Main Street Rise and Shine breakfast meeting held Thursday



Brenda Lovelace, left, of Bank of the Ozarks, and Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor of Kings Mountain Police Department, chat at a breakfast/networking meeting of community business leaders

Kings Mountain attorney Andy Neisler said commercial and residential leases are designed to protect renters and an oral lease "is not worth the paper it isn't written on," speaking to business leaders at a "Rise and Shine" breakfast and quarterly meeting of the Kings Mountain Main Street program Thursday morning.

Partnership for Children, one of North Carolina's first 12 Smart Start partnerships, hosted representatives of Kings Mountain's business community at the Central School build-

"Always get a written lease that is precise and spelled out to protect both the renter and the landlord," said Neisler.

Main Street Director Jan Harris said that her office, the fire department inspection office, Kings insurance offices and codes department work with newcomers to town as they look at commercial properties to rent. This first step addresses any issues that

may arise," said Harris.

The Main Street organization committee was in charge of the program.

Cleveland County Partnership for Children started in 1993, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that promotes school readiness by planning and funding programs that help young children arrive at Kindergarten ready for school success. The Smart Start initiative serves children from age birth to age five, as well as North Carolina's pre-K program, serving eligible four-year-olds.



WAFFLE HOUSE COMING TOGETHER

Workers next week will be installing the interior equipment for the new Waffle House, according to construction officials. Last week, they worked on pouring concrete and installing parts of the ceiling. "We're still looking to an early April opening for the restaurant - but right now we've got a mud pit," said Ryan Anchors, a construction superintendent for the restaurant chain.

Race Day: at Gateway a big hit

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and Jacob Broach shared second. Carter Bridges pulled down third place. Ashley Blanton was the top finisher among all females in the 5K sprint.

The popular races and fun run drew more than 170 participants this year, a record for the annual event on S. Battleground Ave.

"It's great to see a big turnout today on this beautiful trail on this beautiful Saturday morning," said Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Chair Jason Falls in welcoming runners, family members and spectators on a morning that started out with near-freezing temperatures but saw the mercury climb into the 50s by the time

awards were presented. Organizers added considerable distance to the longer run this year stretching it from a 10k race to a 10-miler because the trail itself has seen some expansions in the last year. Eventually, they're aiming to host a half-marathan (13.1 miles) on the site.

After a quick welcome message and prayer from

Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, race got under way at Quarry Road. As the runners spread out, the course turns into the green way parking lot and onto the trail itself. Runners followed signs through the park. Most of the 5K course is paved, except for a spiraling gravel trail in the center of the park climbing over 200 feet in elevation. The 10-mile course is all gravel, out and back along

the Foote Trail. "This is our best turnout ever and we hope it gets better every year going forward," said Shirley Brutko, president of the Gateway Trail board. "Thank you all for coming out today and compete and celebrate the Gateway Trail."

Trophies for winners this year were handmade and imaginatively crafted from railroad spikes by a local artist who wished to remain anonymous. The trophy design is a nod to the fact that the first quarter of a mile the Gateway Trail is on the old rail bed of Rails to Trails for North Carolina.

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benefitted from the help of numerous sponsors, including the Historic Kings Mountain Tourism Development Authority, Firestone Diversified Products, Southern Company, Cleveland County, NTE Energy, Martin Marietta, Neisler Bros. Inc., C&C Scrap Iron and Metal, Inc., Earl and Vicki Strine, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks, James and Marylou Ware, Dr. and Mrs. Brett Niblack, Dru and Gene White, Crossfit Kings Mountain, Edward Jones Investments, Bank of the Ozarks, Body Junction, Kings Mountain Family YMCA, Larry and Evelyn Hamrick, Sr., Ragan and Reba Harper, Warlick and Hamrick Insurance, The McRae Co., Ronnie and Rita Franks, Dilling Heating Co., Smith Paving, Mary Adams, Grady Howard, Dr. Jane and Mr. Jerry King, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Propst, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Stallings, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Eskridge and Burch Electric Inc. Coffee and and since the trail is part hot cocoa were provided by the newly reopened J. Oliver's coffee shop downtown.

Gateway Trail in 2015

Storyteller: focuses on N.C.'s notable women

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in 1860, this expert hunter came to live in North Carolina for some years at the height of her fame. After joining the Buffalo Bill Cody Travelling Show, she taught markmanship courses in Pinehurst in the early part of the 19th cen-

1885 she joined Buffalo Bill Cody traveling show. She lived in and taught marksmanship courses in Pinehurst in the early part of the 19th century.

