

# Award-winning writer Sharyn McCrumb book signing October 7 at Mauney Library



SHARYN McCRUMB

Award-winning Southern writer Sharyn McCrumb is coming to Mauney Memorial Library Oct. 7 from 5-7 p.m. and will greet guests at a book signing of "King's Mountain." The public is invited.

McCrumb is best known for her Appalachian "Ballad" novels set in the North Carolina-Tennessee Mountains.

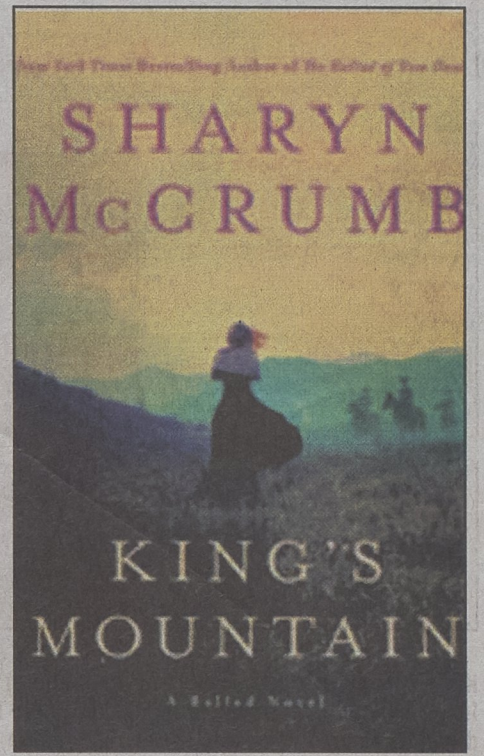
McCrumb has planned her book signing of "King's Mountain" to coincide with the 233rd anniversary of the Oct. 7, 1780 Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain, an epic book that paints the brave action of John Sevier and his comrades against a background of richly portrayed characters. Both a novel of war and family, crafted with heart and depth, "King's Mountain" celebrates one of Appalachia's finest hours.

Her novel, "The Ballad of Tom Dooley,"

made the New York Times best seller list. Her books have been named Notable Books of the Year by The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. She lives and writes in the Virginia Blue Ridge, less than a hundred miles from where her family – kinsmen of the Seviars – settled in 1790.

"King's Mountain," her first Ballad novel about the American Revolution, focuses on the Overmountain militia men and the Battle of Kings Mountain considered by many to have been the turning point of the war. She paints a vivid and compelling portrait of Colonial America and fills her story with fascinating historical characters including one of her own real life ancestors who fought in the battle.

Friends of the Library will serve refreshments.



## Health officials investigating salmonella outbreak at Sandy Plains Baptist Church

Public health authorities have linked a salmonella outbreak to a recent church barbecue fundraiser.

Cleveland County Health officials said Monday that 71 people have reported being sick after the Sept. 7 Sandy Plains Baptist Church barbecue fundraiser, an event that has occurred in Shelby for 50 years and attracts thousands of people.

Of the 54 cases, 11 have been confirmed and 60 are probable, according to DeShay Oliver.

The reported salmonella cases include 34 residents from Cleveland County and 37 from Rutherford County with 13 hospitalized. Three people from Cleveland County were still in the hospital Sept. 20.

Oliver said that although new cases are being reported, the most recent date of illness onset for all cases is September 14. She said

this indicates that the illness is not continuing to spread.

The Cleveland County and Rutherford County Health Departments in collaboration with the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health are investigating this outbreak and have the following recommendations:

- If you attended the event and became ill with intestinal symptoms such as diarrhea or vomiting, consult your healthcare provider and inform them of your exposure at the event.

- Persons who brought home food purchased at the fundraiser should discard it and not consume any remaining food.

- Healthcare providers should inform their local health department of any associated case whether confirmed or suspected.

## GCCSA fall soccer results

**U8:**  
RestCo Restoration 7,  
Jones Family Practice 1

Goals: RestCo Restoration: Nate Bookout 6, Austin Moran 1

Goals: Jones Family Practice: Max Martin 1.  
CookOut 8, Winn Insurance 4

Goals: Cookout: Braeden Bostic 2, Mary Hogue 5, Zach Hoyle 1

Goals: Winn Insurance: Haiden Bright 4  
Champion Studios 5,  
Roger's Automotive 1

Goals: Champions Studios ; Ava Jensen 1, Tanner Kirby 1, McKinley Lee 2, Liam Richardson 1

