

# Farris joins KM Medical Center

Leanne Farris has joined the nursing staff of Kings Mountain Medical Center as a family nurse practitioner. The Kings Mountain native is the daughter of Harold and Deborah Farris of Kings Mountain.

A 1994 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, she received her diploma in nursing in 1999 from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, her Bachelor of Science degree in 2000 from Queens University in Charlotte, Master of Science degree in Nursing from Queens University of Charlotte in 2002 and Post Master's Certificate, Family Nurse Practitioner in 2008 from East Carolina University. In 2008 she was board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Farris worked as an RN with Presbyterian Hemby Children's Hospital in Charlotte from 1999-2002. In 2002 she also worked as a travel RN with Cross Country TravCorp in Pediatrics with Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital in Baltimore, MD and Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, VA. After traveling, she was a registered nurse at Carolinas Medical Center and Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte for six years, working in areas including the emergency department, case management and pediatrics.

Her experience has also included teaching nursing clinicals part-time with Gaston College School of Nursing from 2004-2008.

As an ENP (family nurse practitioner) she joined South Point Family Practice in Belmont in 2008-2011 and continues to practice with CaroMont Health at present as a nurse practitioner at CLiC Immediate Care part-time on weekends in Charlotte.

She joined Kings Mountain Medical Center to practice as a nurse practitioner on January 28, 2013. She said she is excited to be available in Kings Mountain to provide health care needs for the whole family. Special interests include pediatrics and women's health as well as preventive health care and wellness and she is currently accepting new patients.

In Kings Mountain she is a member of Oak View Baptist Church.

Farris is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society for Nurses, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Nurses Association and North Carolina Nurses Association.

"I am pleased to be back in Kings Mountain doing what I love to do and working with the staff at Kings Mountain Medical Center," said Farris.



Leanne Farris



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right, presents an official resolution that retires K-9 Kasey from the Kings Mountain Police Department. At left is Kasey's handler, Ptl. Chris Graham.

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## BRIEFS

### Potato Project schedule

Rain prevented any planting this past week. The group plans to plant the Travis Mangum - N. Shelby School plot on Fri., March 8, starting at 10 a.m. and the Williams property in Boiling Springs on Sat., March 9, starting at 9 a.m. The Williams property is located on N. Main St. in Boiling Springs about a block beyond Ingles.

Lots of volunteers are needed for Sat., March 16, when planting will be at S. Williams property on Metcalf Rd. This is a very large plot. If you are able come out and bring a friend.

day, March 9, from 9 am to noon at the club building, 108 E. Mountain Street.

Spaces are \$10 each, with table provided indoors, or for outdoor spaces without a table.

Individuals, family groups, church groups or dealers looking to take advantage of this indoor sale at a convenient location are welcome. Set up indoors is available Friday evening 7-9pm.

Call 704-739-0394 if you have questions. To reserve your space please send your check to Kings Mountain Woman's Club, PO Box 1343, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Spaces are limited so act quickly and join us for the fun.

### Film screening

The Rose Library at Cleveland Community College will host a film screening of "The Journey of Sacagawea" on March 21 from 5-7 p.m. in the Rotary Center for Global Studies located in the Rose Library.

The film is being shown in celebration of Women's History Month and will explore the life of Sacagawea from the rich oral history of the Augadika Shoshoni, Mandan Hiatsa and the Nez Perce Native American tribes, as well as the historical account taken from the journal of the Corps of Discovery. Although more mountains, lakes and streams bear her name than any other North American woman, there are still many mysteries that surround Sacagawea.

The event is free and open to the public.

### Medicare assistance

Do you know someone who is on Medicare and needs assistance in paying for prescription drugs? Medicare beneficiaries may be eligible for the federal Extra Help low-income subsidy program if he/she has limited income and resources. The Extra Help program can increase cost savings by paying for all or part of the month premiums, annual deductibles, and provide lower prescription co-payments under a Medicare prescription drug plan.

