



Town and Country Garden Club held its October meeting at the N. C. Arboretum in Asheville. The members visited gardens of native North Carolina plants. The Bonsai Gardens and metal statues were of particular beauty. Pictured are Ann Ward, in front, with (l-r) Dot Dixon, Cheryl Butler, club president; Susan Gibson, Brenda Sipe and Connie Bell.

Technology Free Jamboree Nov. 3

Summer Miller, 17, is planning a Technology Free Jamboree, a family fun day, for her KMHS senior project Nov. 3.

There will be plenty of games, give-aways, a Halloween costume contest and trick or treats from 4-8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Walking Track.

Firestone Fibers & Textiles Company is sponsoring the fun day by kicking off its Breast Cancer awareness program and Summer, who is hosting the Jamboree, is asking for donations to make it a big success and has received a \$100 donation from Wal-Mart. Her mentor is Tonya Richards.

In addition to the fun event Summer is inviting donations of warm winter clothing for the needy and these items will be donated to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

Miller is the daughter of Robert and Rhonda Miller of



Summer Miller

Kings Mountain. An honor student at Kings Mountain High School, she is active in Renaissance Club, National Technical Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, HEX, the health occupation class, Trim (Chorale), and is a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.

Call Summer at 704-718-1002 for more information or to help with the project.

McGinnis receives Peter Keese award

Myra McGinnis, Chief Executive Officer at Hospice Cleveland County for 18 years, has won the Peter Keese award from The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care.

The award was presented at the recent conference in Greenville, SC.

McGinnis is the daughter of Margaret McGinnis of Kings Mountain and the late Dick McGinnis.

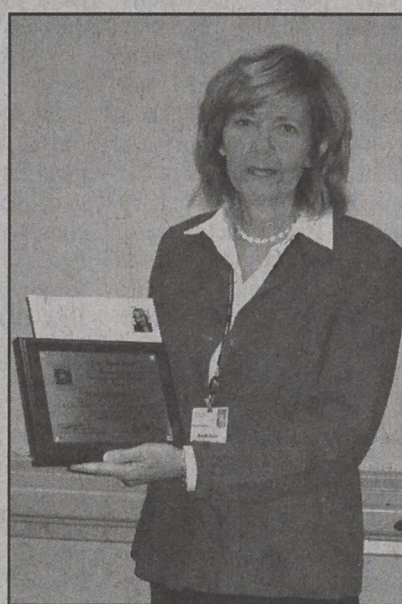
Ms. McGinnis joined Hospice Cleveland County in 1990. During her first year as executive director in 1994 a total of 207 patients and families in Cleveland County received hospice services. In 2011, over 750 patients and their families benefitted from the care Hospice Cleveland County provided.

During her leadership, Hospice Cleveland County has grown from a staff of 25 to a staff of over 125 and is JCAHO accredited. The hospice office, beginning in an uptown train depot in Shelby was relocated to a

12-acre campus in 1996. The administrative building houses all clinical and clerical staff. Situated on the same property is Wendover, a 16 bed inpatient/residential facility. Through the support of the Kings Mountain community and the diligence of financial management in 2010, Hospice Cleveland County built an additional eight bed inpatient/residential hospice house in Kings Mountain.

Envisioning a community that receives excellent health care, Ms. McGinnis helped develop a comprehensive Palliative Care program under the umbrella of Hospice Cleveland County. Over 60% of the patients served by the palliative care program are transitioned into the hospice program.

Hospice celebrated 26 years of operations last November and has served over 8,000 patients in Cleveland County. Last year hospice and



palliative care programs provided care to 61% of the people who died in Cleveland County.

Hughes to speak at KM Historical Museum

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum's current exhibit, Reflections from Civil War Soldiers, will be on display until November 9, 2012.

The exhibit showcase the personal letters and papers written by soldiers of the Civil War.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Kings Mountain Historical Museum will host local author Mark Hughes for the presentation, A Confederate Soldier Goes to War on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. In his program, "A Cleveland County Confederate Goes to War," Hughes uses photographs taken during the Civil War to tell the story of a young Confederate soldier who enlisted

in the first unit raised in Cleveland County, NC. Mark Hughes is widely recognized as the authority on Civil War cemeteries. The only author to publish books on both Union and Confederate cemeteries his books include: Bivouac of the Dead, The Unpublished Roll of Honor, and Confederate Cemeteries (2 vols.). His latest book, The New Civil War Handbook, has been called "a long overdue update of a classic." In addition he has written articles on a variety of subjects. Copies of Hughes' book, The New Civil War Handbook, as well as other Civil War and military titles are available for purchase in the Museum's gift shop.

Rev. Thomas to continue ministry, worship in Virginia

Rev. Lee Thomas, pastor of First Presbyterian Church for 10 years, has accepted the call to Olivet Presbyterian Church at Staunton, Va. and will assume his new duties Nov. 4.

"It is with mixed emotions that my family and I move from First Presbyterian and Kings Mountain," said Thomas, 39, who was Associate Pastor of Cook's Memorial Church in Charlotte before moving to Kings Mountain. He is a graduate of Montreat College, Class of 1996, and

Union Theological Seminary, Class of 2000.

"We have so many good friends in this community and my pastorate at First Presbyterian Church has been such a joy," said Thomas. His wife, the former Amy Austin, teaches at East Elementary School and she and their two young daughters, Marina, who will be 7 in December, and Miley Margaret, 4, will join the pastor in Staunton before Christmas. Two sons, Austin and Hunter Ware, will continue their

schooling at Kings Mountain High where Austin is a senior and Hunter is a junior. Mrs. Thomas is the daughter of Shirley Austin of Kings Mountain and the late Darrell Austin. Thomas is the son of Eric and Lazette Thomas of Union County.

Thomas's love and appreciation of music has been recognized by many in the community who have heard him play a number of musical instruments, including piano, organ and guitar. He said that music



Rev. Lee Thomas

will continue to be a part of his ministry and the worship of the church.

Telerox cutting 100+ jobs

A customer service call center plans to cut more than 100 jobs, mostly full-time positions, beginning just days after Christmas.

Telerox Marketing Inc. - which currently employs 247 people in Kings Mountain in customer service, supervisor and upper management positions - announced in a letter to the N.C. Department of Commerce last week it will lay off approximately 120 workers beginning Dec. 28 and continuing in phases to April 30, 2013.

"Unfortunately, Telerox has been informed by one of its clients that the client will not be renewing its contract," the commerce department letter stated in addressing the reason for the layoffs. The entire Kings Mountain site of employment is not being closed.

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