



Blazing heat continues

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Stops sales

New policy eliminates selling door-to-door

Door-to-door selling by Kings Mountain students in K-middle school was eliminated by Kings Mountain Board of Education in a new policy approved last week.

The policy was first proposed four months ago by Supt. Dr. Bob McRae who floated the idea then of a one cent increase in supplemental tax, from 17 cents to 18 cents, to take the place of the pedaling of sale items by children.

Now that county commissioners have approved the hike in the new fiscal year budget to take care of student sales, the policy is effective with next school year.

The only exception to the policy allows middle school students to participate in minor projects within the schools. McRae said at Thursday's meeting that students there can sell items to their classmates within the school for certain projects such as the annual Valentine's Day event.

Kings Mountain High School students can still conduct fund-raising activities but the policy states that student sales be limited to raising money for quality, not extravagant programs.

The second policy approved by the board at the July meeting Thursday will limit the number of foreign exchange students at Kings Mountain High School to three students per year. Last year six foreign exchange students studied in Kings Mountain. Students will be placed in the 11th grade, rather than the 12th as first proposed and will be permitted, if they qualify, to participate in graduation exercises and be given a certificate.

McRae suggested that by limiting the number of students that the students could be given more attention.

In other actions, the board: Approved milk and bread bids from Waldensian Bakery and Flavor Rich Company.

Approved the recommendation by the Cleveland County Board of Education to reappoint Dr. L. Gene

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Bethware parent Donna Parnell speaks at Thursday's board of education meeting at which a new interim principal was appointed at Bethware School. Other Bethware parents are in the background.

Accor new Bethware principal

Mary Accor, Assistant Principal at Kings Mountain Middle School, was named interim principal of Bethware School by the Kings Mountain Board of Education Thursday night.



ACCOR

The board moved to fill most vacancies for the fall term of school. The board is expected to name a replacement for Accor soon.

Greg Payseur, assistant principal at Bethware/Grover Schools, will continue in that position. Payseur has filled in for Principal Hugh Holland, who has been ill with back problems, and who was approved for short disability by the board on Thursday.

Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said that Holland may be able to return to his duties after the first of the year.

Prior to the appointments, two parents from the Bethware Community urged the board to appoint Payseur to the interim position.

Kim Griffin and Donna Parnell praised Payseur for his leadership at Bethware during Holland's illness last year and said he deserved the promotion. "My child hasn't known any other principal," said Griffin of his son who attends Bethware. About a dozen parents were in the audience but several said after the meeting that they didn't realize they could speak on the subject before being placed on an agenda.

Rev. M. L. Campbell, who did not sign up to speak but asked Chairman Ronnie Hawkins to permit him to speak, urged the board to use their best judgment in the appointment.

Payseur said after the meeting that he was disappointed. "I have always wanted only what was best for the children," he said. McRae said Holland could have continued in his position, utilizing sick days, but he put the children and the school system ahead of his own personal interests.

A Grover native, Accor has been employed by Kings Mountain Schools 13 years and has been an

assistant principal for five years, serving first at the Kings Mountain Junior High and then at the Middle School. She taught language arts at Central School for a number of years and also headed up the migrant education program at Grover School.

A 1979 graduate of Livingstone College in Salisbury, she holds a B.A. in Intermediate Education and double masters degrees in education administration and supervision. She is working toward an Ed.S. in education administration for an advanced certificate. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shear. Accor is married to Charles Accor of Grover and they have a son, Charles Jr., who is a fifth grade student at Grover School. The family is active in St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church in Grover. Mrs. Accor is on the advisory council for CODAP.

Accor, who reported to her new job this week, said that she looked forward to working with the 500 students enrolled in K-5. Head Start and SKATES and the staff at

See Accor, 8-A

Three more for seats

Finger, Greene, Joy in running

Three more candidates--incumbents Fred Finger and Elvin Greene and newcomer Gary Joy--filed for City Council this week, bringing the number to 10 seeking four seats up for grabs in October.

It's now a four-man race in Ward 3, where Joy, Charlie Smith and Gilbert Hamrick seek to unseat Greene.

In Ward 5, Finger is challenged by newcomer Rick Murphrey.

Former mayor Kyle Smith, Jerry Mullinax and Frank Brackett are running for the at-large seat held by Councilman Al Moretz, who has not announced plans for seeking reelection.

In Ward 4, Jim Childers has filed for the seat now held by Councilman Jerry White who has not announced if he will seek reelection.

Joy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Joy, said he decided to throw his hat in the ring after taking the floor at a recent council meeting to protest higher rates for services and a growing city budget. Joy, who was born in Mooresville but has lived in Kings Mountain almost all his life, is a metals subcontractor for Dilling Heating. He is married to Linda Kay Boone Joy and they have two children, Christopher and Erin Joy.