To qualify for Extra Help, the annual income must be limited to \$16,752 for an individual (\$22,692 for a married couple living together). Additionally, the total resources must be limited to \$13,070 for an individual (\$26,120 for a married couple living together). The resources do not include a primary residence or a vehicle.

If you believe someone you know may qualify for the Extra Help program, please encourage them to apply on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov, or contact our office toll free at 800-443-9354 and we may assist them with completing the on-line application process or send them a paper application.

### Democratic Party to meet

The Cleveland County Democratic Party will hold most of its annual precinct meetings on Tuesday, March 5, including several in the Kings Mountain area. All interested registered Democrats are welcome to attend the meetings, meet other Dems in their precincts, and take part in a business agenda that includes the election of precinct officers and delegates to the annual Democratic county convention.

Kings Mountain area precinct meetings are:

Kings Mountain No. 1: 6:30 p.m., Kings Mountain Family YMCA, 211 Cleveland Ave., Ina Hager, chair.

Kings Mountain No. 2: 6:30 p.m., Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church, 213 N. Cansler St., Mark Donald Campbell, chair.

Kings Mountain No. 3: 7 p.m., Southern Arts Society (Depot), 301 N. Piedmont Ave., Valerie Boyd, chair.

Kings Mountain No. 4: 6 p.m., Mountain View Restaurant, 100 W. King St. (come at 5:30 p.m. if you wish to dine), John Still, chair.

Grover: 7 p.m., Grover Town Hall, 207 Mulberry Rd. Betsy Wells, chair.

### Walk with a Doc March 9

Sanger Health & Vascular Institute will sponsor "Walk with a Doc" at the Patrick Senior Center on Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m. Take your friends and meet Sanger and Kings Mountain physicians for conversation and cardiovascular exercise. For more information call 980-487-5401.

### Teen photo challenge

Celebrate Teen Tech Week this March by participating in a teen photography challenge Monday, March 11, at 4 p.m. at Mauney Memorial Library. Attendees will participate in a "photography walk" to snap photos of downtown Kings Mountain. Take your own device or use those provided by the library.

### Distribution of commodities March 13

The Shelby Lions Club will be distributing USDA commodities on Wednesday, March 13, at the Cleveland County Fairground. Those who wish to come to the fairground on March 13 and fill out an application will only need some identification and must live in Cleveland County. If a person is unable to come in person they may send a note stating the number in the family, their address, and their whole family income, signed by them.

The distribution is based on the number in the family and the income.

### Lenten Service - change in schedule

Rev. James Lochridge will deliver the message at the 12 noon Lenten service March 13 at Eastside Baptist Church and Rev. Scott Whitney will deliver the message on March 20 at Oak Grove Baptist Church at noon.

### Woman's Club yard sale

Kings Mountain Woman's Club is hosting a community yard sale Satur-

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## KASEY: hangs up his badge

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across the country occurred on the day he was to travel to Indiana.

Kasey outworked many K-9 units' combined numbers and was often called to assist surrounding agencies.

Police say Kasey is known as a special K-9 because of his unique ability to track and find drugs.

The Kings Mountain City Council at its recent meeting declared Kasey 'surplus' and a mayoral proclamation/resolution was presented by Mayor Rick Murphrey to Kasey and his partner, Ptl. Chris Graham. Officially retired, Kasey was free to go home with his partner and a life of leisure.

"He's done well and it's time for Kasey to rest out his days," said the mayor. The audience in council chambers applauded.

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Meet us for Walk With a Doc at Patrick Senior Center - KM at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 9, 2013

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We're getting back to the basics of medicine. Bring your friends and meet our physicians for conversation, cardiovascular exercise and a chance to connect with your community.

For more information please call 980-487-5401.

★ Meet at The lobby of the Patrick Senior Center.

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WALK DATES AND MORE INFO AT [walkwithadoc.org](http://walkwithadoc.org)