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Controversial issues to be acted on

## School Board to meet Thursday

Several issues will be resolved at the Thursday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Education, including the outcome of the year-round school and personnel policy proposals.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the North Elementary School library.

The first major item on the agenda is a presentation of the 1992-93 budget for local funding and a public hearing on the budget. Action to approve or not will be taken.

Perhaps the most controversial issue to be dealt with is the year-round school proposal for West Elementary. Supt. Bob McRae will make a report on his recommendation to the board of whether to implement the pilot program or to table the plans.

West Principal Sherrill Toney and Assistant Supt. Jane King have studied the year-round program and presented plans for such a program to be instituted at

West Elementary beginning in July. They made their proposal at the March board meeting.

Since then, Toney has sent applications to West parents to seek out interest in participation in the program for next year. As of Tuesday, Toney said he was still getting applications returned, especially in the kindergarten level. He would not say at that time if there would be enough interest in the program to go through with plans.

McRae has said that he would base his recommendation on reaction and interest from parents, for the most part.

A strong opposition developed against the year-round school proposal and may have had an effect on parent decision-making over the issue.

If the proposal is approved, West would become a school running on a dual-track calendar with both tra-

ditional and year-round schedules. Parents would have an option as to which schedule they choose for their children.

The board will also hear a proposal regarding the teaching of driver education during the coming school year.

Last year, the state changed regulations governing the driver education program concerning when students could participate. The state said that students could not take driver's education during the five and a half hours of school instruction. That means that other time after school hours would have to be found to teach the course.

Also, beginning with the 1992-93 school year, students will be able to take a written test before entering the driver's education class to possibly exempt the course.

McRae said these changes are being done to comply

with state regulations.

In other business, the revised section G, Personnel Policies, will be presented to the board for final approval.

There has been disagreement over the part of the policy that deals with reduction in force. McRae maintains that seniority should not be the only criterion by which teachers would be let go in case of a needed reduction in force.

Head of the Personnel Policies Committee Betsy Wells said the committee recommended seniority be the key element in deciding who to keep and who to let go.

In addition, the board will review and discuss possible revisions to the elementary reassignment plan, discuss plans for the expansion of the North School Media Center and vote on the Park Grace Elementary School property.

## Dixon excellent teacher

History teacher Allen Dixon received the Teaching Excellence Award at the annual Kings Mountain High School Academic Awards Banquet Monday night.

In addition, 133 students were recognized for achieving and maintaining a 3.75 grade point average throughout their high school career. Thirty-eight freshmen, 32 sophomores, 39 juniors and 24 seniors were honored.

Dixon has taught for 17 years at KMHS. He came here in 1967 after teaching for five years at West Lincoln High School. He taught until 1982, when he went into private business, and returned in 1990.

Dixon, a former KMHS basketball coach, is an avid sports fan and also enjoys music, concerts and gardening. He is a graduate of Western Carolina University and is certified to teach social studies and driver education.

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KMHS Principal Jackie Lavender presents the Excellence in Teaching Award to Allen Dixon at Monday night's Academic Awards Banquet at the school cafeteria. Dixon teaches history.

## 3rd murder charge filed in six weeks

Frederick "Rick" Ferrell Sherrill Jr., 35, former co-operator of The Pizza Place, was killed Wednesday night and his former co-worker, Shepherd Wolfe "Flip" Lanier, 32, is in jail, charged with first degree murder.

Lanier is the third man from Kings Mountain jailed in Cleveland County Jail on homicide charges in the past six weeks.

Darren Schenck, 21, of 206 N. Cansler St., and Charles Francis Hardy, 35, of Groves St., are both charged with the murder of their spouses.

Angela Shapel Adams, 21, of 206 N. Cansler St., died February 24. The baby girl she carried 5 1/2 months was born prematurely after she was shot, and died.

Wednesday, March 4, a sausage delivery man found the knife-riddled body of Karen Hardy, 35, of Groves St., inside Mountaineer Restaurant on York Road. Three hours later her husband was charged with her slaying.

Kings Mountain Police responded to a 911 call at 11:15 p.m. April 1 at 1010 Sherwood Lane and found the body of Sherrill, shot once in the chest with a .44 Magnum.

Lanier, 32, of Oakhurst Mobile Home Park, a cook and delivery man at Pizza Place, was arrested by Kings Mountain Police at 5:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

The shooting took place on the patio of Lanier's parents' home near the Country Club, according to investigating Det. Sgt. Billy Benton, after an alleged altercation between Sherrill and Lanier. Police

say no one else was at the home when the incident occurred. A neighbor called police after hearing gun shots.

Benton said Sherrill and Lanier had worked together at the new Pizza Place before Rick Sherrill took another job in Charlotte as manager of Domino's Pizza Store Inc. Benton said the two men had been drinking.

Other investigating officers were Ptl Wayne Thomas, Ptl. Bob Myers, and Sgt. Derek Johnson. Police also called Special Agent Dan Crawford of the State Bureau of Investigation, to assist in the investigation, which is continuing.

Bond was denied Lanier at a first court appearance Friday morning in Shelby, according to Benton.

Benton said Lanier claims he was acting in self-defense. Benton said the weapon used in the shooting belongs to Lanier. Two rounds were fired, according to the detective.

Rick Sherrill and his brother, Tracy, assisted their father, Rick Sherrill Sr., in opening the new Kings Mountain business several months ago. Rick Sherrill Jr. and his wife, Doris, lived in the Antioch Community near Grover.

