

# Opinions...

## Yours, Ours, Others

Quote of the week

*If you aim at nothing, you will hit it everytime.*

-Zig Ziglar

## This is the time of the year for fairs

The traditional Bethware Fair is now history and by all accounts was highly successful again for the sponsoring Bethware Progressive Club.



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The Saturday closing day brought crowds to Bethware School grounds as children enjoyed the rides and cotton candy and parents and grandparents watched them have fun.

This year marks the 115th Cleveland County Fair which opens Sept. 30 and runs through Oct. 11 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

As a child growing up on the farm our family could hardly wait for the fair and

piled up in the car and spent the day on Saturday at the county fair. My favorite ride was the merry-go-round but my sister could get off one big ride and hop on another.

Our Mom had special memories of the county fair. She told us that she and her sister rode with their Grandpa in a horse-drawn wagon to the county fair and spent an entire day on a Saturday.

A different kind of fair will be held in Kings Mountain in October. It's time for the annual Woman's Club Fall Festival which began some years ago as a floral fair featuring some of the prettiest roses from Mrs. Carl Mauney's garden and by other gardeners in the area who received blue ribbons. Club women are busy getting ready for the annual event.

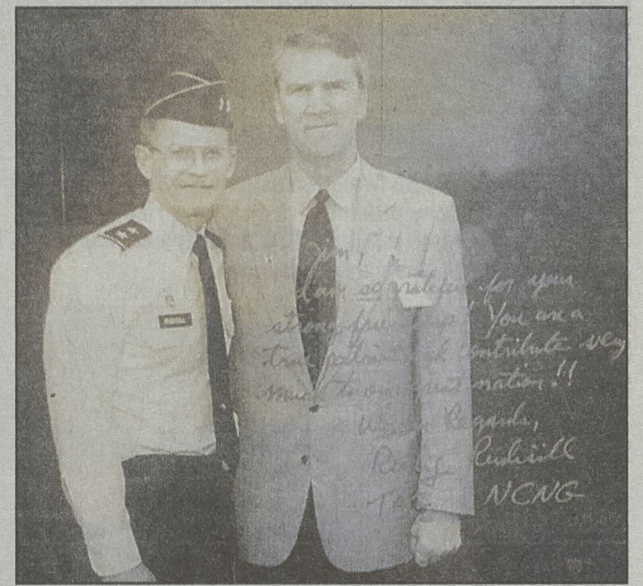
## The "Wall"

(Ed. Note - Jim Medlin along with the Kings Mountain Vietnam Veterans are sponsoring a campaign to help some Vietnam veterans go to Washington, DC to see the Vietnam Memorial. Individuals and/or clubs interested in sponsoring a veteran can call Medlin at 828/443-7933, or Grindstaff at 704/739-6964, or Bolin at 704/739-8639.)

by Jim Medlin

The Vietnam Memorial, or the "Wall" known by all Vietnam Veterans, is located on the National Mall in Washington D.C. It ranks tenth on the list of America's Favorite Architecture. Each year approximately 3 million visitors visit this 3-acre national memorial. The main part of the "Wall" was completed in 1982 and its location is northeast of the Lincoln Memorial and is in Constitution Gardens adjacent to the National Mall. The overall memorial consists of three separate parts which are Three Servicemen Memorial, The Vietnam Women's Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, which is the best known part of the iconic structure.

The Memorial "Wall" is made up of two 246 feet 9 inches long gabbro (dark granite) walls, etched with the names of the servicemen being honored. The panels of horizontal rows of names etched in regular typeface and spacing. The walls are sunk into the ground, with earth behind them. Each panel stand 10.1 feet high, and they taper to a height of 8 inches at the extremities. Maya Lin, at the time a 20-year-old daughter of Chinese immigrants and a student at Yale University in Architecture, is the design architect



Jim Medlin, right, with Major General Rudy Rudisill, Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, at the "Wall" in Washington, DC in 1999.

of the "Wall." When Lin first presented her application, amongst more than 1400 proposed, it was not well received. Many prominent people, including Ross Perot, withdrew financial support. However, her design of black granite, reflective and contemplative and to harmonized with its surroundings would withstand the test and the "Wall" was constructed and was ranked in 2007 tenth on the "List of America's Favorite Architecture by the American Institute of Architects. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Perhaps, today, we would not have the "Wall" had it not been for Jan Scruggs, a corporal during the Vietnam War, who wanted to honor his dead comrades in what he described as "the most ambiguous venture in America's military history." He started a fundraising effort and raised \$9 million and got Congressional approval to build the memorial. In 1980, Scruggs

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## What I learned from you, we must stop a nuclear Iran

