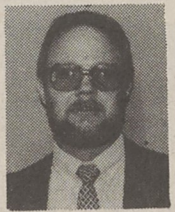




THE BIG ONE - William Martin, 13-year-old son of William and Janice Martin, spent his summer fishing at Midway Lakes in Kings Mountain. He finally caught the big one. This carp weighed 35 pounds. When he wasn't fishing he was at the late netting and carrying fish for other fishermen.



David Hancock
KM Recreation Director

Exciting Summer For Recreation

This past summer provided many new and exciting opportunities for the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation staff and the community at large. The completion of the walking track and its continued success, exhibition softball with the King and His Court, the July Fourth celebration, the varied successes of our local baseball teams, and the improvements at Deal Street Pool were some of our highlights.

The walking track project will be an ongoing program of landscaping and facility development and expansion. Currently the Recreation Commission is looking for community support (Labor, materials or finances) to develop the restroom facility at the track. Other developments will take place once the restroom facility is completed.

As our children return to school, our staff is working to offer a new season of programs and activities for kids and adults to meet their different time schedules. Programs this fall will include some of the standard as well as some new opportunities.

Youth soccer will be run in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association. Registration has formally closed, however we are keeping a waiting list and once we have 10 or 12 names, a new team can be formed. Also in soccer, we will run an instructional program for boys and girls ages 5, 6 and 7. The emphasis of this activity will be to teach kids and parents the basics of this sport in an effort to help them better understand the game and to expand participation on all levels.

The department will hold an organizational meeting for a men's and women's volleyball league on Thurs., Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Community center. This league is open to any group in the community wanting to participate in volleyball. The department will hold a pre-season clinic in mid-September for all league players and teams will play in the 8-week program slated to start September 24.

Also on September 6 the department will sponsor a new shag dance class for couples and individuals. This class will meet on Thursdays for 8 weeks. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early.

With the success of our mid-day water exercise program and the many requests for an evening time slot, I am happy to announce that beginning Tues., Sept. 11 we will begin a new class at 6:30 p.m. at the Natatorium. The class is open to any adult and is especially beneficial to individuals with arthritic conditions. To help make it easier for those folks to enter the pool, we will have in place a portable stairway so the incline will be much more gradual than the existing ladders.

In response to some requests from our horseshoe pitchers, we will sponsor a horseshoe tournament Sat., Sept. 15 at Deal Street Park. This event is open to men and women with both singles, doubles and mixed doubles events slated. There is an entry fee and pre-registration is encouraged.

On Sat., Sept. 8 the department will be co-sponsoring with Curry's Trans-Research the second annual "Say No to Drugs Fun Day" at Deal Street Park. This event will be an educational fund raiser for the local D.A.R.E. program and will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be used for drug education and awareness projects.

Our annual Mountaineer Day Celebration has been set for Sat., Oct. 13 in the downtown area. This year's activity will be highlighted with a street dance to the sounds of "Mink," a band which plays beach, top 40 and a wide variety of rock and pop music. There will also be a fireworks display that evening under the direction of the Fire Department and Parks and Recreation staff. We would encourage craft and food vendors, church and civic organizations to call the center for details on how to participate in this event. More details will follow as plans get finalized.

As you can see there are lots of activities planned this fall and we are always open for new ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to call or stop by if you need more information, want to register for a class, or have ideas for some new program. We appreciate your input!

Hamrick Wins Bass Tourney

Keeter Hamrick caught 15 pounds, 5 ounces of bass to win the Cleveland County Bass Club Tournament Sunday at Fishing Creek.

Richard Blanton was second with 13 pounds, 14 ounces, and Steve Gordon was third with 12 pounds, 12 ounces.

The biggest fish, a 5 pound, 5 ounce bass, was caught by Ronnie Humphries.

Volleyball League To Form

Men's and Women's Open Volleyball Leagues are open to all area industries and churches.

An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center. All interested teams should send one representative.

For more information, call 739-9631 or 734-0449.

Horseshoe Tournament Set

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is holding a horseshoe tournament Saturday, September 15. There will be competition in men's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, and women's singles and doubles.

Entry fee will be \$8 per person per event entered. The entry fee will be used to defray the cost of tournament awards. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places in each category, depending on the number of entrants.

National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association rules will govern play.

For more information, call 739-9631 or 734-0449.

Black, Wilson Win

Jamie Black and Robert Wilson were winners in Kings Mountain Tennis Association action Monday night at the KMHS courts.

Black defeated Mark Moss 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; and Wilson defeated Jeff Ledford 6-2, 6-3.

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they load and unload, to warm the bus up for only a couple of minutes, then proceed. We will have to designate pick up points for the kids. Everyone won't be happy with the conservation measures we take but this week we're in process of computerizing bus transportation countywide to find some way to shorten routes and consolidate buses. New guidelines will be passed on to parents and bus drivers as we receive them from the county transportation office," said Allen.

"We can't park buses in February or March, so we must conserve statewide," said Allen.

Allen said he hopes the system won't have to go to a four day week because buses would have to start picking up kids by daylight and in the winter the kids would be coming home after dark. Fridays would pose problems for

parents requiring day care for their children. "We would have a whole different set of circumstances," he said.

Since the state funds the school transportation system 100 percent, Allen said Senator Marvin wants to push for more funds in the budget. County funds may be sought.

"We didn't make any definite decisions but we all came home ready to conserve fuel and that's what we hope the public will do. Kings Mountain may have to take some buses off the road and shorten our routes but we're aware of a critical problem and will make adjustments," said Allen.

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"There is no drug free high school in Cleveland County," Hines said, as she painted a desolate picture of youths in trouble with alcohol and substance abuse. "Together We'll Be There" is the appropriate theme of the United Fund program in this emphasis, he said, as he said the answer to solving problems is working together. "Schools, churches, parents and organizations can't solve the problem alone," he said. He praised the KM Board of Education's policy to offer alternatives to its suspension program in offering students the opportunity to continue in school by attending drug prevention classes with CODAP counselors. "Kings Mountain is making it plain it will not tolerate drugs and alcohol on campus," he said.

St. Charles said that child abuse is the second leading cause of deaths among kids under 5. "It's a stark reality in Cleveland County," she said, as she told how a four-year-old boy, his face covered with burns and bruises, asked a social worker, "are you going to hurt me too?" as help was being offered. "Citizens were closing their eyes to child abuse until the Travis Gammons case and now the calls are coming in, noting that 1,276 calls were reported to Cleveland County social workers in 1989 compared with 121 cases reported in 1981-a 10-fold increase in nine years. A total of 2,324 kids were abused last year, she said.

Dedmon reported that 141 patients were served by Hospice last year and only 56% were eligible for Medicare. She praised volunteers as the "gist of Hospice." Volunteers spend time in the homes doing errands for the patient and his family so that nurses and counselors have more time to serve the terminally ill.

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