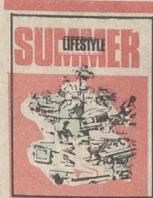


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Fourth Celebration Scheduled In Grover

An old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration is planned for Sat., July 2 in Grover. A committee which was appointed by City Council to plan the event will hold its final meeting Thursday night and then begin getting the city in shape for the event. Martha Wright is chairing the committee which also includes Lynn Roland, Ronald Queen, Jeff Cash, Patsy Rountree, Quay Moss and Joann Turner. A big parade at 12 noon will get the festivities underway. Other activities include a street dance, games, food and performers. The parade will lineup at the Cameron Mill Plant and proceed down Main Street. From Main Street it will turn on Cleveland Avenue and continue to First Baptist Church, where it will disband. Quay Moss is coordinating the parade and says there is still plenty of time for units to enter. Those interested in participating in the parade may call Moss. For the parade and other activities during the day, the committee is asking persons to park in the Grover Elementary School and Minette Mill parking lots. Opening ceremonies will be held following the parade under the big oak trees at First Baptist Church. During the afternoon, a number of musical groups, cloggers, and other groups will perform until 5 p.m. During the same time, there will be games, including greasy pole climbs and watermelon eating contests, in the vacant lot behind Shiloh Presbyterian Church. Food will be available at both locations by the youth of First Baptist Church and the Grover Rescue Squad. Beginning at 8 p.m., there will be a street dance on Laurel Avenue in front of Grover Industries. Music will be provided by "The Trust" of Shelby. The street will be blocked off at 7 p.m. "We invite all of the people in the Kings Mountain-Grover area to come and participate in the day-long fun events," Mrs. Wright said.

KM Plans A 'Big Time' At Community Center

Mark your calendars and join the fun at the City's annual Independence Day Celebration, starting at 1 p.m. at the Deal Street Complex. The full schedule of events: **POOL EVENTS** - Sign up at the Pool Area 10:30 a.m. - Penny Dive 11:00 a.m. - Diving Contest 11:30 a.m. - Watermelon Carry 12:00 Noon - Swim Race 1:00 p.m. - Cannon Ball "Big Splash" **ONGOING EVENTS** - Fire Truck Rides Waterslide 2:00 til 4:00 p.m. (in front of Community Center) Kiddie Rides. **OTHER EVENTS** 1:00 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Contest (sign up at Horseshoe pit area) 2:00 p.m. Cake Baking Contest 3:00 p.m. Greasy Pole Climb - \$20 money prize 2:30-4:30 p.m. Bingo - in Community Building (nice prizes) 2:30-4:30 p.m. Dunkin' Machine 5:00 p.m. Jake Early Memorial Park Dedication 5:30 p.m. Old Timers Softball Game (40 and over) 6:30-7:30 p.m. Beauty Pageant (Various Age Group) sign up at stage area **FIELD EVENTS**-sign-up at the P.A. Tent Sack Race Egg Toss And Much More... **ENTERTAINMENT** Variety Music - supplied by Live Bands 10:00 p.m. **GIANT FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**

It's celebration time for the historical city of Kings Mountain, Monday July 4th. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning a "Big Time" for all at the Deal Street Recreation Complex. The public is invited to attend the festivities and participate or speculate in this fun-filled enjoyable annual celebration. Events will kick off at 1 p.m. and will conclude in a "Bang" with the Giant Fireworks Extravaganza at 10 p.m. Many events are slated this year. Pool events included; a penny dive, diving contest, watermelon carry, swimming race, and a cannon ball big splash. Various fields events will also be underway. Other events as horseshoe pitching contests, greasy pole climb, cake baking contest, bingo, kiddie rides are also planned. The ever popular waterslide will be wet and waiting in front of the Community Center. Public swimming will be from 12 til 2 p.m. Antique fire trucks rides around the complex will be going on and the dunking machine will be in place. An old timers softball game is scheduled following the dedication of the Jake Early Memorial Park. Live Bands will fill the air with music from 5:30 til 9:30 with a beauty pageant highlighted from 6:30 til 7:30. Culminating this fun-filled day will be the Giant Fireworks Extravaganza in the evening at 10 p.m. Prizes, awards and trophies will be given throughout the day and complete concessions will be available for those who wish to leave the food cooking chores at home.

