

Monday Minute
January 30, 2012
Chamber News

Special recognition goes to our Member/Business of the Quarter- Stokes Pharmacy in recognition of their long service and support to our community. Thank you for all that you do!

This edition of Monday Minute is brought to you by Stokes Pharmacy located at 607 B, South Main Street, (King Shopping Center) King, NC. For further information you may contact them at 336-983-3118.

Stokes Pharmacy

Stokes Pharmacy is a full service pharmacy that has strived to provide the very best pharmacy experience for over 40 years. We offer all of the services of a modern pharmacy, while upholding the feel and excellent customer service of a home town pharmacy. We offer competitive pricing for all of your prescription and non-prescription needs and we also accept most major insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our newest pharmacy, Broad Street Pharmacy, in Rural Hall. This pharmacy offers the same great service as our King and Danbury locations and offers the convenience of drive-thru service.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and business over the years, and we look forward to serving you in 2012!

Business Before Hours – will be hosted by *Gentry's Store* on Wednesday, February 1 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Chamber office. They will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary. Plan to be with us to help celebrate their many years in business and enjoy a delicious breakfast as well. If you

would like to host Business Before Hours, please contact the Chamber at 336-983-9308.

Don't Forget to Contact us on Facebook !!

**** Please Note**** - Deadline for items to be in Monday Minute is Thursday 12 noon prior to the week that Monday Minute is published. Thank you for your understanding.

With the new year in full swing, there are many opportunities available to be an active member of the Chamber. We need volunteers to serve on the following committees: Finance, Membership, Golf, KingFest, Business Leader of the Year and Government Relations. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please call the Chamber office at 336-983-9308.

Also, there are several months still open to be a Monday Minute sponsor. If you would like to highlight your business for a month in the Monday Minute and Week-End Update, please call the Chamber for further details at 336-983-9308. The cost for one month sponsorship is \$100.

Coming Events

Wednesday, February 1 – 10:00 am - Retail Clothing Store – Dalton's Crossing- Opening- a retail clothing shop for women and men will be opening February 1 at 102 E. Dalton Road, King (in the old bank building). They will be carrying several lines of quality clothing, accessories and much more. Hours of operation will be M-F – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, and Sunday- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. **(Please Note: in last week's Monday Minute the Hours of Operation were incorrect- please note the corrected time!)** A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for Saturday February 4 at 9:00 am.

Wednesday, February 1 – 5:30 pm - Thai Café will hold a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony. Come out and support this new business in King. The food is wonderful!!

Saturday, February 4 – 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm – King Senior Center - (upstairs at Recreation Acres Community Building) is having a fundraiser chicken stew. It will be an all you can eat dinner with dessert and beverage for \$7.00. The McKeever and Mary Alderman family will be preparing the chicken stew. Music will be by "Hard Times". A cake auction will be upstairs at 6:00 pm. Children 6 and under eat free.

Saturday, February 11 – 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Have a Heart-Benefit dinner for Harvest's Backpack Program- will be held at **Coffee, Tea and Me**, 209 W. Dalton Rd in King. The cost is \$50.00 minimum donation per person. The Truffle Dinner will be prepared by Chef Andy Furness and will include local beef, seafood, green vegetable and potatoes, salad and dessert, all Heavily Truffled!, Coffee and Tea also included. Dinner will be preceded by a Wine tasting where guests can purchase the wines they want to enjoy with each course. A silent auction will also take place. **Reservations are required** as the space will only accommodate 48 guests. **For more information** or to reserve on-line, Call or email Jane Morgan Smith at 336-631-8080, or jane@trufflesnc.com. This event is sponsored by Forest Oaks Country Club, Neadows Family Farm, Coffee, Tea and Me and Truffles NC, LLC. Sponsorships are still available. **Proceeds will go to King Outreach Ministry to support this program.**

Tuesday – February 21- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm or 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm –Arbor Ridge at Stanleyville will host the second part of a three part series designed to help you plan financially, improve your quality of life and assist you in making the right choices for senior care. The Part II series is entitled “How to know when it’s time for a change - Making a transition from a gerontologist point of view. There is limited seating, so reserve your spot now by calling 377-2195 or go to www.ridgecare.com. Light refreshments will also be served. Part III series, “Making the right choice to meet your needs, one size does not fit all”. will be held on March 20.

