senator Warren Daniel of Morganton and retired Burke County Sheriff John McDevitt, a Democrat, who served as sheriff from 1998 until his retirement last June. McDevitt, who grew up in Cleveland County, is son of former Kings Mountain Police Chief Tom McDevitt.

Filing closes at noon on Monday, Feb. 29 with a Primary set for May 8.

Moore, who filed for election to his sixth term in the newly redrawn 111th House District, said his focus the last two terms has been job development and toughening our laws with respect to criminals. Said Moore, "The most important issue now continues to be job development and retention. Many folks in Cleveland County are still out of work and I think nothing is more important at the moment than making our state and region attractive for companies to locate and expand." Moore was also instrumental in the passage of the Jessica Lunsford Act that significantly increased penalties for sex offenders and the passage of Laura's Law that toughened the state's laws for repeat DWI offenders.

Said McHenry, "The most important part of my job is listening to feedback from the folks I represent and that's why I hold town hall meetings across the district." He added, "My number one priority is to get the government out of the way so that small businesses, the engine of our

economy, can create jobs. That's why I introduced and the House overwhelmingly passed legislation to help entrepreneurs raise money and create jobs."

Ken E. Fortenberry, editor and publisher of News@Norman, a weekly newspaper in Denver, announced this week that he is challenging McHenry for his seat in Congress.

"I stand firm on my record as state Senator," said Daniel, who added that for the first time in decades, counties, municipalities and school systems had a state budget returned to them by the end of June - with plenty of time for them to complete their own budgets. Daniel continued, "Instead of getting an annual tax increase, my constituents had money come back to their own wallets when I voted to end a temporary sales tax. For the first time in 40 years our state government is being reorganized to make it more efficient and less wasteful."

McDevitt called for the end of "hard line partisan politics" to get the government moving again. He said people told him a week after forming an exploratory committee that they wanted legislators "in Raleigh who aren't politicians who can reach across the aisle and get something done." He noted in his announcement that education funding cuts, jobs and the economy are major concerns of residents of Burke and Cleveland counties. Healthcare, taxes and immigration are also concerns. "But mostly, people want to see an effective government," said McDevitt.

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



PHOTOS by MICHAEL BRAMLET
Smoke rose from Crowders Mountain Monday as crews conducted a prescribed burn to help promote forest growth.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

Nine area restaurants and a school lunchroom were among the county facilities inspected by the Cleveland County Health Department Jan. 23-27.

They include: J. Oliver's, S. Battleground Ave., 98.5; McDonalds, York road, 96.0; Quality Inn Breakfast, York Road, 98.5; Ronda's Kitchen, S. Battleground Ave., 98.0; Silver Villa, E. King St., 93.0; Subway, Dixon School Road, 98.0; Taco Bell, York

Road, 98.0, includes two extra points added to the final score when any employee working at the facility has attended an approved food handling course; the Clubhouse Bar & Grill, Country Club Dr., 95.5; and KM Middle School, Phifer Road, 101.0, includes two extra points added to the final score when an employee working at the facility has attended an approved food handling course.

SHOWCASE: opens at city hall Tuesday

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Exhibits will be judged on how well they are tied-in to the theme and ribbons will mark the exhibits prior to their display Tuesday night.

Presenting sponsors are First National Bank and Warlick & Hamrick Insurance Agency. Sponsors are the City of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Hospital, Kings

Mountain Woman's Club and Premier Federal Credit Union.

Food sponsors are Big E BBQ, Cherokee Street Tavern, Food Lion, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Linwood Restaurant, and Subway.

"This will be a fun night with surprises and an opportunity for the public to view exhibits that show what our community is accomplishing in many areas of business," said Brutko.

JOINT HEARING: set Tuesday for county, city incentives for new data center

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officials have said the announcement will be "big" and that the company will be an asset for the region. The \$100 million project could bring 106 new full-time permanent jobs to the county over the next 48 months.

According to a public hearing announcement, county commissioners "believe that this project will provide local economic benefits for the citizens of Cleveland County through an increase in sales tax revenues and the increased purchases of local goods and services".

The data center will become a new water, sewer and natural gas customer of the city. A 3.09 percent franchise tax on the amount of electricity used by data centers will equate to extra money in the city's general fund each year. Data centers are considered to be large energy customers, consuming 30-80 percent more energy to operate per square foot than a typical office building.

With all of the electricity data centers typically use, an abundant water supply is key to cooling off all of the computers and machines the centers employ. The county, too, will have a new water cus-

tomers with any incoming data center.

With controlling interest of nearly 100 acres off of Countryside Road, T5 hopes to add a new neighbor to its Kings Mountain data center park, which currently houses Wipro Technologies' Infocrossing (on 30 acres) and Disney Worldwide Services (on 26 acres).

Incentive deals for "Project Blue Ridge", which culminated in Wipro's move to the farm, included help with grants, extra water, speedy permits, a waive of all fees for permitting, inspection,

development, utility connections, and others normally charged by the city or county; and, a tremendous break in property taxes (re-funds of 70 percent of all real property taxes and 85 percent of all personal property taxes paid), all over a 10 year span.

Wipro, in turn, promised to bring 31 permanent full-time jobs, buildings and installation of machinery and equipment that would lead to a total investment of approximately \$600 million to the county over the next 10 years.

Disney Worldwide Services, codenamed "Project Roosevelt", promised to bring 45 permanent jobs (including contract labor) and a \$200 million tax investment when it was offered a waiver of city property taxes for 30 years; waiver of 65 percent of county property taxes for 10 years; help with building, zoning and development

permits and waiver of connection fees with the city; and help from both the county and the city with the extension of a water line to the property, covered by state grants.

City officials hoping to land "Project Cardinal" applied for more than \$1 million in grants to extend water lines to the park last year.

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Heart Failure Continued ...
The swelling and shortness of breath are the primary symptoms of heart failure. About 550,000 people are diagnosed with heart failure each year. It is the leading cause of hospitalization in people older than 65.

Heart Valve Disease
Your heart valves lie at the exit of each of your four heart chambers and maintain one-way blood-flow through your heart.

Congenital Heart Disease
Congenital heart disease is a type of defect in one or more structures of the heart or blood vessels that occurs before birth. It affects about eight out of every 1,000 children. Congenital heart defects may produce symptoms at birth, during childhood, and sometimes not until adulthood. In most cases scientists don't know why they occur. Heredity may play a role as well as exposure to the fetus during pregnancy to certain viral infections, alcohol, or drugs.

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