

## BRIEFS

### Charity golf tourney today

One Stop Food Stores and Fox Distributing, Inc. will be hosting the 32nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 1, at Deer Brook Golf Club in Shelby. Proceeds from the golf outing will be donated to the Parkinson Association of the Carolinas (PAC).

### New fees go into effect Oct. 1 for NC poultry growers

North Carolina poultry growers who want to join the National Poultry Improvement Plan and receive a registration number will have to pay a \$50 registration fee plus 10 cents per bird tested beginning Oct. 1.

Growers with an existing registration number will need to pay a \$10 annual recertification fee and pay 10 cents per bird tested to maintain their status. The fees were set by the General Assembly this summer to help cover costs incurred by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to administer the program.

Growers who sell live baby poultry or hatching eggs must be compliant with basic NPIP testing requirements, though they are not required to join the NPIP.

"This fee will help our Veterinary Division and our nationally accredited veterinary laboratories allocate the resources needed to maintain a healthy poultry industry in North Carolina," Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler said. "North Carolina's poultry growers contribute more than \$4 billion in cash receipts to the state's economy and we must be ever vigilant in our disease surveil-

lance efforts."

The NPIP was established in the 1930s to improve poultry and poultry products on a national level and to eliminate Salmonella pullorum disease, which caused up to 80 percent mortality in young flocks. The program was later extended to include testing and monitoring for several more diseases — including most recently, avian influenza — in commercial poultry, turkeys, waterfowl, exhibition poultry, backyard poultry and game birds.

Last year, the NCDA&CS Veterinary Division registered 596 new flocks, of which 497 were non-commercial. Overall, North Carolina has more than 8,100 registered flocks.

### El Bethel Breakfast Saturday

El Bethel Methodist Church will serve the traditional country breakfast Saturday from 6:30-10 a.m. Baked goods will also be available. For carry-outs, call 704-739-9174.

### Blessings for pets

High Shoals United Methodist Church, 114 Lincoln St., High Shoals, will bless pets in carrier or on leash on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. This special event also includes face painting, kids games, prizes and hotdogs for \$1 until 1 p.m. The public is invited.

### Peoples 24th church anniversary Sunday

Peoples Baptist Church, 1010 Groves St., will celebrate its 24th anniversary Sunday. Rev. Lavar Marlowe of Mt. Pleasant Baptist

Church at Calabash will deliver the message at the 11 a.m. Worship hour. The 3 p.m. afternoon speaker will be Pastor Timothy Graham of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Charlotte. Everyone is welcome.

### First Baptist Homecoming

First Baptist Church, King Street, will hold Homecoming Day Sunday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Worship Center. There will be only one service, and barbecue lunch will be served afterwards in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

### Homecoming Oct. 12 at Mary's Grove

The Rev. Charlene Hutchings and the congregation of Mary's Grove United Methodist Church, 1222 Mary's Grove Church Road, invites the public to attend Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall following the service.

### High Shoals Homecoming Oct. 12

High Shoals United Methodist Church, 114 Lincoln St., High Shoals, will celebrate Homecoming on Oct. 12. Dr. Alice R. Cullinan will lead the 11 a.m. Worship service. A covered dish luncheon will follow the service. The public is invited.

### Bloodmobile at Grover

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at

Grover's First Baptist Church on October 14. Donors will be processed from 3-7:30 p.m.

### Volunteers needed for MERGE

First Baptist Church is looking for more volunteers for the drama presentation "MERGE" to be presented the weekends of Oct. 18-19 and Oct. 25-26. There are openings for a few key acting roles. Contact Jeff Johnson or Barney Dye.

### Fall Festival Oct. 31

East Gold Street Wesleyan Church will hold the annual fall festival Friday, Oct. 31, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church fellowship building. There will be Halloween costume contests for babies, K-5th grade, 6th -9th grade, 10th-12th grades and adults, no scary or inappropriate costumes. Hay rides, cake walks, balloon animals, tons of candy and dinner are features of the event. Take a friend.

### Food pantry low

Wanted: canned goods and staple food items to stock the pantry at the Kings Mountain Crisis Center on Cleveland Avenue. Iris Frady, manager of the facility, said that more and more families have need and the pantry stock is low. "We appreciate donations of any kind," said Frady. Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry is open from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the back of the Kings Mountain Family YMCA. Drive at the back of the parking lot to deliver foodstuffs. This facility also operates a free clothing closet and donations are invited from the public.

## POLICE

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Church Road, with running a red light after a wreck at the intersection of King and Phifer Road. Grigg was driving a 2011 Chevy which struck a 2001 Cadillac operated by Bobby Scott Greene, 118 King Forest Drive. Property damages were estimated at \$4,000. Greene was treated at the hospital.

SEPT. 19: Officer F.L. Wittington said that a 2007 Dodge operated by Brittany Ann Sanders, 527 Bell Road, and a 2011 Kia operated by Beverly Ann Jenkins, 124 Cindy Lane, hit on King Street at Piedmont Avenue. Property damages were estimated at \$2,500.

SEPT. 20: Officer F.L. Wittington said that a 1997 Honda operated by Dennis Dean Goins, 101 Wade Drive, rear-ended a 2007 Chevy operated by Danny Robinson, 412 Meadow Lane, on Shelby Road at Kings Mountain Boulevard. Property damages were estimated at \$1,900.