Tuesday, February 28 – 10:00 am – 12:00 – Stokes County Cooperative Extension – Upcoming Vermiculture Training – Vermicomposting is a hot topic in gardening today. Worms are one of nature’s most effective garbage disposals and their castings provide some of, if not the most nutrient rich organic fertilizer available. If you would like to know more about this topic- how to get started – what type of worms to use – what size bin do you need – what do you feed the worms – how to harvest the compost and how do I use my compost - then plan to join us at the Cooperative Extension Office in Danbury (located at 700 North Main Street) to find out the answers. This class will be taught by Ronda Jones and is supported by **Stokes County Cooperative Extension and Stokes County Economic Development**. You will leave with a better understanding of these remarkable creatures and how they can help you create a magnificent, healthy, organic garden after attending this comprehensive session. There is no charge to attend but space is limited. You may RSVP via email to adwood@co.stokes.nc.us or call 336-593-2496.

Saturday, March 10 – 3rd Feed Stokes 5K & Fun Run – at Recreation Acres (intersection of West Dalton Road and White Road) in King. The race will be held rain or shine. Race Day registration and packet pickup begins at 7:00 am, Fun Run at 8:30 am and the 5K run at 9:00 am. The award ceremony will follow the 5K race. Male and female runners will be in the following age divisions: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and up. You may register online at www.active.com. Online registration closes on March 8. You may also register by mail with your check made out to Feed Stokes 5K, PO Box 1796, King, NC 27021. Entry fees are non-refundable. For additional information please call Zollie Smith at 336-608-9049 or email him at Zollie.Smith@gmail.com. All proceeds will benefit King Outreach Ministry- “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”.

Member Announcements

HALLMARK INSURANCE -- We're new - but with many years of experience. Our goal is to help you have the best coverages available for you and your employees. We present major carriers and have a complete product line of insurance including - life, medical, dental, vision, disability, accident, cancer, critical illness and final expense. Call Joe McKenzie at 577-3731 and say "hello". We're here **"Protecting Your Tomorrows."**

HOPE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER - We're excited! Hope Pregnancy has a new program through REDEEMLIFE that will increase awareness of our mission and give everyone a chance to help. As you probably know, we are a strong voice of God's love for life of both the unborn and the newborn. We try to express this love locally with counseling and assistance. Through RedeemLife, there is now an easy way for you to get involved with us. There are several options but one is a financial contribution for as little as \$1.00 per week. With a financial contribution, you are eligible to receive an award as a way to say "thank you" for your participation. Go to <http://www.redeemlife.org/group/20> and see why we are so excited about this new program. You will be excited too when you see how you can be a part of this important effort in our area.

The American Red Cross is currently experiencing a **critical blood shortage** due to a decrease in donations this winter. Your help is needed now to prevent the delay or cancellation of surgeries.

Donors are encouraged to donate as soon as possible. There is a special need for type O and type B blood donors.

Blood donations throughout the Southeast are more than 11 percent lower this January than average. While blood donations have declined, patients in area hospitals still depend on the everyday support of volunteer blood donors to receive lifesaving transfusions.

Donors can call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Upcoming blood drive in our area will be Friday, February 17 from 2:30 pm until 7:00 pm at Mount Olive Baptist Church located at 5413 NC Hwy 66 South in King.

Unlimited Success Sponsors - Stokes Citizens for Safe and Healthy Communities will have a meeting on Monday, February 13th at 3:30 in the 3rd floor conference room of the Ronald Reagan Building in Danbury. The purpose of this meeting is to look at Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse in Stokes County and to develop a plan to combat the problem. This meeting is open to the public and we encourage anyone who has ideas concerning how this problem can be addressed to attend. Fred Brason, of Project Lazarus will be facilitating the meeting. If you have questions please call Brian Booe at 593-5409 or Wanda Roberson at 287-2717

Abba's Family Thrift Store – 607 South Main Street- King Shopping Center - announces the opening of Java Junction inside their store. They will feature health supplements, nature sunshine herbs and barley juice products. They will be serving fresh roasted gourmet coffees, espresso, specialty beverages, herbal teas, fruit smoothies, desserts and bagels. They also offer free wifi. So stop by and check out the new addition at **Abba's Family Thrift Store!**

State Employees Credit Union – announces Free Tax Preparation through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). You may be eligible for this service if your 2011 household income was less than \$50,000 and your tax return meets certain criteria. Please call the **State Employees Credit Union** branch located in King at 336-985-0531 for further information. Appointments are available from January 23 through April 17. SECU will file your return electronically so you can have your refund in as little as 8 to 15 days!

Miss Joyce Dance Studio- Snowflake classes for three, four and five year old children will be held at Miss Joyce's Dance Studio January 14 through February 25. The classes will be held for six Saturdays with Creative Movement class at 2:00 pm, Acrobatics class at 2:30pm and Ballet class at 3:00pm. There are no special dance wear requirements for these classes. The total cost for one type of dance is \$46.00. Call 983-9458 to register or for more information.

