

# Little leagues need sponsors

Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is asking local businesses and industries to sponsor girls and boys baseball and softball teams this season. Because the department receives no money to sponsor teams it must raise \$35,700 to outfit all the teams and purchase necessary equipment and pay umpires.

Over \$20,000 has been raised thus far, but the department is far short of its needs as the season rapidly approaches. Recreation Director Bruce Clark said other teams must have sponsors within the next two weeks.

Clark said approximately \$850 is needed to sponsor and outfit a team. After the initial year sponsorship costs will decrease to about \$250 to \$300 because uniforms will not have to be purchased every year.

"I don't understand what has happened in the past, but it really doesn't concern me," he said. "What I'm concerned about is that we get good sponsors and have them feel good about us being responsible for their equipment and uniforms in the future so that once the initial fee is over the yearly sponsorship cost will decrease."

"I think this is a great service that businesses can provide for young people and it serves as a great advertising tool for their companies."

Clark said many businesses are sponsoring both boys and girls teams this year, which results in about \$1,500 of support. "It's very much appreciated and it would certainly be nice if others would consider helping these young boys and girls with recreation activities for the summer."

Anyone interested in helping sponsor a team may call Athletic Director Dale Greene at 739-9631, or Clark at 734-0449.

# KM golfers fourth in SWC

Kings Mountain High's golfers finished fourth in the Southwestern 3-A Conference tournament which concluded with an 18-hole round Monday at Cleghorne Golf Club near Rutherfordton.

The first round was held last Monday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The Mountaineers were in second place behind champion R-S Central going into the final round, but their score ballooned to a 685.

R-S won with a 311-312-623. South Point came on strong to finish second with a 343-332-675, and North Gaston was third with a 336-342-678.

Kings Mountain shot 333-352-685, followed by Burns 347-344-

691, Shelby 362-338-700, and East Rutherford 368-374-742.

Jason Harrill of R-S Central was the individual champion with a 77-77-154. For his performance, he will be recognized as SWC Golfer of the Year.

The Hilltoppers dominated the event with the lowest four scores. Following Harrill was first round leader Shane Dotson with a 76-80-156, John Fenton with a 79-77-156 and Greg Owens with a 79-78-157.

Kings Mountain's Brad Leonard finished fifth with a 79-80-159, followed by Steve Denton of North Gaston 80-82-162, Josh Fortenberry of South Point 81-81-162, and Hill Hudson of Shelby

85-78-163.

The top eight individuals earn All-Conference honors.

Kings Mountain's individual scores for the second round were Leonard 80, Chad Huffman 86, Blair Williams 91 and Sage Fulton 95.

The Mountaineers will compete in the Cleveland County Tournament Thursday at Pine Grove. They will return to Cleghorne next Monday for the Western Regional Tournament, which will be a 27-team field. The top three teams and top three individuals who are not members of qualifying teams will qualify for the state tournament the following Monday

## Sports Briefs

### Roll-off to determine bowling champ

A split with R.W. Hullender was all Jack Barrett needed to wrap up the fourth quarter championship in the Mixed Duckpin Bowling League Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

Barrett finished the quarter with a 21-11 record while Hullender was 18-14, John Dilling 15-17 and Mark Midgette 10-22.

Midgette and Hullender, who also won a quarter, will meet in a roll-off to determine which team will face Barrett next Tuesday night for the overall league championship.

All three members of Barrett's team topped the 300-set mark Tuesday. Barrett had a 127 line and 360 set, Irene Ruley had a 128-311 and Margo Spargo had a 112-301. R.W. Hullender led his team and all scorers with a 140 line and 386 set.

John Dilling bowled a 1267 line and 367 set to lead his team to a 2-2 split with Mark Midgette. Midgette led his group with a 139-359.

### Foothills golfers compete at KMCC

Kings Mountain Country Club Ladies Golf Association hosted the Foothills Golf League at KMCC Tuesday. Fifty-three ladies representing 11 golf clubs participated.

Overall winner was Sharon Hinkle of Cowan's Ford Country Club with a gross 78. Mary Leigh Broadwell of Kings Mountain was second in the first flight with an 87.

