

# Opinions...

## Yours, Ours, Others

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises."  
Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning.

Orrin Hatch

## Did your ancestor fight in battle?



Lib Stewart  
Managing Editor

Did you know that many of the Patriots who died at the Battle of Kings Mountain Oct. 7, 1780 lived within 75 miles of that historical battle?

Two local historians – Greg Payseur and Clyde Holland – have put together a list of soldiers/militia supporters and most have descendants in Cleveland County and many lived in our area of Kings Mountain.

Payseur suggests that people who attend the performances of "Liberty Mountain," which opens June 26, will see characters portraying their ancestors.

Holland said that one example would be Tim Moore, the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Some research by Payseur and Holland reveals that Tim, son of Jean and city commissioner Rick Moore, is the 5th Great Grandson of Preston Goforth who was killed by his own brother at the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain. The War split many families. Some were fighting for King George and others were Patriots fighting for independence.

A hospital was set up in my family's home, once the two-room Wells cabin in 1780 in the Dixon community where the wounded were brought from the Battle of

Kings Mountain. As I typed the name of John Wells I realize he might have owned the two-room log cabin and by taking shortcuts could have reached the battle scene quickly from the house.

Have you ever wondered if you have a 5th great-grandparent who fought at Kings Mountain?

Payseur, retired Kings Mountain teacher, taught his Kings Mountain students a lot about history and encouraged checking up on their ancestry.

One way to find out about your ancestors is to visit the Broad River Genealogical Society at 1145 County Home Road in Shelby or email brgs1145@gmail.com every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and also the second and third Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and the second and third Monday from noon to 4 p.m. Last Saturday this group held open house and served hot dogs with all the trimmings.

The soldiers and supporters listed by Payseur and Holland are listed below and there are many more names that we will run in the Herald in editions prior to the opening of the drama.

Preston Goforth was in the Militia as a supporter, Moses Ratchford, Jeremiah Blalock, Williams Earls was a Captain, Arthur Armstrong, William Barnwell, Nicholas Friday, James McKee, John Cox, James Hope, Thomas Carroll, William Boyd, Spencer Shelton, George Wil-

fong, John Wilfong, Lt. John Hoyle, James Meek, Peter Houser, William Gettys, William Armon Sample, Samuel Bingham, James Able Beattie, Alexander Porter, Jacob Brank Plonk, Peter Brank Plonk, Conrad Crump, Edward Smith, Adolphus Reep, all in the Militia.

Supporters were John Wells, Christian Zimmerman Carpenter, John Whisnant, Morris Roberts, John Froneberger, Peter Zimmerman Carpenter, Jacob Stroupe, Lawrence Kiser, Johann Michael Huffstetler, Andrew Falls, James William Robinson, Hans Michael Cline, Charles Hames, William James Adams, John Godfrey Arndt, Lewis Lineberger, James Smith, Hans Zimmerman Carpenter, John Spurling, Jacob Bolch Bolick, Peter Harmon, Robert Blackburn, Adam Eckard, John Robinson, Perry Green Magness, Henry Dellinger, Christian Mauney, JohAnn Valentine Mauney, Jacob Mauney, Lt. John Hoyle, Michael Hoyle, Johannes Nicholas Neisler, Arthur Bynum, Thomas Prather, Christian Reinhardt, William Morris, Edward Upton Sr., William Smart, John Carroll, Jacob Zimmerman Carpenter, George Blanton, William Edward Patterson, Moses Winslow, Samuel Tate, Robert Blackburn, and Jacob (Bolch) Bolick were listed as soldiers.

Many of these names are familiar to our area. Contact Payseur and Holland for more details and watch the Herald for more names in later editions.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

#### Going the extra mile

To the Editor:

Recently here at Bethany Baptist Church in Grover we had Pastor and Wife Appreciation Day for Scott and Jada Hardin.

