

## Letters to the Editor

### A good day but a sad ending for K M duckpin bowlers

Dear Editor:

Seven members of the Kings Mountain Duckpin League went to Baltimore, Maryland to bowl in the National Duckpin Bowling tournament this past May. This would be our last tournament due to the closing of Mountain Lanes bowling alley.

Last September we were told that we could not bowl any longer. In order to bowl in the nationals, members must bowl a number of games the previous year and present averages.

John Dilling was a good friend of mine. He told me many times how he wanted duckpin bowling to continue. He said he had made provisions to keep it going, and had it all worked out so we could bowl after his death. For many years to come.

John loved duckpins and always enjoyed going to the Nationals, even the last few years of his life when he wasn't able to bowl. We wanted to go this last time to honor him.

John would be proud of how our league represented Kings Mountain this year. Zeke Rybzyk placed first in the singles B division Allen Myers placed second in the same division. This was a huge win for our league, especially since we had practiced little to none prior to the tournament.

The bowling alley where we bowled had 40 lanes of duckpins. Duckpins is big up North. Since Kings Mountain's lanes closed, Richmond, Virginia is the closest duckpin bowling alley.

I just don't understand why John's desire and wishes were not carried out.

Tommy Barrett  
Kings Mountain

### Response to Molly Savage

Ms. Savage, you disagreed with the characterization of the PPACA as a healthcare takeover and then listed 13 mandates which you like. I also like those benefits, however, do you realize that the mandates are what make PPACA a de facto takeover?

Do you also realize that none of the mandates are unconstitutional? The Supreme Court chose not to opine on whether the Commerce Clause can be stretched to authorize any of these new federal regulatory powers which confiscate insurance regulatory authority from the states. The Constitution does not grant Congress the authority to regulate insurance and the 10th amendment states, "The Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people."

To do this constitutionally we need to lobby the State legislatures to enact these mandates on a state level.

You cited an analogy to a legal requirement to buy liability insurance. Here are the flaws with your analogy. The state does not require anyone to buy liability insurance. The state requires those who want the privilege of a vehicle registration to prove financial responsibility to be able to pay for any damages they may cause by operating a motor vehicle. Anyone may meet the financial responsibility requirement by self-insuring, if they have enough cash, or by transferring the risk to an insurance company by purchasing insurance.

Nobody is required to buy liability insurance just because they are alive. Furthermore, the financial responsibility requirement is tied to an optional privilege, driving a motor vehicle. Additionally, it is a state law, not a federal law, which is why it is constitutional.

Ignoring unconstitutional behavior by the Federal government when it does things we like imperils freedom because it empowers future governments to use those same unconstitutionally confiscated powers to do things people will not like. Be assured, Federal expansionism facilitates the risks of dictatorship.

Doubt me? Are you aware there were a series of presidential executive orders by all presidents from Nixon through Regan which authorized emergency plans to suspend the Constitution, eliminate all state and local governments, reorganize the country by the geographical boundaries of the 12 Federal Reserve Districts and establishing FEMA as the administrative head of the emergency powers national government (c.f. executive orders 11647, 12148, 12149, 12407 and HR 11764)? This is why it is very important we pursue the virtuous benefits you cited in your letter through constitutional state by state means. That is harder and messier, but safer to the future freedom of the world.

Keith Miller  
City Councilmember, Kings Mountain, NC

## JUSTIN: fighting rare brain cancer at 10 months old

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that Brittany Hiser and Josh Styers are with him at all times at the hospital and their schooling will be continued by them at the hospital or at home. Rising 11th graders at Kings Mountain High School, they were able to pass their grade by taking homework with them to the hospital. When school starts later this month, they will be homebound but will be able to continue their school work with the help of family members who are with the youngster around-the-clock.

Justin's last surgery was on July 25 for stem cell extraction from the bone marrow to save and to help regenerate his blood cells that the chemotherapy will destroy.

His family and Justin's long hard battle with the life-threatening illness began when the baby was 5 1/2 months old.

Two days after his diagnosis of brain cancer, Justin underwent surgery. His head size grew more than normal during a regular check-up and doctors ordered a MRI and at first they were unsure the tumor was cancerous but after surgery it was confirmed.

"They were not able to get all of the cancer and informed us that the baby would need to undergo chemotherapy to attempt to rid him of the remaining tumor they were unable to reach," said his paternal grandmother.

The weekend of May 22 Justin was able to be on the porch with his cousins and was in church with his family. His cousin, Haley, said he was happy, laughed and didn't seem to be in much pain.

On May 30, Justin began his first scheduled round of chemotherapy. The treatment lasted just over a week and he returned home on June 8. He was happy and then he became sick with parainfluenza, his immune system was severely weakened from the chemo and he was back in the hospital. On June 27 he began a second round of chemo and after nearly four weeks in the hospital he was home four days.

"He is a strong little boy," said his paternal grandmother. She said a feeding tube was placed in his stomach at the hospital to help with nutrition but he accidentally pulled out the Hickman line in his chest (that he

gets chemo from) and scared us and the nurses to death."

