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Candidates weigh in on issues

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Election Day is less than a month away and Sunday afternoon nine area candidates seeking local and state offices weighed in on some of the issues facing voters.

The forum, which attracted over 65 people, was hosted by the Cleveland County Chapter NAACP at the Cooperative Extension Auditorium in Shelby.

Topics ranged from voter identification, school privatization, job recruit-

ment, how to correct disparity in county employment, and judges' temperament in handling cases.

All three candidates for the Senate seat in the 46th District (Cleveland-Burke) John McDevitt (D), incumbent Warren Daniel (R) and Richard Evey (Libertarian) attended.

Other races in which local and area people will



Mary Accor



Warren Daniel



Richard Evey



Ronnie Hawkins



Johnny Hutchins



Patsy Keever



John McDevitt



Jamar McKoy



Meredith Shuford

make choices at the polls did not attract all the candidates to the forum. Several candidates sent responses to the invitation of the political action committee, some did not respond.

The three incumbent county commissioners, Mary Accor (D), Ronnie Hawkins

(R) and Johnny Hutchins, (R), all of Kings Mountain, were present. Susan Allen (R) did not attend.

Patsy Keever, US District 10 NC House, was present. Incumbent Patrick McHenry sent regrets. Jamar McKoy (D), House District 110 was present, in-

cumbent Kelly Hastings (R) sent regrets. Libertarian candidate Lewis Guignard Jr. did not attend.

NC District Court Judge 27 B Meredith Shuford, incumbent was present. Challenger Gwynn Radeker did not attend.

What is your position on

Medicare? Moderator Willie McIntosh asked the candidate for US House of Representatives Patsy Keever. "Seniors have earned Medicare coverage and I will defend and preserve Medicare. We don't need

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Battleground Grill closed

Battleground Grill, 222 Railroad Ave., is closed and Gastonia businessman Nick LaVecchia, owner of the building, has posted a for sale sign.

The business, which opened in Kings Mountain in the old Plonk Brothers Department Store location, was first called Battleground Restaurant and underwent a name change recently to Battleground Grill.

LaVecchia said he wanted

to thank the Kings Mountain community for all their support, adding, "We enjoyed the time we had in Kings Mountain."

He said the building is for sale and most likely will house a chain concept from Charlotte called American Roadside Burgers, similar to Five Guys with atmosphere and flair.

"They are more family style and would lend itself well to the community," said LaVecchia.



Tom Bennett, left, as Cicero and Jackson Champion, as Trout Mosley, in a scene from "Dairy Queen Days" which opens Friday night at 7:30 p.m. by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre at Joy Performance Center.

Think pink!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and at least two Kings Mountain businesses are thinking pink.

Rob Bolin of 238 Cherokee Street Tavern is rolling out the pink carpet to breast cancer survivors at a free lunch from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday (today). Door prizes will be provided by Bellus tu Spa, SpaMed and Fresh Hair Con-

cepts.

Prior to the luncheon Howard and Carol Elmore at Hometown Hardware will be hosting Mooresville Fire Department's pink fire truck on their lot from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and will move it for display at 238 Cherokee Street from 2-3 p.m. Kings Mountain firemen will be distributing fire prevention materials.

"Dairy Queen Days" opens Friday

The curtain goes up Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the Kings Mountain Little Theatre's production of Bob Inman's play from his book, "Dairy Queen Days" at Joy Performance Center, 202 S. Railroad Avenue.

Andy Neisler is directing the play and curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Kings Mountain Hospital is sponsoring the performances.

Bob Inman, author, writer and well known as former news anchor of WBTV Channel 3, will be in attendance at the Saturday, October 20th performance. KMLT is offering a special ticket for a "Meet and Greet" reception with Mr. Inman after the performance for \$15.00 if you already have a ticket to the play or for \$25.00

if you are buying tickets for both the play and the reception. This special event will include beverages and desserts.

For reservations or further information, please respond to this message or call the box office at 704-730-9408. Reservations will be accepted, but must be made 24 hours in advance of the date

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Incentives approved, Stout coming to KM

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners last Tuesday night approved an incentive agreement for Stout Brewing Company, LLC.

The company will be purchasing and renovating an existing facility located at 518 North Sims Street, Kings Mountain, and anticipates creating 61 new, per-

manent full-time jobs during the first five years of their project and plans to invest approximately \$6,000,000 in new investment.

"Stout appreciates the assistance of Cleveland County and Kings Mountain and we are looking forward to a bright future working together" said company executive Cody Sommer.

Chairman of the Cleveland County Commissioners, Johnny Hutchins, stated after the meeting, "While this is truly another great success for Cleveland

Annual Fall Festival set for Oct. 17

'Celebrating our Homes and Heritage' is the theme for the annual Kings Mountain Woman's Club Fall Festival Wednesday, Oct. 17, and clubwomen are hard at work readying for the event expected to be one of the biggest and best.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and supper from 5:30-7 p.m. with a choice of ham or turkey with accessories. Plates are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

One of the feature exhibits will be the popular "Trashformation" in which those entering for ribbon awards and certificates are transforming a work of art from 90% trash using all

kinds of media, glass, wire, paper, metal, etc. Students and Scouts are finishing up projects this week as well as other members of the community along with club women.

"This is an exciting part of the festival," said Tonya Wilson, co-chair with Johnnie Reavis of this division.

Garden club members are decorating tables in the auditorium of the clubhouse on the overall theme and the public will again pick the winners by marking their choices. Floral arrangements will also be featured.

The bazaar, always a favorite of festival-goers, will include cakes, canned jellies, homemade breads and other items.



Lori Sutherland is shown making cornbread for the 2011 Fall Festival.



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