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KM 'Hall' Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the third annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Sports Hall of Fame banquet are on sale at several locations in downtown Kings Mountain.

The banquet is scheduled for Thursday night, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center. Tickets, which include a meal and the induction ceremonies, are \$10 each and may be purchased at McGinnis Department Store, Plonk Brothers, Sagesport, Western Auto, Kings Mountain Herald, C&S Mart and the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce; and from Perry Champion, John McGinnis, Carl Champion, Mearl Valentine, Gary Stewart, Dr. John McGill, Chuck Gordon and Denny Hicks.

Don Parker, who coached basketball at KMHS for 24 years; Charlie Ballard, a standout on KM's championship baseball team of 1941 and a former star at Lenoir-Rhyne College and in the pro ranks; and George Harris, Kings Mountain High's first All-American football player, will be inducted.

(A series of feature articles on the three inductees will begin in next week's Herald.)

Previous inductees were the late Jake Early, Kevin Mack, George Adams and John Henry Moss in 1988; and Jim Dickey, Pat Murphy, Marge Crisp and the 1964 KMHS football team in 1989.

In addition, the state championship KMHS baseball team of 1989 will receive the Special Recognition Award which goes each year to an individual or team who had an exceptional year in sports during the previous calendar year.

There will not be a keynote speaker as was the case in the first two years of the Hall of Fame. This year, the Hall of Fame Committee has invited a number of special guests who will share time on the podium.

One that Kings Mountain fans will be eager to see and hear is Shu Carlton, former head football coach at KMHS. He will talk about Kings Mountain's glory years of the 1950's, including the back-to-back championship teams of 1955 and '56, and will also induct George Harris, the quarterback of KM's first-ever Southwestern Conference football championship team in 1955.

Carlton came to Kings Mountain in 1948. In the early fifties, he was called into service during the Korean War. After the war, he returned to KMHS and built the football program into one of the best in Western North Carolina. His 1956 team won the Western N.C. High School Activities Association title with a perfect record. Carlton left KMHS after the 1956-57 school year to become head football coach at athletic director at Ashley High School (now Ashbrook).

Carlton, now retired, is a member of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame.

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Big Wind



Jack Lail's storage shed leveled

Tornado Rips Bethlehem

Jack Lail knew something was wrong when he heard his cows bawling.

He looked out a back window of his home to see the cattle scurrying all over the pasture.

Then he saw the trees swaying in the strong wind and noticed a dark, black cloud which appeared to be "10 to 12 feet" off the ground.

Feeling it could be a tornado, he turned to tell his family members to take cover in the hall and bathroom. At about the same time his wife, Frances, looked out the den door to see Lail's workshop flying by.

Moments later, the ferocious winds were gone, although the rain, thunder and lightning from Saturday afternoon's storm lingered for hours.

Across the road from the Lail home, a new cattle trailer recently purchased by neighbor, Jack Hewitt, was rolled end over end "like a tin can" for some 100 feet. About a half-mile further, the mobile home of Dorothy Yarbro on Bethlehem Road was completely destroyed.

The storm which came through the Bethlehem area of Kings Mountain around 7 o'clock

Saturday night is not being officially called a tornado by the National Weather Service. But residents of the area are convinced it was.

"I didn't see a funnel, but Charles Herndon (a neighbor) said from his house he looked over this way and saw it. He said he saw the funnel cloud when it touched down and went back up."

Lail's 20 x 70 foot wood and tin building, which he used as a workshop and storage building for his farm equipment, was completely destroyed. Lumber, tin and tools were strewn up to 200 feet in a

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Primary Election Tuesday

Four local people will be on the ballot for county and statewide offices in Tuesday's primaries. In Cleveland County, 37,115 voters are registered.

The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Polling places are East Kings Mountain at the Community Center; West Kings Mountain at the Armory; Bethware at David Baptist Church; and Grover at Grover Rescue Squad Building. Although there has been little outward political activity, local people are interested in several races in which Kings Mountain people are candidates.

Local people on the ballot include veteran Senator Ollie Harris, who is seeking reelection to his 10th term, Bruce Scism, who is seeking one of the three seats up for grabs in the 25th Senatorial District of which Harris, Marshall Rauch and Helen Marvin are incumbents, incumbent county commissioner Joyce Cashion and local lawyer Scott Cloninger, who is making his first bid for political office in the race with Calvin Smith of Lincolnton for the 27-B District Judgeship.

Friday 5 p.m. is deadline for absentee voting. Absentee ballots mailed to the Cleveland County Board of Elections is Shelby must be in the office by Monday.

Nine Democrats are running for two seats on the county board of commissioners. If a runoff is necessary, it will be held June 5. The Democrats face GOP opposition from Dennis Bingham and Bill Claylor in November. The commissioner candidates include the two incumbents Joyce Cashion and Coleman Goforth, Ralph Gilbert, Truman Davis Jr., R. E. Devoe, Sam Gold, Dick Kelly, Gail Kirk and Melvin Morris.

Running on the GOP ticket in Tuesday's Primary for three seats in the 25th Senatorial District are John Carter, Mary Lou Craig, James Forrester, John Hodge Sr. and David Ward Jr.

Local citizens will also vote for their choice for nominee for U. S. Congressman and U. S. Senator. On the GOP ticket, incumbent Cass Ballenger has opposi-

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Symphony Set Thursday At High School



ONE

When the Charlotte Symphony Orchestras comes to town Thursday for a children's concert at 10 a.m. and a public concert at 8 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium, concert-goers will be treated to a tribute to the late great composer Mozart.