"Justin has some of his little curl on top of his head but has lost most of his hair," said his grandmother. He was in the hospital for two weeks getting over the flu. He was home again on July 6 but he was back in the hospital July 16 with a fever. On July 25 he began his second round of stem cell 'harvest.'

Medulloblastoma, although rare, is a common brain tumor in children, responsible for 25% of all pediatric brain cancers. Usually diagnosed before the age of 10, Medulloblastoma occurs in the cerebellum, a portion of the brain that plays a vital role in coordinating muscular movements. It is not hereditary. Malignant tumors form poorly developed cells at a very early stage of life, usually more common in children between the ages of three and eight and make up about 1 in 5 (20%) of all childhood brain tumors, more common in boys than girls, and rarely occur in adults.

His parents say they are grateful for the love they feel in the community and for

Ronald McDonald House which is run totally by dona-



JUSTIN AND GRANDMA TAMMY

tions and where they and their parents have been able to relax and have a hot meal. The couple belong to close-knit families in Kings Mountain and Grover. They want to continue their education and Justin's mom hopes to go to nursing school.

"My little man has been so sick but we are confident that all this pain, by the grace of God, will be behind him soon," said his grandmother. She said the family has faith in the Biblical teaching that "I will never leave thee or forsake thee."

## POTATO: Project has raised 84,000 lbs of potatoes this year

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40,000 pounds of potatoes by year's end. A bamboo string fence has been installed at one plot to discourage the deer.

A good amount of the potatoes harvested this year have been given to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry for distribution through its food bank and to Central United Methodist Church for use in its community kitchen, which serves free hot meals to the public twice a week.

The Cleveland County Potato Project's volunteer force also continues to grow as citizens from nearly all walks of life and even from different parts of the state pull on gloves and dig in to help the cause. A group of missionaries from Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lumberton, staying at the Baptist Men's Work Camp in Shelby, helped weed two plots of sweet potatoes on Friday and Saturday.

Sharp said that 15-18 volunteers from Zion arrived at the Shelby plot - the Project's largest this year - around 6:30 Saturday morning determined to "beat the heat". Volunteers had the garden weeded by 9 a.m.

A youth group from Shelby First Baptist also helped weeding efforts at a Boiling Springs potato patch on Friday, Sharp said.

Every pair of hands counts. And every "dead weed is a good weed", Sharp joked.

An idea that sprouted in a Sunday School classroom - to feed the hungry with locally-grown potatoes - is maturing into a cause that has spread far beyond those first few potato patches in 2010. Rooted in volunteerism and philanthropy, the Cleveland County Potato Project, now in its third year, has touched the lives of thousands and its impact continues to grow.

In 2010, a volunteer labor force produced 30,000 pounds of potatoes and delivered them to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, U-CAN (Upper Cleveland Area Needs) and the Salvation Army for distribution. Last year, the project raised 84,000 pounds of potatoes.

A dozen or so plots of donated land has grown to more than 20 potato patches cultivated by businesses, schools, churches, residents and even a city, with the City of Kings Mountain's plot, in 2011.

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total of 21 potato patches this year. Sweet potato harvesting is expected to start in early September. Any church or other group that would like to donate a plot next year should be preparing their land this Fall, according to Sharp.

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| <p><b>Breastfeeding Support Group &amp; Mom to Mom Support Group</b><br/>August 1 10 a.m. - Noon<br/>Women's Life Center Conference Room<br/>Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding.<br/>For more information, please call 980-487-3887 and 980-487-3983 to register.</p> | <p><b>Early Bird Pregnancy Class</b><br/>August 7 6 p.m.<br/>CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room<br/>For couples in the early stages or pregnancy or considering getting pregnant. \$10 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Please call 980-487-3983.</p> | <p><b>Bridges</b><br/>August 27 2-3 p.m.<br/>CRMC Cancer Center<br/>A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.</p>                                | <p><b>Life as a Suicide Survivor</b><br/>August 28 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.<br/>Cleveland County Library Conference Room 104 Howie Drive<br/>This program is for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone close to them by the taking of their own life.</p>  |
| <p><b>Pink Ribbon Network</b><br/>August 2 12-1 p.m.<br/>CRMC Oncology Board Room<br/>A gathering for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.<br/>Lunch served. To register, please call 980-487-3757.</p>   | <p><b>Bridges</b><br/>August 13 2-3 p.m.<br/>CRMC Cancer Center<br/>A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.</p>  | <p><b>Stroke Support Group</b><br/>August 27 5:30 p.m.<br/>Shelby Life Enrichment Center 110 Life Enrichment Blvd. Shelby<br/>This program is for anyone who has suffered a stroke or care giver of a stroke patient. For more information, call 704-484-0405.</p>                                 | <p><b>Parkinson's Support Group</b><br/>August 28 6 p.m.<br/>Life Enrichment Center;<br/>For more information, please contact Linda at the Life enrichment Center by phone: 704-484-0405 or email: linda@lifeenrichmentcenter.org.<br/><br/><i>Some programs may require pre-registration or appointments. Some require a fee.</i></p> |