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T-giving services planned

Many of the area's churches will participate in the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving service Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church.

"This service has traditionally been a time when churches of all denominations gather together to recount their blessings and to offer thanksgiving to God the Father for His bountiful care," said Morris Jordan, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church.

The Thanksgiving message will be presented by a community choir, which will sing the cantata "Give Thanks" by Keith Ferguson and Ken Barker.

An offering will be taken for the Kings Mountain Helping Hands Crisis Ministries.

In Grover, a community-wide Thanksgiving service will be sponsored by the five local churches: the Church of God, Shiloh Presbyterian, First Baptist, Bible Holiness and Bethany Baptist.

The service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Bible Holiness Church.

Other special religious events for Thanksgiving include:

- First Presbyterian - Men of the Church annual Thanksgiving breakfast at 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship hall.

- Central Methodist - Thanksgiving breakfast at 6:30 to 8 a.m. Thursday and a brief service at 8:30.

- Bethlehem Baptist - Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m.

- Oak Grove Baptist - Wednesday evening dinner at 6 p.m. Special service afterwards at 7:15 with the Lord's Supper.

- Second Baptist - Kickoff of Mission Emphasis Week with missionary Bobby Goulden at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday.

- Love Valley Baptist, Victory Baptist and Dixon Presbyterian churches will hold a joint Thanksgiving service Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Love Valley. Rev. Lloyd Sanders will be the speaker.

KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE



Frank and Jackie Hollifield are thankful every day for a good life together and for their happy, closeknit family. At Thanksgiving, they count among their chief blessings Frank's recent successful heart surgery.

Hollifields thankful every day

Every day brings blessings to Frank Hollifield, who will pause again Thursday to say a special Thanksgiving prayer for his greatest asset—his family.

But Jackie Hollifield will be adding her own prayer of thankfulness—for Frank's good health.

Hollifield underwent open heart surgery and two bypasses six months ago at Carolinas Medical Center. "Don't over do, stay on your diet and come back for checkups," they told him when he checked out and returned to his home on East Ridge Street.

"I'm doing just what the Charlotte doctors and my personal Doctor Gangoo tell me and I'm enjoying each day that God gives me," said Frank as he helped his good friend, Dathia Sanders, build a carport this week. Frank and Dathia's friendship goes back to their long tenure with Foote Mineral Company. Since retirement a few years ago, both men have put up several buildings and also made repairs to the Hollifield house after Hugo.

Frank went to the doctor May 8 for indigestion and Gangoo immediately ordered a stress test. "I just noticed I was getting a bit tired when I walked but saw nothing out of the ordinary," said Frank. The next day he was in Charlotte for major surgery. After recuperating with tender loving care from his wife,

their son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Diane Hollifield and three grandsons, Aubrey, Ryan and Andy, it was back to work for Frank when he and Jackie weren't at ball games cheering one of the grandsons. Aubrey, 23, has a full athletic scholarship to Wake Forest, and Ryan, 19, and Andy, 18, play football for ASU, inheriting their expertise on the gridiron from their father and grandfather. Frank used to play ball with the Blue Devils in his hometown of Spruce Pine and when he and Jackie moved to Kings Mountain to raise their family they immediately became supporters of their son from Little League to high school and college. A defensive lineman for the Demon Deacons, Aubrey played his last football game last week but Ryan, a quarterback for the ASU Mountaineers, is in the Southern Conference playoffs which means that his dotting grandparents will be at every game. Andy didn't make the traveling team this year.

Traveling became a hobby of the Hollifields when their son and grandsons got active in sports. Since Frank's successful surgery they logged 5,000 miles to their favorite vacation spot, Yellowstone National Park. Since Jackie's retirement from Southern Bell,

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Lake Authority to be dissolved

A proposal to dissolve Moss Lake Authority, transfer its authority to City Council and appoint a Moss Lake Commission as an advisory board was to be acted upon at Tuesday night's 7:30 meeting of city council.

The Moss Lake Authority, meeting last Wednesday night, voted 4-1 to make the change. City Manager George Wood said some of the changes in wording in the rules and regulations put more teeth into the 10-page ordinance.

M. C. Pruette, who has served on the board since its inception, disagreed strongly with stripping of the Authority but other members, including new member Evelyn Hamrick, who seconded Jackie Barrett's motion, and new member Billy Hawkins concurred with chairman Joe Smith and Chuck Ballew that the 'authority' is with city council anyway and all their recommendations currently must be approved by council.

Pruette said the N. C. General Assembly established the Moss Lake Authority in the 1970's but city attorney Mickey Corry said he could find nothing in the city codes but agreed to keep checking as did Wood. A 1967 state statute empowers municipalities to establish authorities. The lake was built about 1973.

In its new function, Moss Lake Advisory Board would be an advisory board to the city council. "A separate authority can fragment the decision-making process regarding one of the city's most vital assets," states the new ordinance.

"We need to get our ordinance into conformance with the way we're now operating," said Wood.