In a filing statement, Joy said "I would consider it an honor and a privilege to represent the citizens of Kings Mountain as a member of City Council. If elected, I will use a common sense, fair and equal, financially responsible approach to all decisions. Anyone wishing to discuss my views and to express their own, please call me after 7 p.m. at 739-2665."

Finger, who is completing two terms on the board, is retired from Eaton Corporation and is a Mason



FINGER



GREENE



JOY

and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. He has served on the utility commission since its inception five years ago. A Kings Mountain native, he is married, the father of three children and grandfather of seven. Mrs. Finger is a retired nurse at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Ronnie Hawkins is the only candidate filing to date for the Kings Mountain Board of Education. Terms of Hawkins and C. A. Allison, representing outside district residents, and Priscilla Mauney, at large representative, are expiring in December. Mrs. Mauney, in a letter to the editor in today's Herald, said she won't seek reelection.

Deadline for filing for city and school board elections is August 6. Candidates for Wards 3, 4, and 5 must reside in their respective wards and the at-large candidate must reside within the city limits of

See Candidates, 9-A

KMMS program targets dropouts

Kings Mountain Middle School's nearly 1,000 students will embark on an extensive student support program in the fall to take the place of in-school suspensions.

Principal John Goforth said the program is designed to increase the school's support for at-risk students and to cut the dropout rate.

Bill Hager, former director of Community In Schools program, will serve as coordinator of the accelerated learning lab and was named to the position by the board of education Thursday. The Community Schools program was not funded for next school year.

Florri Hamrick, chairman of the support program, Amy Allen and Amy Ross explained the program for members of the board and got

See Program, 9-A



BILL HAGER

Water meeting for Dixon set

An information meeting for Dixon School Road residents interested in hooking up to Kings Mountain's new water line are invited to attend an informational meeting July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain City Hall.

Community Services Director Tom Howard and other officials will be on hand to discuss probable costs such as tap fees, meter deposits, administration fees and Kings Mountain's monthly billing procedures.

The City of Kings Mountain and the Department of Transportation has begun a survey and design of the water line to run

See Water, 7-A



KM hits 100 degrees once again as the summer heat wave continues.

KM SIZZLES

Record heat wave continuing

Whew! It's hot.

Kings Mountain citizens were mopping their brows and praying for rain this week but the weatherman was promising no respite from the sizzling temperatures which reached 100 degrees and above for six straight days.

Local weather watcher Ken Kitzmiller thinks his thermometer is stuck on 100, recording daytime highs of 104 and evening lows of 72.

Kitzmiller said Sunday night's sprinkle of rain at his house barely covered the bottom of his rain gauge, noting that only a little over one inch of rain has fallen during the sultry month of July. June was not much better.

Afternoon highs have soared and stayed there and the weatherman says the mercury will continue to rise the remainder of the week.

Haynes enforcing KM laws

Ptl. Linda Haynes, the city's animal control officer, takes her job seriously.

"I hate to lock up dogs but that's my job and I have to enforce the leash law," says Haynes, who reminds owners that their pets can be picked up as a stray if they aren't wearing a collar and tags.

Haynes says she makes every effort to return animals if they are tagged. The perky little dog she picked up on her shift recently wasn't wearing a collar and she had to lock him up. She gives the animals water but they still get hot.

Linda says that dog owners are fined \$15 for the first offense and \$25 for each offense thereafter and can be cited to court. Cost of a city

dog tag is \$2.50. Cost of a rabies tag and rabies vaccination is \$6 at most veterinary clinics. There is no leash law for cats but cats are required to be vaccinated for rabies.

Haynes has seen a big turnover in the stray dog population since the leash law went into effect and she said most citizens are cooperative.

"Mine is never a boring job," said Linda, who recommends that other women train as policewomen and also as dog warden. Captain Bob Hayes says Haynes, the first woman detective in Cleveland County, returned to her old duties as dog warden 18 months ago and loves it. Linda also pulls duty as a patrolman, when needed, and is

skilled in administering breathalyzer tests.

Haynes rose through the ranks, starting as a dispatcher. Detective status was always in the back of her mind and she didn't let the fact that she is just 5'4" tall bother her or anyone else.

"There's a lot of footwork and knocking on doors," she said, adding, "a female has to prove herself." She worked in the detective division for two years before the SET team was organized and she went from the detective division back to the patrol division.

"Even when I make an arrest, I try to put myself in their position. It might be their first arrest," says

See Haynes, 8-A



The city dog warden, Linda Haynes, says the stray dog she's holding needs a home. Dogs don't like this unusually hot weather, either, and Linda warns pet owners to give their pets plenty of water and keep them on leashes or inside a fence.