SEPT. 20: Officer F.L. Wittington said that a 2012 Freightliner operated by Jeong Kim, Duluth, Ga., side-swiped a 2013 Hyundai operated by Cathy Jordan, Gastonia, on I-85 at York Road. Property damages were estimated at \$1,500.

SEPT. 21: Officer J.L. Dee said that a 2011 Hyundai parked at 716 Sipes Street and owned by Laroya Hampton, 409 Cherry Street, was struck by a hit and run driver. Property damage was estimated at \$1,000.

SEPT. 22: Officer H.W. Carpenter said that Bridget Sanders, 1504 Northwoods, operating a 2013 Nissan, and Kenneth Bumgardner, 1331 N. Piedmont Ave. # 216, were both backing from a parking stall at 900 Shelby Road. Bumgardner said he thought the Sanders vehicle had already backed out and his 2002 Lincoln hit the Sanders vehicle. Property damages were minor.

SEPT. 22: Officer H.W. Carpenter reported that Pamela Ingram, 317 Oak Grove Road, operating a 2007 Honda, said she was blinded by sunlight and struck a 1997 Nissan operated by Monterio Robbins, 801 Church Street. Both vehicles were traveling East on Highway 74 business near N. City Street when Ingram slowed or stopped due to traffic. Property damages were estimated at \$8,000. Kings Mountain Rescue transported the injured from the Robbins car to Kings Mountain Hospital.

SEPT. 23: Officer H.W. Carpenter said that Bobby Neal Wells, 205 N. Roxford Road, operating a 2002 Buick, failed to yield the right of way on US 74 Business at Roxford Road and crossed into a 2001 Pontiac operated by Jean Bell, 301 Branchwood Circle. Kings Mountain Rescue transported the injured from the Bell vehicle to Gaston Memorial Hospital. Cleveland County EMS transported Wells to Cleveland Regional at Shelby. Property damages were estimated at \$40,000.

SEPT. 23: Officer H.W.

Carpenter said that Lauryn King, 521-A Jackson Street, was backing from 529 Jackson Street and struck a 2011 International operated by

Lenora Clark Hopper of Shelby. Property damages were estimated at \$6,000.

SEPT. 23: Officer G.L. McKinney reported that Wes-

ley Henson, 306 Pinehurst Dr., operating a 1996 Honda, said that another driver stopped to let him out into traffic onto King Street and

he hit a 2001 Toyota operated by Jerry King, 401 Downing Drive. Property damages were slight.

## Operation Southern Snare a success

A four-month-long anti-gang initiative in Cleveland and Gaston counties by 10 participating law enforcement agencies resulted in the identification of 25 gangs, seizure of 56 guns and \$15,000 cash, the arrest of 138 people, and \$178,000 in drugs seized.

"The success of Operation Southern Snare had a positive and lasting impact on our community," said Kings Mountain Chief of Police Melvin Proctor. He added, "This type of multi agency cooperation sends a clear message to the citizens of Kings Mountain and to criminals who think they can conduct their illegal activities in our area. The Kings Mountain Police department will work alongside our federal and state law enforcement partners to protect the safety of the communities we serve."

The arrests include narcotics-related offenses, firearms violations and other violent crimes. The investigations are ongoing which may result in additional charges against the defendants. "Southern Snare" began in May and concluded on Sept. 5 with special emphasis placed on communities in Gastonia and Shelby, according to Anne M. Tompkins, U. S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

"I commend the law enforcement partners involved in this cross-jurisdictional and multi-agency operation for their hard work and their commitment to making our streets and communities safer," Tompkins said.

U.S. Marshal Kelly Nesbit, Western District North Carolina, said the success of Operation Southern Snare is the result of close cooperation and coordination with law enforcement partners. SBI Director B.W. Collier said, "A lot of effort and collaboration among the participating law enforcement agencies has led to safer communities in Cleveland and Gaston counties. I applaud this successful operation."

Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman said, "The U.S. Marshal Service has been very beneficial in assisting us in dealing with our gang members in Cleveland County. We are looking forward to continuing this team approach with future operations."

Wayne L. Dixie, Special Agent US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said that ATF's mission is to identify, pursue and perfect criminal cases against individuals who illegally possess and use firearms in furtherance of their criminal activities. "We will continue to work with the U.S. Marshal Service and our local counterparts in Cleveland and Gaston counties to ensure that those who foster violence in this region are held to account for their activities."

"Collaborating with our partners at the federal and local levels on operations like this one brings tremendous results," said Johnny Hawkins, Director of Security Services for the N. C. Department of Public Safety.

The efforts of all the law enforcement officers involved in this operation will result in amazing returns for our community. This project is a great example of the impact we can make by working hand-in-hand with our federal and state partners.

Together, we have addressed issues such as gangs, drugs and guns, which have been deteriorating our communities. Although this operation is coming to a close, we see it as a beginning instead of an ending. The partnerships formed over the past few months will continue to grow and our com-

## Clinton charged with attempted murder

Michael David Clinton, 33, of 1709 Martin Road, was booked into Gaston County Jail on Sunday under no bond on an attempted murder charge.

He also faces charges of assault on a female, shooting a weapon into a moving vehicle, resisting a public officer and injury to personal property belonging to Gaston Emergency Medical Services.

Clinton allegedly fired shots at his wife as she drove away from their residence located between Kings Mountain and Cherryville.

Gaston County Police arrived at the home before 7 p.m. Sunday night and Clinton refused to come out. Officers apprehended the suspect as he ran from the house.

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