

Chat n Nibble celebrates 10 years

Chat n Nibble, a Kings Mountain restaurant on N. Piedmont Ave., is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Julie and Jerry Yawn, owners and operators, said the firm will celebrate with patrons Tuesday by raffling t-shirts and door prizes and cutting a cake and serving it at lunch time.

The Yawns opened for business in the former Peggy's Restaurant in 2004.

Other employees are Sue Hardin, Sandy Chapman, Gwen Williams, Mike Towery, Robin Thompson and Susan Hamrick.

The restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Saturday from 6 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cleveland County Democrats convene to hear candidates and gear up for campaign

Cleveland County Democrats gathered in annual convention Saturday to cheer on their candidates and rally for a hard-fought general election in November. Robin Smith of Kings Mountain, elected new chair of the county party, pledged its commitment to helping Democratic candidates win across the ballot.

"Meet the candidates" was a main theme of the convention, held at the County Office Building auditorium, and the program was led off by those on the Democratic ballot in the May 6 primary for the party's nomination for district attorney and county coroner. Following them were unopposed Dem candidates who'll be on the November ballot, focusing on the platforms they'll take forward. Each received applause and "amens" to calls for high Dem turnout to win in this non-presidential election year.

Smith was elected CCDP chair to serve the remaining year of Chair Nick Carpenter's unexpired term. Carpenter, who's a candidate for the N.C. House District 111 seat now held by Rep. Tim Moore of Kings Mountain, thanked Dems for the opportunity to serve and their support, encouraging them to continue working hard toward victory in November.

Smith has been county party treasurer and a member of the officer team leading its Executive Committee. She also is one of the county party's representatives on the N.C. Democratic Party Executive Committee. Active locally in support of the 2008 and 2012 general election campaigns, she was elected a state delegate to the 2012 National Democratic Convention in Charlotte.

Founder and president of It Takes A Village Child Development Center in Kings Mountain, Smith earned a



Robin Smith

master's degree in management at Pepperdine University and served 15 years' active duty in the U.S. Army in the United States and abroad, leaving active duty as a field-grade officer at the rank of major. With other veterans, she's now in the U.S. Army Retired Reserves.

The convention unanimously adopted resolutions on two issues. One is in support of public education in Cleveland County, asking legislators representing the county to support only legislation positively affecting public education. The other resolution is in support of the proposed Catawba Nation Economic Project in Kings Mountain, calling upon local governing bodies and organizations to advocate for it, asking that its federal application be approved, and asking the state of North Carolina to support the Catawba Nation Resort in the same way it supports the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation in western N.C.

Two other resolutions were adopted unanimously in appreciation of the leadership and service of two longtime county Democrats—the late James W. Gold, a party leader and chair of the Shelby 7 Democratic precinct organization, and the late Lester (Les) Roark, former Shelby city councilman and mayor.

Dwight Tessner was called forward to hear a res-

olution, unanimously adopted, in appreciation of his longtime service as county coroner, to the community, and to the party. He will conclude his current term in December, not running for re-election.

Also recognized with certificates were Democratic precinct organizations meeting or exceeding their sustaining fund goals, and Pat Poston, party secretary who was presented the Chairman's Award by Carpenter.

Among the general election candidate speakers and offices sought were Tate MacQueen of Asheville, 10th District U.S. Congress; Emily B. Church of Valdese, N.C. state senate, District 46; and the following from Cleveland County: Mitzi M. Johnson, clerk of court; Alan B. Norman, sheriff; and Eddie Holbrook and Willie McIntosh, county commissioner. Fred Harrill spoke in behalf of Sen. Kay Hagan.

Democratic primary candidates are John Bridges and Colin McWhirter for district attorney and, for coroner, Bruce Arton, Rick Garver, Tott Griffin, Randy Walker, and Tommy Carroll.

Non-partisan judicial offices also are up for election this year, convention-goers were reminded. Several encouraged strong primary support for Justice Robin Hudson, running for re-election to the N.C. Supreme Court. In the 27B district of which Cleveland County is a part, District Judge Ali Paksoy, Jr. of Shelby is unopposed for the general election.

More information: www.clevelanddems.com

Carwash fundraisers

McClain Family Reunion will sponsor a car wash, hot dog sale and yard sale Saturday, April 19, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Advanced Auto Parts, 512 E. King Street. Hotdog plates are \$6 and include two hotdogs, baked beans, chips, cole slaw and a soda. If you donate \$10 for the car wash the hotdog plate is free.

People's Baptist Church will sponsor a car wash, yard sale on Saturday, April 26, at 9 a.m. at the church. The public is invited.