Tax Rate May Be Lowered City Considering Budget

BY LIB STEWART NEWS EDITOR

Kings Mountain City Council will take a second look at the proposed \$15,690,371.00 city budget Wednesday night at a 7:30 p.m. workshop meeting at City Hall. City Manager George Wood Monday night presented a preliminary budget proposal but said that at least two work sessions will be held before the council formally adopts the new budget Thursday, June 30, during a special meeting. Under state law, local governmental budgets must be approved by Ju-

ly 1, beginning of the new fiscal year, or an interim budget must be adopted.

Wood is proposing reduction in the city tax rate from 50 cents to 38 cents per \$100 property valuation. The 50 cent tax rate has applied for many years, reflects a 24 percent drop, although the county wide property reappraisal upped Kings Mountain's taxable valuation from \$159.4 million to \$209.1 million this year. With the old valuation and 50 cent tax rate the city would have collected \$797,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The new revaluation and tax rate will bring in \$758,000. The Wood budget requires about the same amount of property taxes as last year although the city budget is less. Last year's budget was \$16.1 million. In his budget message to city council Monday, Wood stressed the change of the tax rate due to the octennial revaluation by Cleveland County; the need to address water and sewer rates in order to finance needed utility improvements with a general obligation bond issue; the inclusion of funds to implement the Job Classification and Pay Plan expected soon from Municipal

Advisors, Inc. who is preparing a management study requested by the city to determine staffing, anticipated insurance increases and ways to limit the city's costs; acquisition of the Old Post Office for \$90,000 for a new police station; economic development and the need for a capital improvements program to begin as soon as possible. Wood told Council members state law only allows the city to budget based on the actual collection rate for taxes; in Kings Mountain's case 96.7 percent. While most city managers have months to work on budget proposals, Wood only moved to the city May 9 and became the city's first city manager in the new city manager-council form of government. He said that City Clerk-Treasurer Marvin Chappell had assisted him tremendously in working up the proposals they presented to the city council Monday. The proposed budget is available for public inspection at City Hall and Mauney Memorial Library. Normally the city would have had the budget ready for public inspection by June 1. Wood said the reasons for a smaller budget for 1988-89 is that one time capital projects were completed last year "but that monies are provided to take care of costs of a bond issue. Wood has proposed that council consider a \$8 to \$10 million bond issue to pay for critical renovations to the utility system. The city is under a state imposed moratorium at Pilot Creek Waste Treatment Plant. A referendum, if approved by citizens, would pay for upgrading of the city electrical and sewer systems, although the council has yet to act on which will be the priority item, Wood said.

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DREDGING WORK CONTINUES - Dredging and other work to get the Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant into compliance with state laws is continuing. The city hopes to have the state-imposed moratorium against accepting new sewer customers lifted by July 1.

17 Charged With Selling Beer To Minors

Seventeen businesses were indicted by Kings Mountain Police this week for selling alcoholic beverages to minors. Kings Mountain Police Sgt. Billy Benton, Sgt. James Camp, and Sgt. James West led the undercover operation June 8, 14, and 15 after complaints from citizens who reported that some of the 25 establishments in the city with beer, wine and liquor permits had sold to minors under the age of 21. "The Police Department did not go after any one individual store or person", said Benton. Benton said that Sgt. West accompanied a 19-year-old to each store to make a "buy" and that at 17 of the businesses the clerk did not request proof of age and purchases were made. At the new ABC Store on Cleveland Avenue, Benton said the young man bought a pint of Canadian Mist and was not asked to produce an ID card. Court date for all 17 defendants is July 14th in Cleveland District