Real Estate Brokers of Stokes County presents a Free Seminar on "Why is now the time to buy real estate?" and "How do you prepare your house for sale". The following are dates and location of the seminars: February 9- Walnut Cove Library and February 23, Danbury Library. Registration will be from 6:00pm – 6:30 pm and the seminar will be held from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. You may contact the following Realtors for more information- Linda Lane (Linda Lane Realty) 336-830-4020, Marie Love (Century 21) 336-413-2416, Mike Moran (Moran Realty) 336-816-6206, Ann Chilton (Chilton Realty) 336-813-3939 and Garry Merritt (The Chapman Company) 336-813-6661 or visit their website at StokesCountyHomesandLand.Com. RSVP for the seminar by contacting Marie Love at 336-413-2416.

Winston Salem Dash – an All-Star season of Winston Salem Dash is approaching and they are pleased to announce that ticket package break downs are now available online!

Fans who purchase any 2012 season ticket package will guarantee their ability to purchase tickets for this June's California League - Carolina League All-Star Game at BB&T Ballpark. As

always, if you are unable to make a game that falls into your plan, please let your season ticket account representative know and we will switch you to another game, based on availability.

If you have any questions regarding your season ticket package, please call your personal season ticket account rep or our general line at (336) 714-2287.

Part- The Transportation Solution – Despite a continued downturn in the economy which necessitated route reductions and fare increases, PART served more people in 2011 than in any previous year! **Part** ridership increased by 12.4% for a total of 537,141 passenger trips last year. IN addition, **PART** Express riders reduced the vehicle miles they would have traveled by over 12 million miles. Riders saved more than \$1.9 million dollars in fuel cost and more than \$7.5 million dollars in total vehicle operating costs.

Sustainable Communities Public Engagement - The Piedmont Triad Sustainable Communities Planning Project will be a 3-year process and we want you to get involved! A main focus of this project is to help create and sustain jobs and investment throughout the region, as well as promoting housing affordability and a sustainable environment.

Over the next several months a series of Civic Forums will be held to encourage Piedmont Triad Residents to give input on the Strengths and Challenges of their community and the Region. A Civic Forum will be held in Stokes County on February 23 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the YMCA in King. Visit the Sustainability Project Website for more details or updates on the Civic Forum. The Piedmont Triad Sustainable Communities Project is proud to announce the launch of [Piedmont Voce.org](http://PiedmontVoce.org), a virtual “town hall” website dedicated to soliciting ideas and feedback from residents about a broad variety of interesting and engaging community issues. For further information, please call 336-639-6151.

Stokes County Arts Council

STOKES COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL TO SPONSOR LIVING STORYBOOK WINTER DRAMA CLASSES - The **Stokes County Arts Council** will host the upcoming 2012 Living Storybook Winter Drama Classes. Eleven classes began meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and will continue once weekly (Wednesday evenings) until completion. The class location will be King Recreation Acres, 107 White Road in King, North Carolina. Peter and Christina Holland with Once Upon A Blue Ridge will teach two classes: Creative Dramatics for ages 6-9 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and Basics of Acting for ages 10-teens (7:05 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.) Both classes will culminate in recital for family and friends. For additional information on classes and content, contact Peter and Christina Holland at hollands@onceuponablueridge.com or call them at 1-276-952-6370. Contact the Stokes County Arts Council at 336-593-8159 or e-mail us at stokesarts@co.stokes.nc.us. Thank you for supporting the arts in Stokes County!

2012 Winter Dessert Theatre - January - March 2012

Plans are underway to bring professional theatre to Stokes County January through March. The planned performances are: "Tired Souls" by Mike Wiley Productions - February 4th, 7 PM (Walnut Cove Senior Center), "Macbeth" by the N. C. Shakespeare Festival - February 18th, 7 PM (South Stokes High School), "The Importance of Being Earnest" by the South Stokes High School Theatre Arts Department - February 25th, 7 PM and February 26th, 3 PM (South Stokes High School), "The Andrews Sisters Tribute Show" by First in Flight Entertainment - March 3rd, 7 PM (King American Legion), "An Evening on the Titanic" by the None Such Playmakers - March 17th, 7 PM and 18th, 3 PM (King Moravian Church).

Admission to each performance will be \$14 for the general audience, \$12 for seniors 60+ and \$10 for students and SCAC members.

Dessert will be served one hour prior to performance.