U.S. Rep. Patrick McHenry (N.C.-10th district) is joined by brothers Alex Mauney, at left, and Charlie Mauney, during a tour of the brothers' Southern Artisan Spirits in downtown Kings Mountain on Monday. It was McHenry's first visit to the distillery, which since 2010 has been making gin for distribution in the U.S. and overseas. More recently, the company has added rye whiskey and barrel-aged gin to its product line. McHenry visited Pinnacle Classical Academy in Shelby to tour the school and speak with students later in the day



SCOUTS VISIT CITY HALL - Mayor Rick Murphrey welcomes Cub Scout Pack 93 from East Elementary School PTO to the city council chambers for a presentation and tour of Kings Mountain City Hall. The Scouts are working on their Webelos Citizens Activity pin. From left Webelos Scouts Tristin Hicklin, Mark Petrilli, Mayor Murphrey and Wolf Scout James Petrilli.

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POLICE

ARRESTS

APRIL 8: Eric Brenton Quetz Odems, 22, 110 Branchwood Circle. Felony possession with intent to sell, deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor, \$10,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 9: Devin Lashawn Thompson, 22, 298 Crocker Rd., failure to appear, possession drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, stop light violation, \$500 bond, secured.

APRIL 9: David Scott Nobilett, 32, Gastonia, 50B violation, resist, delay, obstruct, no bond.

APRIL 13: Judith Groner Bradshaw, 53, 716 Bridges Dr., assault and battery.

CITATIONS

APRIL 10: Bruce Lee Thomas, 1700 Shelby Rd., no insurance, revoked tag.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 31: A resident of Julian Street reported identity theft.

APRIL 7: Tobacco Barn, 716 Cleveland Ave., reported shoplifting.

APRIL 8: A resident of Linwood Road reported theft from Owens Street of \$1,185 worth of AC copper wire.

APRIL 11: Jerome Tracy Walls Jr., 20, 608 Meadowbrook Rd., no inspection, failure to apply for a new certificate of title within 28 days after vehicle was transferred to him, no insurance, no registration.

APRIL 12: Duke Energy, Kings Mountain, reported theft of \$500 worth of copper wire and a \$100 copper line/disconnector from 500 Railroad Avenue.

WRECKS

APRIL 3: Officer H. W. Carpenter said that James Lassiter Jr., 110 N. City St., operating a 2006 Ford, and

Chadwick Wood, Salisbury, operating a 1913 GMC, were backing from the parking lot at 218 Cleveland Avenue at the same time and bumped each other doing slight damage.

APRIL 4: Officer S. M. Skinner said that Wendy Sigmon of Marion, operating a 2001 Dodge, became sick at the wheel on US 74 Business, lost control of her car and hit a utility pole. She was transported by EMS to the hospital for treatment. Property damages were estimated at \$5700.

APRIL 4: Officer S. M. Skinner said that Tony Crawford, 133 Midway Lake Rd., operating a 2007 Dodge, backed into a 2009 Chevy owned by Bridget Allen, Shelby, in the Wiener Works at KM Plaza. Property damages were estimated at \$1500.

APRIL 5: Officer F. L. Wittington said that Phillip Lee Hope, 109 Ezra Rd., was backing his 1985 Toyota from a parking space at the Waffle House and struck a parked 2008 Kia owned by Sharon Crank of Shelby. Property damages were minor.

APRIL 6: Officer F. L. Wittington said that Derrick Parker, Spartanburg, SC, operating a 2008 Suzuki bike, said his bike lost power and he had no headlight, lost control and was flipped over the front of his bike. Parker was taken to KM Hospital for treatment of his shoulder. The accident happened on I-85 at the Dixon Road exit. Property damages were estimated at \$1,000.

APRIL 6: Officer F. L. Wittington said that Bernice Blair, 826 Second St., was backing her 2003 GMC from a parking space at Kentucky Fried Chicken and struck a 1996 Dodge owned by Antonne Holland, 126 Bibleway

Church Road. Property damages were estimated at \$1450.

APRIL 10: Officer F.L. Wittington said that Wayne Davis of Charlotte, operating a 2000 Ford truck he was operating for Bell Motor Express and hauling a Dodge 1500 Pickup on the flat bed, lost control of the vehicle on I-85 South at Mile Marker 7. Kathy Carpenter Jackson of Grover, also operating a 2006 Dodge on I-85 South, told the officer that the impact caused her car to be pushed into the guard rail. Davis was taken to Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Wittington found a dog in the Davis vehicle and the animal was taken to KM Rescue and Animal Control who tried to find its owner. Property damages were estimated at \$13,000.

APRIL 10: Officer K. L. P. Putnam said that Yolanda Burris, 101 Water oak St., operating a 2006 Nissan, and Gabrielle Rhodes, 209 Thornburg Dr., operating a 2008 Kia, were backing from the parking lot at Dollar General on Shelby Road. Burris was backing out into an angle and hit the Rhodes vehicle. Property damages were minor.

APRIL 10: Officer F. L. Wittington said that Anthony Eugene Glenn Sr., Bessemer City, operating a 2000 GMC, was making a U-turn on a green light in the middle of the four-way intersection at Highway 216 and Kings Mountain Boulevard. He said he thought he had cleared the intersection but Eugene Early Jr., Grover, operating a 2004 Dodge at NC 216 North, locked down his brakes and he said that the roll back had a utility trailer on the back of it that hit the driver's side front fender of his vehicle. Property damages were slight.

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