

# Battle Of Kings Mountain Celebration Sunday

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### Mountaineer Day Set For October 13

#### Downtown KM To Celebrate 210th Anniversary Of Battle

Wear a costume on Mountaineer Day and help celebrate the 210th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

That's the invitation from Mountaineer Day promoters, who say that Saturday, Oct. 13, will be a big day in Kings Mountain, not only for those participating but for downtown merchants and craftspeople readying for crowds from a wide area.

"There will be something for everyone," says David Hancock and Denise Falls, of the City Parks & Recreation Committee sponsoring the celebration. Mayor Kyle Smith will open the festivities at 9:45 a.m. and music by the KMHS Pep Band and Kings Revue will precede a balloon release to signal the start of the annual festivities.

Hancock said that 25 craftspeople have signed up to display and sell their wares, numerous food vendors, and exhibitors will be on hand. Mother Goose will be wan-

dering through the crowds for story times and there will be special appearances by Batman, Ninja Turtle and Zax, the Duke Power Company mascot.

In addition to a costume judging contest, there's an iced tea contest to determine who makes the best cold drink and a dog show with ribbons to be awarded in all categories.

The Kings Mountain Fire Department is sponsoring a antique car show and there will be hot air balloon rides, a space walk for the kids, a street dance and big fireworks display at 9 p.m. Horse-drawn buggies will give Mountaineers a ride through the streets and the KM Police Scuba Team will set up a "dunking booth." Numerous gospel singing and dance groups will perform on the stage on East Gold Street in front of the new City Hall. Craft displays will be set up in the back parking area across from Western Auto Store.



**DRESSING UP MOUNTAINEER-STYLE**-Ruby Hord, left, and Minnie Morrow model their Mountaineer costumes for Mountaineer Day Oct. 13. Local folk are invited to wear their costumes, celebrate and attend the annual festivities downtown on Oct. 13.

### Firemen Must Sign Contract

#### After Heated Discussion, Board Votes To Deed Land

GROVER-Town Board voted again 4-1 Tuesday night to deed the town fire department building to Grover Rural Fire Department but made the stipulation that the deed be turned over only if firemen sign a contract mutually agreeable with both parties.

The action came after a long discussion in which tempers flared about the issue which has been talked for two years.

Recessing at 10 p.m., the board set another meeting Tuesday night at 7 p.m. with town attorney Bill Lamb for finalizing of a contract which will stipulate same quality fire protection from trained personnel but will fix the cost to the town, \$7500 for the next two years and then a percentage to the firemen of the property taxable valuation for the next 97 years. The contract will also stipulate that if firemen decide to quit that the town board be given a 12 months notice and the town be given option to retain the building which is

valued at \$69,000.

Local firemen want to add on to the fire department but can't obtain a FHA loan without a clear deed to the property, owned by the town of Grover.

"I just want to be sure we cover all the bases," said Mayor Bill McCarter, reminding the board that firemen walked out and went on strike 15 years ago. "But that was 15 years ago, Bill," Commissioner Sandra Ellis said. "What good will a building do us if we don't have the firemen?" she asked.

Collin McWhirter, town attorney who represents the Shelby law firm of Bill Lamb, promised the board he would draw up the necessary papers and present them to the board's special meeting Tuesday.

Mayor McCarter cautioned the board that "We're getting the cart before the horse in deeding the property before we get a contract which says what is expected of both parties."

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### KM People

#### There's Never A Dull Moment When William Hager's Around

William H. "Bill" Hager misses the classroom but he has found involvement with kids in the Community Schools program exhilarating and never routine.

This fall Hager began his 30th year in education. "There's something different all the time and it's a joy to watch kids learn and grow and mature," he said.

The addition of a Summer Enrichment program at Bethware School for 60 children ages 4-11 and Before-School Care and After-School Care in the five elementary schools were brand new programs for the system as a result of surveys first conducted by Community Schools Advisory Council which also started night schools for adults who were taught macrame, art, typing, and conversational French and Spanish. Spanish is now a regular part of the elementary school curriculum. The Extended Day program at North school included a

Friendship club, jogging and fitness classes, arts, Girl Scouts and much more, he recalled.

"Hager," as he is affectionately called by friend and kin, was hired by Supt. B. N. Barnes to teach 8th grade in 1961 at Davidson and Compact schools. He taught a half day at each school. That was the first year of school consolidation in the district and Hager also coached basketball at the two schools and at Grover, where he worked a year, then went to North and Central. In August 1979, he became the Community Schools Coordinator, a job never too big for the six foot five 250 pound former athlete who played basketball in high school and college.

