

# BOAT

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said she was looking at a stern-wheeler 65-100 feet long and two barges wide which would accommodate 100-150 passengers for a dinner cruise which would end at midnight.

She said when she stated toying with the idea of asking the city for a permit, she had no idea the project would mushroom. Even with a permit she said she didn't know if the proposal would get off the ground. "It may take a year or two to get a boat out there. All this may be so far out in left field that it can't happen."

Hays said she is talking to investors to try to bring a boat similar to the Lake Norman stern-wheeler from the Ohio River but transporting it would be expensive. A boat dock would also have to be built.

"The primary purpose of Moss Lake is Kings Mountain water's supply and that must be our priority," said Pruette.

Buford Cline, Bill Robinson, Burney Stephens, Jerry Ivester, Jerry Sneed, and Howard Harrill said they opposed the venture because of potential noise and trash and space problems. Commission member J. D. Barrett questioned Hays about docking and Pruette reminded that the city ordinances prohibit beer and wine on the lake and he was doubtful city fathers would change the ordinance.

"I'm not a drinker and beer and wine isn't an issue," said Hays, who suggested it would be nice to offer wine with meals on a dinner cruise.

Pruette said he didn't see how the board could grant a permit under a speculative proposal and reminded that most people must post bid bonds.

Larry Wright said he was told when he built at Moss Lake that no business would be permitted. He said he moved from Lake Norman because of the congestion of the waters.

Cline cautioned the board to "take no chances in contaminating the drinking supply."

Robinson said he lived in Sterling, Illinois on the Rock River in a similar size population and a cruise boat lasted three months and went bankrupt. "If you pass this venture you should require that the developers maintain a bond and if they go under they be required to remove the eyesore from the lake."

Stephens said he was concerned with possible pollution. "I don't think the lake is big enough for a boat that size."

The board voted 5-0 against the proposal. Evelyn Hamrick's motion to deny was seconded by Barrett.

City Council has the final say on the issuance of lake permits. Usually, city board takes the recommendation of its advisory board.

"We appreciate Lake residents coming to the meeting tonight and invite you to attend the monthly meetings to keep informed," said Pruette.

In other actions, the board okayed Tony Berry's request to remove stumps and brush from his yard. That recommendation will also be on the upcoming city council agenda.

Other commission members present were Chuck Ballew, Paul Ledford and Billy Hawkins. Chairman Joe Smith was absent due to illness.

■ Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board has canceled its meeting scheduled for October 22 since no scheduled items of business are on the agenda, according to Planning Director Eugene White.



**NEW KIWANIS PRESIDENT** - Jim Potter accepts a congratulatory handshake from Jim Dancy, Lieutenant Governor of the Carolinas Kiwanis, as he is inducted as President of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club Thursday. Members of the Governing Board and officers of the club look on. From left to right, they are Jeff Rosencrans, Ed Williams, David Neisler, Potter, Dancy, George Hatch, Scott Mayse, Tom Howard and Bill Moss, outgoing president.

## Attend town meeting in KM

Earlier this year a Task Force of 150 people were involved in a series of meetings to study and discuss the future of Kings Mountain and Cleveland County. These 150 people, represented all areas of Cleveland County, 20 were from the Kings Mountain area.

This study was sponsored by the governments of Cleveland County, cities of Kings Mountain, Shelby, and Boiling Springs.

The Task Force was directed by the Urban Institute of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. A number of their people were present at all meetings and assisted the various sub-committees in their work. These professionally trained people in urban matters were extremely helpful to the Task Force.

The Task Force was divided into five sub-committees: Health, Transportation/Infrastructure, Economic Development, Education and Historical, Cultural Arts.

Each group sought to identify the strengths and weaknesses of Cleveland County in their assigned subject. The results were that a number of recommendations were made that hopefully will enhance the future of our city and county as we moved rapidly toward the twenty-first century.

The Task Force feels that the results, strategy, and

## GUEST COLUMN

Denise Stallings



recommendations will be worthless unless they are first presented to the people at large for their evaluation, comments and questions. To this end, town meetings have been scheduled for this purpose. They will all be at 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations:  
 October 20, Kings Mountain High School.  
 October 27, Fallston Elementary School.  
 November 5, Upper Cleveland Rescue Squad.  
 November 10, Boiling Springs Elementary School.  
 November 12, Cleveland Community College.

Denise Stallings is executive director of the Cleveland County Health Department.

## New kidney stone treatment available

Shock wave lithotripsy, the latest technological advancement in kidney stone treatment is now available at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Provided through a joint venture of Kings Mountain Hospital and the Carolinas Mobile Lithotripsy Service, this technology allows for the most up-to-date treatment of kidney stones.

This method smashes kidney stones without surgery by focusing sound waves onto it, allowing the patient to pass the pulverized stone naturally. Kidney stones are a common medical ailment in this part of the country. Most are formed in the urinary tract from calcium and oxalic acid in the kidneys.

"We're very pleased to have this service available to our patients," said Huitt Reep, Kings Mountain Hospital administrator. "With the use of this new equipment, we can treat the majority of our kidney stone patients locally."

During this treatment, the patient is positioned on a specially de-

signed table with a water-filled cushion positioned against the lower back and kidney area. X-rays are used to determine the exact location of the stone or stones, then carefully focused shock waves are transmitted through the cushion into the kidney disintegrating the stone. No surgical incision is required and the procedure is normally performed on an outpatient basis. Clinical experience has demonstrated a success rate greater than 95 percent in lithotripsy procedures.

At Kings Mountain Hospital, patients will be treated by Dr. S. N. Nara, a Kings Mountain urologist with the assistance of Ms. Lise Black, director of lithotripsy for the Carolinas Mobile Lithotripsy Service. Other hospital and Carolinas staff members will also be involved.

Along with Kings Mountain Hospital, the Carolinas Mobile Lithotripsy Service travels to eight other hospitals including Frye

Regional Medical Center, The University of North Carolina Hospitals and Anderson Memorial Hospital in South Carolina.

An open house will be held Wednesday morning, October 21, at which time hospital staff members will be allowed to tour the mobile unit and get a demonstration of how the equipment functions. The first patients will be treated in the unit beginning October 22.

■ "Vultures Get No Respect" will be presented Sun., Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park. Participants will learn about interesting birds, as well as see a slide presentation. The event will last about one hour. For information, call 853-5375.

## Stress seminar is Monday

A seminar on stress management sponsored by the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday from 9-11:30 a.m. at Governmental Facilities Center and the public is invited.

President Ruby Alexander said last Thursday's first seminar open to Chamber and non-Chamber members was highly successful and featured a presentation on telephone etiquette by Esther Nelson of Southern Bell Telephone Company in Charlotte.

"This was a particularly popular seminar and the Fire Department's Training Room at City Hall was filled," said Alexander. "By listening to our callers, the 31 participants become a problem solver, able to handle the irate caller, take appropriate action and most of all to learn to put customers first."

Pam Massey, manager of corporate/external affairs for Southern Bell, helped arrange both seminars and also was highly pleased with the response.

Thursday's session will open with registration at 9 a.m. Kings Mountain native Judy Byers Ross, Southern Bell staff manager, Human Resources, will lead participants in identifying their own stress levels through stress assessment surveys and then identifying

the cause of the stress and experience relaxation techniques and biofeedback to deal with it.

Registration is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for non members.

Employers and others in management positions are encouraged to take advantage of the seminar, said Alexander.

"As professionals, our lives are impacted not only by our jobs, but our family, civic responsibilities, etc. Everywhere we look is stress," said Massey.

Glenn Anderson is seminar chairman.

■ American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Building.

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