But I would like to take Pastor Appreciation Day to a whole new level. Pastor Scott is a remarkable man of God, not only behind the pulpit but in everyday life he has such a love and compassion for his congregation and fellow human beings. He visits the sick, homeless, those in prison, and the needy and he will lend you a hand in the ditches of life to help you climb out.

Recently I had an accident and was unable to do my yard work. Pastor Scott

and David Dixon, another member of our church, cut my grass, tilled my garden, raked, spread mulch, weed eat, fixed my wheelbarrow, fixed a broken panel in my fence and still took the time to sit, talk and pray with me just as if I was the only person on their minds for that moment.

From generation to generation, men have encouraged one another in their faith and have passed this along to their families and friends. These men are not famous and not household names but their love for Jesus is undeniable. These are the everyday heroes of faith, men of whom the Lord will say, "well done, thou good and faithful servants."

KATHY LOVELACE  
Grover, NC



Scott Hardin



David Dixon

### Bad decisions, age only a number

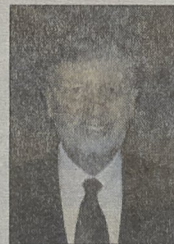
Two police officers - one from South Carolina and one from Oklahoma should never have pulled their handguns. Their decisions took lives and forever destroyed families and their own personal lives. One cop was just 33 and the other 72.

A lot has been said about Michael T. Slager, a young man with a new baby due any day. His life is forever ruined by the decision to pull his gun and shoot Walter Scott in the back as he ran away. Much is also now being said about Bob Bates, a 72 year-old reserve cop from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He too made a very bad judgment that took the life of Eric Courtney and also forever changed lives.

Police officers have gotten more than their share of bad publicity in recent months. They've earned it. No one feels happy about cops if they've ever been harassed or talked down to by a police officer. What person has not felt somewhat threatened when pulled over by a police officer? The police have the authority and guns.

I am a supporter of the police. What kind of society would we have without them? If I need them I want them to show up.

People should not resist arrest or run from police officers. There is no future



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Guest Editorial

in such actions. While I believe that most of our police officers are good, hard working and ethical people there is the occasional lone idiot who has a badge and a gun and that combination of lunacy, authority and weaponry is very dangerous. They will surely hurt somebody, destroy a family and make the news. They also make it really difficult for the good police officers.

Putting a North Charleston, South Carolina officer Michael T. Slager, age 33, in jail recently for shooting a man eight times in the back was the right thing to do. He has zero business being a policeman. Bob Bates a 73 year-old reserve officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said he was reaching for his stun gun but instead pulled his real gun and killed a man already on the ground. He has been charged with second-degree manslaughter.

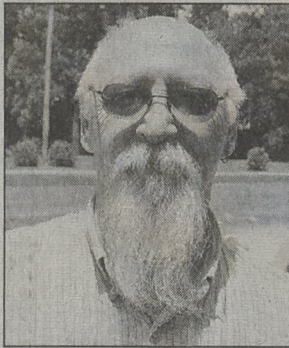
Two men are dead. Their families are in pain. Two police officers are going to jail. Multiple families are ruined forever. Bad decisions were made by people young and old and on both sides of the law.

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### Sidewalk Survey

#### What's your favorite vacation spot?



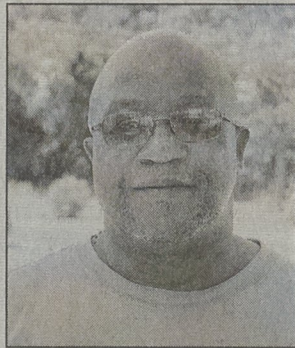
Pigeon Forge in Tennessee. In fact, I'm going up there this month.

-Greg Olmstead



Deep-sea sportfishing in Key West.

-Mike Clack



I don't really have one. I just get in the car and go. It's kind of random.

-Alfred Ash



I'm a beach bum. So I've got to say the beach - Newport Beach, California.

-Rowdy Lind

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