Court at Shelby. Benton said that on a first offense a defendant is usually given a written warning and the report included in his records with the state ALE and state ABC commissions. Kings Mountain area stores refusing to sell to the minor were Winn Dixie Store, Pantry Store on King Street, Pantry Store on Cleveland Avenue and Pizza Hut, Police said. Police plan to continue similar "buys" on a periodic basis and warn operators of establishments in town who sell beer, wine and alcohol that it is

against the law to sell to a person under the age of 21. By law, the store operators or clerks are required to ask for an ID card if a person "looks questionable." Criminal summons were served on the following businesses and employees for sale of alcoholic beverages to an underage person: Ole Country Store, Cherryville Road, Darrell Forbes and Steve Bess, employees. Depot Stop and Go, Gary Dean Martin, clerk. Allen's Grocery, Joe Duncan, clerk.

Petroleum World, Kim Cooke and Robert Murphree, clerks. Little Dan's Grocery, Grover Rd., Mary Goforth, clerk. The Pantry on Phifer road, Anna Duell, clerk. Holiday Inn Lounge, Mickey Moss, clerk. Reynolds Drive-In on York Road, Brad Reynolds, clerk. Harris-Teeter Super Markets, King St., Kim Gantt, cashier. East King Shell Station, Shane Shockley, clerk. Handy Pantry, Cleveland Avenue, cashier Debbie Allen. Eckerd's Drug Store, King St., Shannon bloomer, clerk. Food Mart, formerly Crawford Quick Stop, Carolyn Ward, clerk. Linwood Superette, Linwood Road, Keith Falls and Kirk Falls. ABC Store, Cleveland Avenue, Scottie Edwards, clerk. Carey's Restaurant, King St., Foy Cunningham, clerk. KM Express Store, King St., Ophelia Pressley, clerk.

KM Weather

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	June 15-21	Year Ago
Total Precipitation	.58	.32
Maximum One Day	.38 (18th)	.21 (20th)
Year To Date	13.16	22.46
Minimum Temperature	63 (15th)	68 (17th)
Maximum Temperature	96 (21st)	90 (21st)
Average Temperature	78.5	78.3

Citizens Warned Of Scams

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad has been hit twice in the past several months by flim-flam "scams" in which persons representing the Squad ask for money for tickets for a music show or for ads for a newspaper. Captain Jonie Blanton and Equipment Officer Ross Lefevers warn that persons contacted should call the local Police Department. Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg recently wrote issued the following ruling to officers of the local Squad would like for citizens to be aware of his ruling on ad scams. Thornburg's letter reads: "Most, if not all of you already know about the continuing problem of businesses being asked to buy ads in publications that supposedly benefit rescue



Darrell Whetstine...Interim Rec Director

Darrell Whetstine Is Employed As Interim Recreation Director

By TODD GOSSETT

Sixth grade teacher Darrell Whetstine said he likes to find other jobs in the summer when he's not teaching at Costner Elementary School in Gaston County. For this summer he found a job in Kings Mountain -- as the city's interim Recreation Director. Whetstine took over the job on June 13, replacing George Adams, who recently took a coaching position in Bridgeport, Conn. Whetstine grew up in Kings Mountain and graduated from Kings Mountain High School. In 1972, he graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in psychology and a concentration in physical education. After graduation, he worked a few different jobs before landing a job as a part-time teacher at the optional school at Kings Mountain High School during the 1973-1974 school year. At the

same time, he was studying for a certification in teaching from Gardner-Webb College. He received his certificate in 1974 and started teaching at Costner Elementary in the 1975-1976 school year, where he has taught school since. Whetstine continued his education at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C., and earned a Master's degree in education in 1981. He first became associated with the department of recreation in Kings Mountain when he worked for a couple of summers with George Adams at the Community Center. When Adams decided to take the job in Connecticut, he proposed to the city manager to let Whetstine take over the job until a full-time replacement was found. Whetstine accepted, and will be with department until he returns to teaching in August. A permanent replacement has not yet been named.

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