Jones is a Memphis, Tenn., native who holds an engineering degree from Georgia Tech and a Masters in Business Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. He lives in Winston-Salem.

The tales in "Scoundrels,

Rogues and Heroes of the Old North State" span four hundred years of North Carolina history, across the Golden Age of Pirates, the Colonial period, the American Revolution, the Antebellum years, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Prohibition and the early twentieth century. They include stories of characters from the high seas, the coast, "down east," the mountains, the Piedmont and the Sandhills.

part of Kings Mountain Historical Museum's 2015 Lecture Series. Coming soon:

"Women of the Revolution" lecture & book signing by Sharyn McCrumb, based on the book King's Mountain. Saturday, April 11 at 2:00 pm

- "Radium Halos" lec-

ture & book signing by Shelley Stout. The book is an historical fiction based on the true events of the Radium Dial Painters, a group of female factory workers who, in the early 1920s, contracted radiation poisoning from painting glow-inthe-dark watch and clock dials with radium-based paint. The narrative transcends the Radium Dial case, reflecting much about our cultural attitudes to-Wednesday's talk was ward work, women, mental illness and aging. Saturday, May 9 at 5:30 pm

Admission is free. To find out more about upcoming exhibits and events, visit: www.kingsmountainmuseum.org or call (704) 739-1019. You can also follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

Woman's Club yard sale March 21

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club will hold its semi-annual yard sale on Saturday, March 21. It will be held indoors at 109 E. Mountain St. in Kings Mountain, beginning at 7 a.m. and running until 11 a.m. The sale includes a wide variety of items as well as fresh baked goods. Please note that in the event of snow or other severe winter weather, the event will be canceled.

Museum: needs your vote

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will air during 'Carolina Impact' and can be used by the organization to help promote its cause. The video profile will provide exposure on television across WTVI's 13-county viewing region.

Viewers will then choose the winner by voting at HYPERLINK "http://www. PBSCharlotte.org/"www. PBSCharlotte.org from April 21 through May 5.

If chosen by the viewers, the museum could receive \$10,000 in free underwriting on PBS Charlotte as part of the Community Give Back nonprofit spotlight contest. This promotional support would go beyond the museum's current resources for advertising and marketing.

Along with the opportunity to win this money Focht says the museum will be able to use the video profile to highlight the community partnership project centered around "Liberty Mountain," the Revolutionary War drama by author and playwright Bob Inman and presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre.

Museum President Susan Champion said the Museum is partnering with cultural non-profits Southern Arts Society and Kings Mountain Little Theatre to create a community-wide effort to better promote cultural institutions. With cooperation and assistance from the Mauney Memorial Library, the City of



Kings Mountain, the Kings Mountain Main Street Program, and the Chamber of Commerce, the goal is to use the promotion of local cultural groups to enhance Kings Mountain's image as a destination for tourism. This effort has been developed under the auspices of the Main Street Program's Organization Committee and is closely associated with revitalization efforts in downtown Kings Mountain.

"Much like our City's founders, who, in patriotic spirit, named the town after the pivotal Revolutionary War battle that occurred nine miles to the south, we recognize that the international historical significance of the Battle of Kings Mountain has the power to draw visitors from around the world. We also recognize that through our collaboration, which collectively represents the arts, culture, history, education, and economic development of this area, we can have a bigger impact and better serve the people of our region," said

Champion. Each of the partner organizations will present programs and activities centered around 'Liberty Mountains' summer run for 2015, which is expected to draw over 3,000 visitors to Kings Mountain.

Added Champion," Our intent is to create a thriving, multi-faceted cultural experience for local and out-oftown visitors, with a variety of activities at multiple venues. This project represents an economic and promotional opportunity for the city's cultural institutions that will be further leveraged by the video profile on PBS Charlotte. The video will improve our efforts to promote these activities as a single attraction, and will boost our publicity's reach substantially. By increasing awareness of the cultural opportunities in Kings Mountain throughout PBS Charlotte's 13-county viewing area, our entire community will benefit from this promotion."

View the video and place your vote at: www.pbscharlotte.org from April 21 through May 5. Check the Museum's Facebook page.



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