This year again I had the pleasure of spending

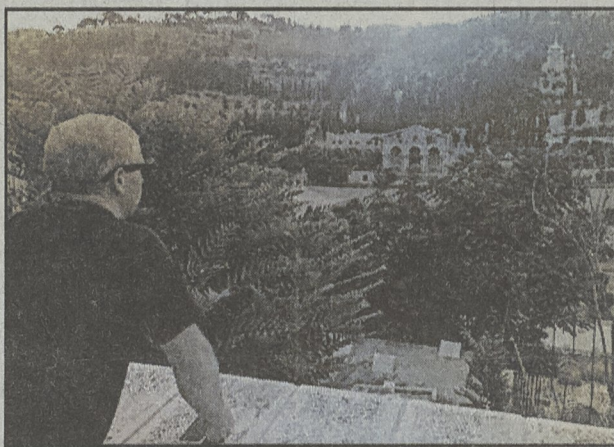


Patrick McHenry  
US Representative  
10th District

August at home in Western North Carolina meeting with you, my bosses. Over

the span of three weeks, I conducted seven town hall meetings throughout the 10th District. Along the way, I joined numerous Chamber lunches, Rotary club meetings and other public forums where I shared my concerns about the problems facing our nation and - more importantly, heard yours.

Throughout these meetings, common themes emerged. Many in the 10th District have lingering anxieties about the economy and the job market. I heard time and again from constituents



Congressman Patrick McHenry overlooking the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem

sickened and disgusted by videos exposing Planned Parenthood's treatment of aborted babies. And - thanks to Obamacare- increased healthcare costs to hurt many in our state.

While each of these topics raised serious and meaningful concerns, the number one issue I heard about was the Obama Administration's proposed nuclear agreement with Iran. Time and again, at each of my sev-

en town hall meetings, I heard deep fears about this deal. Some believe it does not do enough to prevent a nuclear Iran. Others think it endangers our allies in the Middle East, including our most sacred ally Israel.

As I mentioned above, I had the honor of joining 35 of my colleagues in visiting Israel during the month of August. Israel is one of our nation's most sacred allies and I welcomed the opportunity

to visit and learn directly from Israelis how the Iranian nuclear agreement would impact them.

My visit included meetings with Israeli government officials including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who took questions from our group for nearly two hours. We also had a chance to tour an Iron dome missile defense battery.

## Do Not Kill police officers, black people, white people or any people

I had never heard of Chicago suburb Fox Lake police officer Joe Gliniewicz. Recently, three men murdered him. Sadly I now know about what a great man, and police officer he was.

Could this be a good time to reinstate the sixth commandment? You might know it better as "Thou Shalt Not Kill," or "Thou Shalt Not Murder," "You Should Not Kill." The sixth commandment appears in a series of commandments remembered by some today as The Ten Commandments. These commandments can be found in the Old Testament of the Bible. Donald Trump was recently asked if he liked



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the Old Testament or New Testament the best and he replied that he liked it all affirming the Bible as his favorite book. I doubt if the majority of Americans can tell you for sure about where to find The Ten Commandments. Some would simply affirm them as being important while others would not.

Not every American may know that The Ten Commandments come from the Old Testament of the Bible. Honestly, most Americans may not care. I am old enough to remember when The Ten Commandments were a big deal everywhere. We had them in some of our classrooms where I grew up. I used to see them posted in state and federal buildings. Actually, I was speaking in a small

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## Looking back

from the Sept. 9, 1999 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald

9-9-99. Could this be the day computers come crashing down?

Everyone in the computer world will be testing their systems September 9 to see if the fateful figure of 9-9-99 has any adverse effect upon their operation.

Kings Mountain Mountaineers hope to bounce back from Friday's loss to Gaffney when they travel to Bessemer City Friday night for a non-conference game. Game time is 8 p.m.

Hilda Goforth got in the habit of going to Sunday School and church on a regular basis when she was a small child. She

recently received recognition for 49 years of perfect attendance at Kings Mountain's First Presbyterian Church.

Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church will dedicate its new Family Life Center Sunday at 12:30.

The City of Kings Mountain will soon be checking out the seven miles of 24 inch water line coming from Moss Lake into the city and this could be the first step in a multi-million-dollar project to bring an entirely new line into town to replace the 30-plus year old pipe.

Champion Contracting began site development work recently at the new Cleveland County Industrial Park between Kings Mountain

and Shelby. Champion has 60 days to put in the roads, water, sewer, gas and drainage system for the 240-acre park.

If anyone doubts that miracles can and do happen in Kings Mountain, they should have a chat with Paul Gaffney. While working at a construction site, he was accidentally shot in the head with a three inch nail which penetrated to the hilt in his skull. With an injury that could have easily ended his life, Gaffney calmly walked to his brother Mike Gaffney's truck and rode to the hospital. The freak accident happened at a house Gaffney was building on Gold Dust Circle.

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