Goals: Roger's Automotive: Cailyn Kratzer 1

**U10 :**

Mockaitis Orthodontics 11, Cross Country Vet 1

Goals: Mockaitis Orthodontics Charlie Ruic 8, Yaniya Turner 1, Kylan Hagens 2

Goals: Cross Country Vet: Mason Guffy 1  
Shelby Savings Bank 4,  
Boiling Springs Animal Clinic 0

Goals: Shelby Savings Bank: Jakeem Amuda 2, Jacob Long 1, Samantha Ross 1

**U12:**  
SouthEastern Products 6,  
Boys and Girls Club 2

Goals: SouthEastern Products: Molly Pruitt 3, Peyton Swink 1, Malachi Zehnder 1, Leslie Gonzalez 1

Goals: Boys and Girls Club: Isiah Underwood 1,

Fuzzy Peach 4, North Point Custom Builders 1

Goals: Fuzzy Peach: Blake Alexander 2, William Allen 1, Elizabeth Bonetti 1

**U14:**  
McIntyre Law Firm 5,  
Computer Connections 3

Goals: McIntyre Law Firm: Jordan McIntyre 1, Killian Lail 1, Izabella McMahan 1, Keeley Benfield 2.

Goals: Computer Connections: Miles Sumey 3

**U16:**  
Morris Scrap Metal 3,  
Fuzzy Peach 1

Goals: Morris Scrap Metal: Thomas Mittleman 3

Goals: Fuzzy Peach: Harrison Kratzer 1

## Patriots second in county cross country meet

KMMS hosted the county cross country meet yesterday. The boys team placed 5 runners in the top 9, but finished second to Crest who had the top 3 runners. Placing for KMMS were Landry

Crawford, Bryson Key, Alec Bell, Thomas Harrison, and John Harris. The girls were edged out for second place by Shelby, but had 2 runners in the top 9. Placing for KMMS were Georgia Moss,

Caroline Foster, Baylee Marr, Savannah Slater, and Belle Hollifield. The season will conclude with the conference meet next Monday at North Lincoln.

## Natural Gas Awareness & Safety

The City of Kings Mountain owns and operates a natural gas system that provides service to industrial, commercial and residential customers in and around the city limits of Kings Mountain for use in manufacturing, space heating, water heating and cooking.

Kings Mountain's Natural Gas pipelines quietly, reliably and efficiently deliver natural gas throughout the country for domestic and industrial use. As part of the greater industry's 2.3 million miles of natural gas and liquid pipelines, Kings Mountain operates a natural gas distribution system that safely delivers large quantities of energy to fuel the economy and keep us warm every day. Pipelines are the safest and most cost effective way of delivering energy in existence. The City of Kings Mountain would like to inform residents about the accident prevention efforts that are undertaken to maintain the excellent pipeline safety record of the industry. Kings Mountain inspects mains and services that are excavated as well as monitors above-ground piping for corrosion. They apply and monitor corrosion prevention measures to prevent steel from deteriorating below ground and they regularly patrol surface conditions for hazards to the pipelines. They also use leak detection equipment that can detect the tiniest quantities of gas to determine whether a leak may exist below ground. Equipment is inspected and maintained regularly as well, including below-ground emergency valves.

In its 'natural' state, natural gas is colorless and odorless. The natural gas received by the City of Kings Mountain is mixed with an odorant so it is easier to recognize a natural gas pipeline release. The odorant added to the natural gas gives the gas a distinctive smell, often described as "rotten egg". The City monitors the existence of this odorant to ensure its presence.

Accidental releases of gas do occasionally occur, and in addition to the distinctive smell, other indications of a release may be a hissing, roaring sound, or blowing of dirt or dust. Persistent bubbles in water or pools of liquid with possible bubbling can also indicate a pipeline leak. If you smell, see, or hear any indications of a possible natural gas leak, please call the City of Kings Mountain at **704-734-4516** or emergency officials at 911 immediately.

If there is an unintended release of gas, the main hazard is the chance of fire or explosion. If you have a gas release situation, immediately walk away, warning others to stay away or leave the area. Extinguish all sources of ignition such as, open flames, cell phones, pagers, motor vehicles or any other item that may cause a spark or static discharge. From a safe location contact the City of Kings Mountain at the number listed above or the emergency officials.

The leading cause of accidental releases of gas is due to damage of a below ground line by someone performing excavation or earth moving. The "NC 811" system was set up to help prevent this hazard. If you dig, please dial **811** or toll-free **1-800-632-4949** or log on to the website <http://www2.ncocc.org/ncocc/default.htm> to request a location of underground utilities. The North Carolina STATE LAW requires that excavators give at least 2 Day Notice prior to excavation.

If you have any other questions or concerns about the City's natural gas system, pipeline safety, or how to recognize or report a pipeline leak please give our office a call at **704-734-4516**

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