Other winners from Kings Mountain were Shirley Austin, third low net in the second flight

with a 78; Anne Pouchak, first low net in the third flight with a 77; Doris Howze, first low gross in the fourth flight with a 102; Debbie Sanders, second low gross in the fourth flight with a 103; Debbie Van Dyke, first low gross in the fifth flight with a 104; and Pam Jackson, third low gross in the fifth flight with a 119.

### JV Mountaineers outscore Shelby

Kings Mountain High's JV baseball team defeated Shelby 14-10 Monday to pull into a tie for first place with R-S Central in the Southwestern 3-A Conference.

Paul Neisler's Mountaineers, 5-2 in the SWC and 7-4 overall, will host R-S Central for the conference championship Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Mountaineers will compete in the SWC tournament next week in Shelby.

Allen Ware hurled Monday's victory and Jeff Moses recorded a save.

Justin Champion led the KM plate attack with 3-for-5 and two runs batted in. Andy Ross was 1-for-1 with two RBI, Wesley Bridges 2-for-4 with two RBI, Jeff Moses 2-for-4 with one RBI, and Chris Burns 1-for-2 with two RBI.

### Jones scores ace at KM Country Club

Tom Jones of Gastonia recorded a hole-in-one on the par three, 156-yard 17th hole Friday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Jones was in a twosome with his wife, Brenda.

### Wrestling Friday at National Guard

The Professional Wrestling Federation will return to Kings Mountain National Guard Armory Friday at 8 p.m.

The main event will be a 10-man Bunkhouse Stampede with over the top rope elimination and anything goes.

Tickets are available in advance at the Armory, Allen's Florist, and Floating Affections for \$6. Tickets at the door will be \$8. Donations will be accepted for the Leukemia Society of America.

For more information, call 739-4741.

### County Y plans 5-K run May 7

The Cleveland County Family YMCA is organizing a 5K race on Springfest morning, Saturday, May 7. All proceeds will go to the YMCA "Send a Kid to Camp" scholarship fund for needy children.

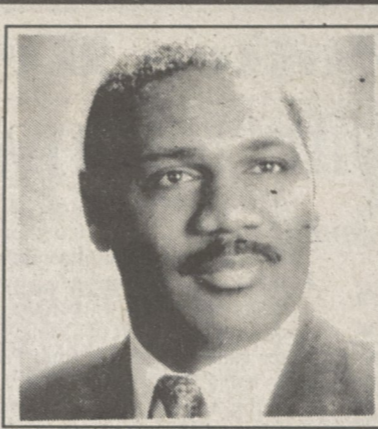
The race begins at 8:30 a.m. at the court square in Shelby. Fees are \$8 in advance and \$10 race day.

The race is co-sponsored by Shelby Eye Center, Cleveland County Physical Therapy and Cleveland Memorial.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female runners and the winner in each age division. T-shirts and other giveaways are being provided.

All area runners are encouraged to participate.

For more information or to pre-register, call the YMCA at 484-9622.



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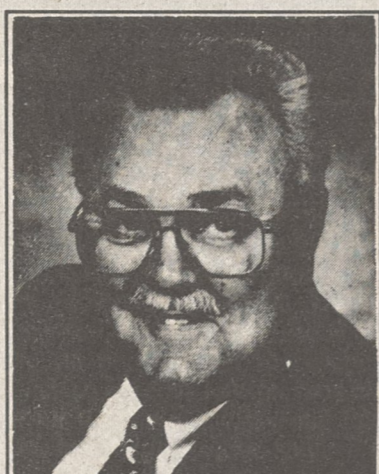


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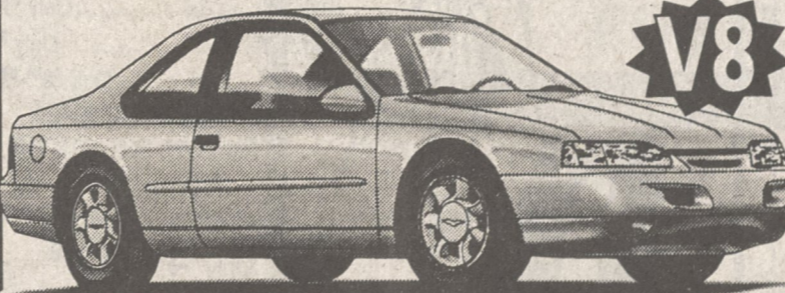


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