Upcoming Gallery Exhibit

The Stokes County Arts Council is proud to feature an exhibit on behalf of the Stokes County Animal Shelter during the month of February. The exhibition of donated artwork by local artists will be on display January 25th through February 21st. Animal Control Officer Sarah Johnson states "When artists and animal lovers collide, you get an event that celebrates the beautiful animals available for adoption at the local animal shelter. Artists have graciously donated artwork for sale to help fund a Stokes County Animal Shelter renovation project. Everyone is encouraged to come in support of the Stokes County Animal Shelter Renovation Project. Contact: Eddy McGee, PO Box 66, Danbury, NC 27016, 336 593-8159, stokesarts@embarqmail.com for any questions

King Public Library

eBooks Available at King Public Library

The Northwestern Regional Library now has eBooks available for checkout for your computer, mobile device, iPod, iPad, or eBook reader. Simply go to our website at www.nwrl.org and click on our link to Overdrive. You'll need your library card and pin number handy. If you need assistance, please call us at 983-3868. It's simple, fast, and fun!

Job Skills Classes

Forsyth Tech's Stokes County Center is providing a series of Job Skills Classes in the Gentry Technology Center at the King Public Library. The classes are free and will begin Tuesday February 2nd. Pre-registration is required. The classes continue throughout the month each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:00 until 12:00. Please contact the library for more information. Northwestern Regional Library 6th Annual

Photography Contest

The Northwestern Regional Library is having their 6th Annual Photography Contest, "Moving Forward". The contest is open to all registered patrons. You may become a registered patron at any library in Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, and Alleghany Counties. Entry fees are \$5 per entry, for adults, and \$1 for children, with no limit on how many entries you submit. Entries may be submitted in color, black and white, or digitally altered categories. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 24th, 2012. For more information on the contest, please contact the King Public Library at 983-3868 or by email at kin@nwrl.org.

Ancestry.com at the King Public Library

Discovering your own family tree has never been easier or more affordable. The King Public Library now provides ancestry.com free on library Internet computers and via your own laptop using the library's wifi. Enjoy this wonderful gift courtesy of the Elkin Public Library Board of Trustees honoring the generosity of Ola and Lin Hendren. Ancestry.com is available at all branches of the Northwestern Regional Library in Alleghany, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties. Friends of the Library Silent Auction

The Friends of the King Public Library have a special find for auction during the month of February. A McCall's 1918 Magazine in good condition and a 1968 Official Souvenir Program of the Lost Colony can be yours for the right bid. Please drop by or email in your bid to support the Friends and the King Public Library. For more information, call the library at 983-3868 or email at kin@nwrl.org.

Nook Available for Checkout at the King Public Library

Have you been thinking about purchasing an electronic eReader? If you would like to take a crack at one before taking that step, visit the King Public Library where you can borrow our

Barnes and Noble Nook for a one week check out period. We have several books downloaded you can browse through and it's so much fun discovering what a Nook can do! For more information, please contact the King Public Library at 983-3868 or email at kin@nwrl.org.

Stokes Partnership for Children Community Information

Update your information in the 2012-14 Stokes Family Resource Guide

This comprehensive pocket sized resource guide provides a convenient means to locate information about agencies and organizations providing services and support for children and families. This guide has become a valuable resource for families and professionals. The new 2012-14 biennial Stokes Family Resource Guide will continue to be free of charge to anyone who would like one. Your listing is also free so be sure and update your information. Go to www.stokespfc.com for more information and to download the form.

Save the Date. The 11th annual **Little Folks Festival** will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Walnut Cove Elementary School. Mark your calendar now!

Want to know more about Stokes Partnership for Children? Join us on Facebook and YouTube and sign up for our e-newsletter, *Building Foundations*. Go to www.stokespfc.com for links. Join our early childhood advocacy network by emailing buildingfoundations@stokespfc.com.

Please note: Our office is now closed on Fridays. Office hours are Mondays - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 (Resource Library open until 6:30) and Tuesdays – Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Stokes Family YMCA

Register now for **Indoor Soccer**, **Tiny Tots Hockey** and **Adult Dodgeball**. For additional information please call 336-985-9622.

King Senior Center

The following is a list of activities for the month of January:

Monday January 30

Chi Kung/David McMahon 10:00 am- BP check
King Senior Travel Club Covered Dish Lunch & Meeting - 12:15 pm
Games - 1:00pm
A Step Above – 3:00 pm
It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 31

YMCA Water Walking - 12:30
Some Practice Time - Line Dancing Class - 12:30 pm (cost) Pay as you go
Bridge - 2:00 pm
Salsa Crunch- 6:00 pm (cost)