"The city has made a substantial investment in developing Moss Lake as a city owned reservoir, with a dam and water filtration plant and secondarily as a recreational area for the general public," the ordinance reads.

Pruette asked members of the Authority to recall the many industries locating in the area since Moss Lake became a reality and

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Christmas shopping underway

By RENEE WALSER of the Herald Staff

Although decorations have been out and merchandise on the shelves for weeks, Thanksgiving officially opens the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain.

Merchants are anxious to see how the recession and job layoffs will affect business. Many report that traffic is slack but others look for a good year.

Kay-Bee Toy Stores, parent company of Circus World Toys at Cleveland Mall, predicts that -- surprise, surprise -- the Super Nintendo that sells for \$199.99 will be the number one toy sold this Christmas.

Its competitor, Sega Genesis for \$149.99, is second on the list of top ten toys.

- The list includes:
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Action Figures
 - Little Miss Singing Mermaid
 - Baby Alive
 - Bathtime Barbie
 - Duellin' Dudes
 - The Little Mermaid Ariel
 - 9.6 V Turbo Fast Traxx, and
 - Magic Copier

Reaction from local retailers was mixed as to the shopping traffic this time of year. Most said it was too early to tell how the traditionally heavy shopping season would be.

Johnny McGinnis of McGinnis Department Store said his business has been good.

"I think it will be at least what it was last year," he said.

Popular items at McGinnis are sweat suits, lingerie and children's clothing, he said.

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Gage crusade being planned

Rick Gage, 33, was called from the football field six years ago to follow his famous father Freddie Gage in the evangelistic ministry.

He walked away from a promising coaching career to work with young people in what he called "a far, greater game where wins and losses have eternal consequences."

Gage, in Kings Mountain Tuesday morning for a breakfast meeting with key chairmen for Gage's "On Track In Harvest" evangelism crusade in Kings Mountain May 10-14, urged the 13

church leaders present to get their local churches involved and "plan big because we serve a big God."

The kickoff to the Greater Kings Mountain Crusade will be a banquet at KMHS Cafeteria at 6:27 p.m. on January 21, 1992, when workers will turn in pledge and volunteer cards. In the meantime, zone captains working a 20 mile radius of the stadium will start getting volunteers to work the campaign.

Mike and Faye Speck will lead the music for the crusade, which

will feature combined church choirs and guest groups. A big phase of the crusade will focus on young people and Gage wants to address as many young people as he can before the opening of the revival. He takes his secular message "On Track" to schools in a wide area of the country.

Co-chairmen of the crusade are Mayor Kyle Smith and Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Gage said the momentum for the

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RICK GAGE

Burger King coming here

Cleveland County's first Burger King restaurant will go up soon on 1.08 acres at 717 York Road. Estimated cost of construction is \$160,000.

B & J Restaurants, owned and operated by Robert and Jim Greene of Charlotte, will start grading at the site between Family Storage Centers and Baucom Chevrolet on Monday, weather permitting.

Bill Reule, Charlotte realtor, met with City of Kings Mountain officials yesterday to obtain the required building permits and utilities taps during a pre-construction conference.

Reule said grading will take about 10 days and the new restaurant, which will also include a playground area, should be ready to open in another 50 days.

The Greenes, who are brothers, own 18 Burger King businesses in North Carolina and several in Gaston County.

Richardson Turner Construction Company is general contractor for the facility. Dean Strobino is District Manager.

The new business is expected to employ 30-40 people. Burger King is taking applications at Burger

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Angela's fund tops \$30,000

After a barbecue and auction Saturday night, the fund for Angela Strickland has risen to over \$30,000, East School officials said Monday.

The two functions together raised \$6,295 to go toward paying Angela's medical bills for a bone marrow replacement treatment last month.

Angela is continuing to progress, said her grandmother, Louise Penner, Monday. Her father came home Friday and her mother and sister, Nancy, are with Angela in Minnesota. Doctors say Angela may be able to come home as early as February.

Angela's white blood cell count was up and her hair is growing

back, her grandmother said. "We're feeling like and hoping that the bone marrow's taking," she said.

Doctors may move Angela out of intensive care next week to a private room, Penner said.

Mike Smith got the idea for the auction of celebrity items and worked hard to make it happen. About 40 celebrities from Ronald Reagan to Yoko Ono submitted personal items and autographs for auction.

To make a donation, please send a check to the Angela Strickland Fund, Carolina State Bank, P.O. Box 340, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.



Ken Nantz bought an autographed photo of his hero, Leon Spinks, at celebrity auction for Angela Strickland.

Fill Empty Stocking

The Kings Mountain Empty Stocking Fund needs your help.

The fund, sponsored by the Herald, is used to purchase food, clothing, toys and other necessary items for needy families in the Greater Kings Mountain area at Christmas.

In the first two years of the drive, over \$6,000 was raised despite hard economic times.

Margaret Dilling is again chairman of the fund drive.

Send your donations to Empty Stocking Fund, P.O. Box 1461, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. Donations may be made anonymously, in memory or in honor of someone.

A running total will be published each week in the Herald.