Summer day care was a growing need as early as 1980 and was offered free the first year by the state. Over 179 kids have been enrolled in that program the past two summers at East School, where they enjoy arts and crafts, learn about



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positive self concepts and have classes in mental and dental health, fire safety, etc. from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The tuition is \$25 a week and the staff numbers 16. The program has been in operation for 10 summers and students can enroll by signing up at Hager's office, located in a trailer in the yard of

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### Battle Celebration Is Sunday

Sam P. Manning of Spartanburg, S.C. will be the principal speaker at the program commemorating the 210th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain Sunday at the Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheater.

Manning, an attorney-at-law, previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and for 16 years was a member of the South Carolina legislature. Former Vice-Chairman of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial

Commission, Manning provided key support to the development of the Cowpens National Battlefield and is well-known to the historians and genealogists of the Carolinas.

The 210th anniversary commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain will begin with the arrival of the "Overmountain Marchers" retracing the route of the original pioneer militiamen from southwest Virginia, east

Tennessee, the Carolinas and Georgia. The 3 p.m. program will be followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the United States monument on the battlefield ridge. The Guilford Militia, a group dedicated to bringing back a part of history and heritage, will recreate the activities of an 18th century encampment and muster all day Saturday and Sunday.

There are no charges for any of the events. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Monday Last Day To Register

The deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 6 election is Monday at midnight.

Debra Blanton, elections supervisor of the Cleveland County Board of Elections, reminds that prospective voters may sign up at Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain, with local precinct officials, or at the elections board office in Shelby. Gaston County residents of Kings Mountain may register at the

Gastonia Board of Elections, at Gaston County Public Library or with precinct officials.

Last-minute voters can register at Mauney Library on Monday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and also at Mauney Library on Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Library is open until 8 p.m. both Thursday and Friday and is open on Saturday but special registration commissioners won't be available except on the hours

designated. The Gastonia branch of the Gaston County Public Library will be closed on Monday for staff training but will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Registered voters who have moved need to register their change of address/precinct with the elections offices by Monday or face extra time to cast a ballot on Election Day. Applications for ab-

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### Schools Set Dedication Ceremony

Dedication ceremonies for the additions and renovations at Kings Mountain Middle School and Kings Mountain High School will be held Sun., Oct. 14 at 2:30 p.m.

The formal dedication program will be held in B.N. Barnes Auditorium on the KMHS campus. It will feature remarks by Bob Etheridge, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Roger Holland

of Holland and Hamrick Architects, who designed the project, will present the buildings to Doyle Campbell, Chairman of the Kings Mountain Board of Education who will accept for the school system. Acceptances for the two facilities will be by Pamela Goforth of the High School and Van Canipe of the Middle School. Middle School student Robert Wingo and High School student Robbie Wilson will accept for their respective student bodies.

The ceremony will be followed by open house at both facilities and refreshments at the Middle School. The public is invited.

### Water Plant To Break Ground

Groundbreaking ceremonies for major improvements at T. J. Ellison Water Treatment Plant at Moss Lake will be held Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.

Tom Howard, the city's Director of Community Services, said the water treatment plant improvements, which include a new five

million gallon water storage tank, are expected to cost \$2,696,900.00 and funds were approved in the recent bond package voted by Kings Mountain citizens.

With the groundbreaking ceremonies, the city will launch construction of the third bond project approved by citizens.



**STAKING OFF SITE** - Mrs. Norma Bridges, left, chairman of the Parks & Recreation commission, Councilman Scott Neisler, Jim Guyton, and Recreation Director David Hancock stake off the 14x26 foot site for new rest rooms adjoining the new KM Walking Track. Neisler was appointed by Mrs. Bridges to head a new three-member study group to prioritize recreational needs for the city covering the next five years.

### Special Committee To Study Five-Year Recreation Needs

A committee of three people-John Blalock, Twyla Robinson and city councilman Scott Neisler-have been appointed by Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman Norma Bridges to prioritize the city's recreational needs for the next five years.

Commissioner Bridges made the appointment at Thursday's Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at the Community Center.

Recreation Director David Hancock, who has met with Shelby city and county P&Z boards recently and with consultants developing a master plan for county-wide recreational needs, will serve as ex-officio to the special study committee.

Hancock said that the trio will look at needs of the area after consultants present a cost figure.

Wolpert Consultants, hired by the city, Shelby and Cleveland County to develop the capital, county-wide recreation improvements plan, is suggesting that site development for mini-parks, improvements at Davidson Park and design fees for a fire training center on McGinnis Street, a play area at Hillside Drive property the city bought from Gardner Webb College recently, and additional neighborhood park in the Southwestern section of the city be targeted for completion over the five year period 1990-95. The consultants are suggesting that Davidson Pool be demolished but that the parking area, play area, shelter/seating, and sports courts there be improved.

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