

# BUDGET

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McRae said energy, insurance and book costs go up every year and more money is needed to fund a local teaching job for a combination class and teacher assistant positions at the Middle School for an alternative school classroom. He said funds are included in the budget for random drug testing and Hepatitis B inoculations and \$21,000 for computer upgrades at East School and Kings Mountain Middle School and \$8,000 for software for the testing program. The budget anticipates cuts in the Community In Schools program. McRae said the Community In Schools program began in the 1980's. He is recommending that the program "does not continue as it now exists."

The discussion of the preliminary budget was on the agenda for Monday's regular board of education meeting. The budget will sit on the table until the public hearing April 5. The April meeting has been moved up one week due to Easter holidays.

In other actions, the board: Approved the system-wide and local school plans for participation in the Performance Based Accountability Program after presentations by Jean Thrift and Ronnie Wilson. Representatives from all seven schools presented in-depth plans at a recent day-long work session attended by school board members.

Kings Mountain school personnel must be successful on 46 of the 51 performance indicators to qualify for more money as part of a differentiated pay plan. Board member B. S. Peeler said teachers have set high standards for themselves and the students. Each school has approved a plan which supports board goals for the system.

"If state averages go up we have to maintain one standard deviation above" said Peeler.

The board approved the school calendar for 1993-94.

Vice Chairman Priscilla Mauney announced that the Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame banquet spotlighting athletes would be held March 29 and the annual KMHS academic awards banquet would be held April 1. She took the occasion to congratulate the cast and directors of "Sound of Music" for "a job well done" and North and West School students who placed high in the recent "Odyssey of the Mind" competition.

The board presented a plaque to Coach Dave Kienlen and members of the KMHS Swim Team, 1993 NCHSAA I/A/2A/3A state champs after only four years of competitive swimming.

Chairman Ronnie Hawkins appointed board member Billy Houze to the Lutz Foundation scholarship committee.

The board approved Coach Larry Sipe's request for a 10th annual Champions of Tomorrow basketball camp to be held at Kings Mountain High School June 7-12 and the first basketball camp for girls to be directed by Coach Candy Albergine June 14-21 at Kings Mountain Middle School. The cost of the camp for girls and boys elementary and middle school age is \$45. The girls camp cost is \$30.

The board approved seven student transfer requests and hired Sean Brennan, Science teacher at KM Middle School, and Robin Kiser, media specialist at KM Middle School, interim for Holly Godfrey on leave of absence.

The board accepted resignations from Norma Black, West School cafeteria worker, and announced retirement of Mary Anthony, long-time secretary at West School. The board approved substitute teachers Melissa Pasour, certified; and Nancy Rowell Page, Jennifer Anderson, Carol Hluch, Barbara Elaine Mayes and Lori Vaun Hays Welch, non-certified.

Board member Shearra Miller introduced Grover fifth graders April Curry and Haley Gingles who led the Pledge of Allegiance in English and in Spanish.



**GOOD CITIZENS** - These Bethware students were recently honored with the Principal's Award for good citizenship. They are, left to right, front row, Whitney Mullen, Bradley Smith, Tina Sotthanirasy, Ashley McDaniel, Steven Brown, Jesse Reynolds. Second row, Courtney Osteen, Laura Linnekin, Heather Thompson, Alecia Dahl, Amber Funderburk, Amber Dotson. Back row, Joshua Ball, Virginia Ware, Amanda Conrad, Natasha Crocker, Candice Lovelace, Jamie Parnell, Amy Pullen, Nikki Brafford. Brad Bell and Haley Hopson were absent.

# MAUNEY

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down. His father needed him to program the new computers the company was installing. Mauney started out on a card system computer, moved to hard disc drives and now is looking at upgrading the computer system to track inventory. Recently he put in a system to replace time clocks, transmitting information directly from time clocks in the plant to a main frame computer. An employee punches in and out and his or her pay is automatically computerized, eliminating costly paper work. A small plastic card holds all the information needed to make the payroll.

Mauney says that the hosiery business is changing every day and he sees textiles an exciting field for young college graduates. He has a good rapport with other industrial leaders through his activity with Catawba Valley Hosiery Association of which he served as president. Although there is competition, he said that the various companies help each other when particular items and styles are needed to meet a deadline for production.