Rick Sherrill Jr. was also the son of Joy Miller Revell of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at 6 p.m. at Gordon Mortuary in Blacksburg, SC. Rev. Bert Midyette officiated. Burial was Sunday at 2 p.m. at Catawba Memorial Park in Hickory.

## New sewer plant now in operation

Monday was a history-making day in Kings Mountain.

Shortly before noon the city started pumping sewage to the new Crowders Creek Waste Treatment Plant in Gastonia.

City Manager George Wood said Kings Mountain will gradually decommission the city's old outdated McGill Plant.

Kings Mountain will be paying Gastonia \$63,420.00 per month,

based on \$1.51 per 1,000 gallons over a 30-day period. Wood estimates when the plant is fully operational that the average usage for Kings Mountain will be 1.4 million gallons of sewage per day.

Wood said the payments to Gastonia are the major reason that city council hiked water and sewage rates nine percent effective with the April bills which customers get April 30 from the City

of Kings Mountain.

Wood said the City of Gastonia has not tapped on to all industries along U.S. 321.

Wood says Kings Mountain will direct normal flow to Crowders Creek but has the capability via a new tie-in line on N.C. 161 of diverting overflow to the fire museum pump station and pumping over the ridge to Pilot Creek if necessary. "The problem has been that

McGill could not handle all the flow," said Wood.

Kings Mountain's share of the \$26 million project was \$500,000. An EPA grant provided \$13.9 million. Gastonia, Gaston County, and neighboring towns of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City shared in the cost of the regional plant. Gastonia plans a formal opening ceremony in the near future.

## Council to have work session

City Council will take a look at present and future recreational needs at its second quarterly work session Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Director David Hancock will give an overview of recreation and respond to questions of the seven-member city council in the second-floor conference room at City Hall.

Recreation, one of the big concerns of city council, was evidenced by priority setting at the recent planning retreat. Mayor Pro Tem Norma Bridges chairs the committee. Both Mayor Scott Neisler and Ward 2 Councilman Jim Guyton are former members of the Parks & Recreation committee. City Manager George Wood and

Mayor Neisler instituted the quarterly work sessions with the election of the new administration. Wood said that council members will be provided background information about the various departments of city government.

The agenda is designed in an informal setting for council to spend See City, 3-A



## Mountain Fest shaping up

Get ready! Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for what promoters call the biggest event in the city's history on May 30.

President Ruby Alexander, car show chairman Ronnie Whetstone, and fun run chairman Geeper Howard, say interest is running high among exhibitors for

Mountain Fest '92.

Whetstone said local car enthusiasts are getting their vehicles ready to display in a big car show at KM City Stadium. Howard invites participation in a 10K, 5K and fun run on Saturday morning, May 30. Vendors and craftspeople are being encouraged to reserve a space to See Chamber, 3-A

## KM Credit Union merges with Premier

The merger of Kings Mountain Federal Credit Union Friday ended weeks of monitoring by the National Credit Union Administration.

Premier Federal Credit Union of Greensboro was selected as the merger partner by the NCUA to provide "a solid capital base and to offer more and better services," according to President and Chief Executive Officer Kenneth C. Lane.

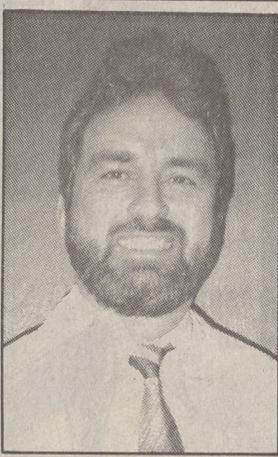
Premier presently serves the employees of Atlantic Spinners Inc. in Bessemer City and the employees of Ingles Food Chain, Cone Mills Corporation's numerous plants with headquarters in Greensboro, and the employees of the City of

Asheville and County of Buncombe, among others.

Lane said that Premier serves 16,000 members throughout the Southeast with assets of \$66 million and is rated among the nation's leading credit unions in safety and soundness. Organized in 1963, Premier offers members a full range of financial services, ranging from regular savings accounts to Individual Retirement Accounts, and from signature loans to home equity loans. Other attractive features include access to automated teller machines and free interest bearing checking accounts. All accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the federal government.

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## KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE



DR. SELLERS

## Dr. Sellers loves to help people

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Of The Herald Staff

Family and church come first with Dr. Terry Sellers, Kings Mountain chiropractor, who celebrated his 15th anniversary in Kings Mountain and his 38th birthday this week.

Sellers smiles as he recalls how he became a professional chiropractor when his goal at 22 was to be a professional student. The love of his life, pretty wife Suzanne suggested when they were dating at Lee College in Cleveland, TN, that he make an appointment with a chiropractor for nagging headaches which had bothered him for years.

"Mother always said my headaches were my pop off valve and God was telling me to stop and slow down," said Sellers, reared in the church and son of retired Church of God minister Rev. Garvin C. and Mary W. Sellers.

"It was neat. My headaches disappeared after the doctor found the vertebrae in my spine slightly out of

place. Not getting adequate rest triggered the headaches. When my spine was properly aligned, the headaches left me," said Sellers who asked himself, "why not help someone else find a remedy for pain?"

Sellers became a student at Lee College after finishing the 11th grade in high school and after 2 1/2 years there entered Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis, MO. He graduated in January 1977 with Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

Moving to Kings Mountain was a big decision for Suzanne and Terry Sellers who were considering Rutherfordton as the place to open their first practice. They had heard about Kings Mountain from a friend of Sellers' mother who had attended a church camp in the area. Walking into First Citizens Bank & Trust, Sellers obtained a loan from banker Charles Hamilton and his initial and only practice became a reality at 108 West Mountain Street on April 4, 1977.

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