The Mozart selections are being featured by Darryl One, associate conductor, who said the program will be versatile and also feature selections from "Showboat" and familiar waltzes.

One has accepted a position as Affiliate Artist Resident Conductor

of the Rochester, N. Y. Philharmonic and will remain with the Charlotte Symphony through this summer. The two concerts here will probably be his last in this area for some time. In Rochester, One's major responsibilities will include conducting for the educational,

pops, youth symphony, Finger Lakes summer concerts and subscription programs for the Rochester Philharmonic, which has an annual budget of \$7 million, twice the size of Charlotte. The position is a joint appointment with

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KMHS Scholars Honored

Senior Betsy McIntyre, junior Michael Jordan and sophomores Kimberly Hoyle and Jason Rayfield are the top academic scholars at Kings Mountain Senior High School.

To qualify for the honor, the four led 18 seniors, 19 juniors and 23 sophomore students in maintaining a cumulative average of 3.75 or above. The four top students with the highest grade averages also received gifts at the annual academic awards banquet Monday night at KMSHS Cafeteria.

Seniors honored, in addition to McIntyre, were Karin Elizabeth Bush, Ashley Rae Champion, Joseph Thomas Champion, Ashley Paul Dover, Jennifer Lynn Gunter, Lori McDaniel Hall, Charlene Lee Hardin, John Edward Heath Jr., Katherine Lynn Jenkins, Nancy Janelle McCoy, Juliet Caudle McRae, Niroubonh Quaneoudone, Cristi Glennette Putnam, Michael Shane Sessoms, Joseph Rivers Smith, Angela Marie Subler and Amy Elizabeth Turner.

Juniors honored, in addition to Jordan, were Brian Charles Barrett, Charles Everett Bridges, Matthew Frederick Bunch, Heather Ruth Caveny, Christina Elizabeth Dixon, Susie Leila Hardin, Phillip Eugene Havner, Susan Crosland Hendricks, Kelly Marie Herndon, Michael Andrew Hollifield, Sharon Elaine Horton, Charity Nicole Jackson, Adella Marie Robertson, Mary Elizabeth Thompson, Vincent Avery Walker, Angela Yvonne Whitaker, Derick Javon Williams and Robbie Thomas Wilson.

Sophomores honored, in addition to Hoyle and Rayfield, were Aaron Durant Allen, Kevin Avery Blalock, Kelly Kathryn Broome, Emily Meredith Campbell, Jennifer Lee Carroll, William Richard Cathey, Susan Michele Corn, James Jeffery Downey, Freida Gail Hardin, Karen Dawn Hardin, Holly Susan Harmon, Angela Renae

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TOP SCHOLARS-KMSHS Principal Jackie Lavender, left, congratulates the four top students who lead academic scholars this year. From left, Lavender, senior Elizabeth Adams McIntyre, junior Michael Lee Jordan, and sophomores Michael Jason Rayfield and Kimberly Ann Hoyle. All 60 students received plaque awards and the four top students received plaques and gifts at the annual awards banquet Monday night.

'Urgent' Need For Blood At Friday's Bloodmobile

The Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross has issued an urgent request for type O negative blood. Supplies of this universal donor blood type have dropped to a low level over the past few weeks, according to Sandi Shockley, Cleveland County Blood Services Director.

"Anytime after a major holiday supplies tend to run lower than usual," Shockley said.

Also in demand, although not as low, are blood types A Negative, B Negative, and AB Negative. These types are also in low supply.

Although the negative blood types are currently at a lower level, all blood types are needed, Shockley said.

"No type is too common or too

rare to be needed. The most common blood type is O, yet O is often the most needed type," she said.

In some emergency situations, when necessary, type O Negative blood can be given in place of other blood types.

Large quantities of type O Negative may be needed by accident victims who experience severe bleeding or shock. It is routinely used for treating premature infants with anemia.

Shockley urges everyone who is eligible to donate blood in the bloodmobile at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain Friday, May 4, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information or to find out if you are eligible to give, call 487-8594.

Kings Mountain People



MARVIN HUFFSTETLER

Huffstetler Still 'Slim' At 80

Tuesday is Marvin Huffstetler's 80th birthday.

He'll celebrate the day as usual, coffee at Griffin Drug Store with longtime friend Johnny McGill, 84, and new friends, retired preachers William Blair and Dick Bolls.

Affectionately called "Slim" by his friends, Huffstetler has met Johnny McGill at Griffin's every morning for the last 20 years. Folks downtown set their clocks by them.

And, no they don't solve the problems of the world at their morning friendship meetings but they do have fun.

Huffstetler retired after 55 years in the textile mills. McGill retired after many years at Kings Mountain Drug Company. The two started playing golf together and drinking coffee together about a quarter century ago and haven't stopped. They also cut their yards together and garden.

"When Doc Blair and Dick Bolls retired and settled in Kings Mountain they joined our coffee club," laughed Huffstetler.

Huffstetler is one of three children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Huffstetler who died in the flu epidemic in 1918 when Slim was a boy. He recalled that the three children spent their early years at Barium Springs Orphanage and attended school there before moving back to the homeplace on Union Road when he was a teenager. He was baptized as a small boy in Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church and has been a life-long Presbyterian, joining Dixon Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain. In 1935, he moved to Kings Mountain to help his uncle out on the farm and to go to work at the Margrace Mill. After he met and courted Elizabeth McMurray, they decided that Kings Mountain would be home. He and Lib

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