Mauney Hosiery is electronically oriented. New high speed knitting machines has made a marked difference in production with a quicker turn around time. "We can change the styles of a sock on a dime using the new machinery and computers," Kemp said. Upper scale, high quality products is how Mauney describes the socks which come out of production, as many as 30,000 dozen pairs a week.

Mauney's sock production gathered steam in World War II when the firm received orders from the U.S. government. During the war years from 1943-45 Mauney produced six million pairs of Army and Navy socks for men and women in the military.

"Some of the government orders have slowed but

we expect this part of the business to pick up," said Mauney.

A 1970 graduate of Asheville School for Boys, Mauney earned his business degree from North Carolina State University. He came to work at the family plant full time after graduation from college. Another summer job he held during high school and college was at Hoke Electric Company where he worked for Dan Finger.

Other members of his family also continue in the business. His brother-in-law David Faunce, is general manager and his cousin, Eddie Mauney, is production manager. His father, who has been in the business 53 years, is chairman of the board of directors. Son of Mary and W. K. Mauney Jr., he has three sisters, Sarah Frances Faunce, Mary Leigh Broadwell and Martha Jane Mauney, all of Kings Mountain.

"Dad is quite proud of the fact that he is our oldest employee but we have many other employees who have been with the company many years," said Mauney. "Longevity of our employees speaks well for our company."

Mauney said the firm prides itself in numerous benefits for employees.

Mauney is married to Debbie Sprouse Mauney and they have two children, Will IV, a Kings Mountain Middle School eighth grader, and Amy, 10, a North School student. They are active in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church where Kemp is a former church treasurer. Kemp is also a past president of Kings Mountain Jaycees and Kings Mountain Lions Club.

Hobbies for the family include snow skiing trips to Beech Mountain and Sugar Mountain, sailing at the beach or at Moss Lake and golfing.

School and church activities with the children are important. Mrs. Mauney is a full time homemaker and avid PTO supporter.

Will Kemp encourage his son to follow in the family tradition and work for Mauney Hosiery? "Only time will tell," he grins.

## I-85 Service road to be closed

Beginning March 15, a section of the north I-85 Service Road between Billy Graham Parkway and Ashley Road at Executive Street will be closed for 12 to 18 months in Charlotte.

Businesses near Executive Street can be reached using alternate routes. One route is I-85 from Freedom Drive to Billy Graham Parkway. Also, Ashley Road to

Tuckaseegee Road to Mulberry Church Road and Ashley Road to Wilkinson Boulevard to Mulberry Church Road can be used as alternate routes.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation urges all motorists to stay alert during the construction on I-85 and surrounding areas. Motorists should allow extra time for traveling.

## Campbell elected chairman of Democrats

West Precinct Democrats Thursday reelected Rev. M. L. Campbell as chairman and elected delegates to the county convention April 17 at 10 a.m. at the Cleveland County Office Building.

East Precinct Democrats will meet Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center to elect officers and representatives to the county convention.

Grover Precinct Democrats reelected Steve Wells as chairman.

Other officers of West Precinct are Shearra Miller, first vice-chairman; Albert Perkins Sr., second

vice-chairman; Larry Hamrick Sr., third vice-chairman; Katherine Hicks, secretary; and Bill Hager, treasurer. Other members of the committee are Willie Marable, Hal Plonk, C. T. Carpenter and Don Campbell.

Delegates to the county convention are Campbell, Bill Hager, Ina Hager, Karen Bennett, who is vice chairman of the county Democratic Party, Hicks, Phil Hager, Donald Campbell, Perkins, Marable, Miller, Hamrick, Carpenter and Plonk.

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# SCHOOL TAX

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"Are the schools concerned about how the money would be distributed?" asked B. S. Peeler, who noted that some schools raise considerably more funds than others on special solicitations from the public.

McRae suggested that a flat sum be paid to each school followed by a per pupil amount.

"The question is do we want kids to knock on doors and pay for fund raisers that way or pay an extra penny on taxes," said McRae.

McRae said some folks may object to the tax raise because some folks may not buy the products offered by the school fund raisers.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

	March 3-9	Year Ago
Total precipitation	2.15	1.74
Maximum one day	2.15 (3)	1.55 (6)
Year to date	14.84	9.28
Minimum temperature	27 (5)	47 (4)
Maximum temperature	67 (8)	78 (9)
Average temperature	48.9	62.2

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