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Filing opens on Monday

Candidate filing for the May Democratic and Republican Primary elections will open Monday, Feb. 10, at 12 noon and end on Feb. 28 at noon at the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby.

A number of local candidates are expected to pay their filing fees to be on the ballots in the upcoming Primaries. Several candidates are already announcing their plans to offer for reelection.

Sheriff Alan Norman has said he plans to run again and county commission incumbents Jason Falls and Eddie Holbrook are expected to seek reelection.

A contest is already developing in the NC House 111 seat held by five-term Representative Tim Moore. Nick Carpenter, 20, chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic Party, has announced that he expects to challenge the Kings Mountain lawyer.

Politicking is also picking up steam in other areas where US Senator Kay Hagens is expected to face challengers.

Rep. Kelly Hastings, 111 House District, announced this week he is running for reelection.

US Congressman Patrick McHenry is also expected to file for reelection.

NC Senator, 46th District, Warren Daniel is expected to file for reelection.

Three seats are open on the NC Court of Appeals, those of Stillman, Calabria and Elmore.

Cleveland County residents will also elect a District Attorney and District Court Judge. Terms of DA Rick Shaffer and District 27 Judge Ali Paksoy are expiring this year.

Cleveland County voters will elect a new coroner in 2014. Dwight Tessner, who has served as assistant coroner, coroner and medical examiner for 14 years is retiring.

Cleveland County Board of Elections is located on Patton Drive in Shelby. The office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Energy bills may go up in February

Kings Mountain area citizens can expect to receive higher energy bills this month, which reflects January's higher than normal energy consumption.

January 2014 temperatures were colder than normal so customers will likely experience increases when opening their February bills.

Bills vary by customers depending on the size and age of the home, the number of gas and electrical appliances, number of people in the home, thermostat settings, and levels of insulation.

Shirt sleeve weather last Monday, snow on last Tuesday and Wednesday, and more cold predicted have resulted in the thermometer plunging.

Last week city officials asked residents to cut back thermostats by 2 degrees to conserve energy.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued assistance in shedding natural gas loads. This is extremely important in assisting and reducing our overall wholesale natural gas costs," City Manager Marilyn Sellers said last week.



Singers from the Patrick Senior Center Chorus, directed by Carol Dixon, led the Black History Month program with a selection "Standing in the Need of Prayer".

Photo by ELLIS NOELL

Community kicks off Black History Month

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Themed "Dreams Do Come True," the program focused on the fight for equality, faith and a number of African American pioneers who have made advances in science, technology and social programs.

Members of the community

rang in Black History Month in a program that emphasized resilience through adversity and an urging to never give up on one's dreams.

"I'm not Martin Luther King, Jr., but I had a dream too," said Rev. John Houze, the keynote speaker of the event, which was hosted by the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center. "As a boy, I saw the mail-

man running up and down the street and I made that my goal."

But Houze, now a pastor at People's Baptist Church, found resistance. "They told me they're'd never been a black mail carrier at the Grover Post Office."

Houze persevered, gaining employment at the small post

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Love's Fish Box open after fire

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Love's Fish Box has opened its doors after a fire broke out in a storage area of the popular eatery a week ago. No one was inside the restaurant at the time of the blaze and the damage was mostly confined to a back room, a part of the ceiling and a water heater.

The cause of the Tuesday, Jan. 28, fire was traced to clean rags, according to the restaurant's owners and the Kings Mountain Fire

See LOVE'S, 7A



Co-owner Danny Love points out the area where the blaze broke out near midnight on Tuesday last week. The section of the restaurant is directly behind the kitchen and is used for prepping food.

Area businesses, citizens lauded by chamber



L-R: Lisa Zyble, Lib Stewart, Wendy Isbell, and Wayne Conner of the Kings Mountain Herald; Betty Sue Morris of Warlick and Hamrick Insurance; Ken and Virginia Deal of Ditto Consignment; and Marty and Stormy Mongiello of Inn of the Patriots were all recognized for their service by the Cleveland County Chamber at the annual awards banquet Thursday, January 30.

Photo by ELLIS NOELL

Three Kings Mountain area businesses were recognized as "Emerging Small Business Entrepreneurs" by the Cleveland County Chamber at the annual

awards banquet that attracted 270 people Thursday at the Le Grand Center in Shelby.

Honored with engraved plaques were Ditto Consignment,

the Kings Mountain Herald, and Inn of the Patriots of Grover. Betty Sue Morris, insurance woman at Warlick & Hamrick,

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Grover prepares for sewer hook-up

GROVER- By early 2015 town council expects to hook up sewer to Kings Mountain at construction cost of \$1.2 million.

Bob Froneberger, project manager for W. K. Dickson of Charlotte, gave a timetable for the project at Monday night's meeting of the town board.

He said that contracts for construction could come as early as August 1. Engineering reports and plans and specifications have already been submitted to NCENR, the state environmental and natural resources agency, and approval is expected April 1.

Froneberger gave an update on the project during a public hearing.

The new project is eligible for a 20-year loan at a rate of 2% from NCDENR's infrastructure finance section's clean water state revolving fund (CWSRF) program.

By their 20-year agreement with Kings Mountain, Grover citizens will pay the inside residential rate for sewer. Grover is already a water customer of Kings

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You could 'Be the match'!



A bone marrow drive will be held Feb. 15 for 20 year old Taylor Haraszkiwicz who is fighting cancer.

Taylor (Faris) Haraszkiwicz, the 20-year-old newlywed fighting acute myeloid leukemia, returns to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Feb. 25 for her second booster round (five days) of chemotherapy.

Friends and family are praying that a bone marrow donor will be found on Saturday, Feb. 15, at a "Be the Match" at the Otis D. Green American Legion Post 155 from 12 noon until 4 p.m.

"Should there be a match Taylor won't have to take the third and fourth round of chemo," said her mother, Robin Knight. She said her daughter is upbeat but a

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