

## Soccer teams to play at Gardner-Webb

**BOILING SPRINGS** - In what participants called a monumental arrangement, Gardner-Webb University Thursday announced it would become the home site for the Greater Cleveland County Soccer Association, and that the university would pursue the development of a premier regional soccer complex on its campus.

Bill Young, GCCSA director of tournament activities, announced that the first result of the partnership will be a regional tournament at Gardner-Webb November 10-12 with teams competing from across Western North Carolina. The event, which is expected to draw between 1,500 and 2,500 people, will officially be named the Gardner-Webb University Regional Soccer Tournament.

For some time, Gardner-Webb's long-range athletic goals have included plans of improving its soccer facilities. When the university's administration, Bulldog Club and Board of Advisors learned of the GCCSA's need for a home, all parties felt the timing was perfect for the new arrangement, as the GCCSA could benefit from the improvements made to the GWU playing facilities while centralizing all of its soccer activities.

The arrangement means the GCCSA's 700 young people, from preschool to high school ages, will play together at one location on Saturday for a minimum of 14 weeks out of the year while league games are scheduled. In addition to league games, the university's facilities will be used for all tournaments and special camps coordinated by the GCCSA.

GCCSA President Rod Rockwell formally accepted Gardner-Webb's invitation from university President Dr. Chris White at a news conference Thursday on the G-W campus. "You have Gardner-Webb

University offering what will be the best soccer facility in the western portion of North Carolina," Rockwell said. "That is a gift most soccer families will never get the opportunity to enjoy."

Dr. White explained that developing the premiere soccer complex in the region has now become a part of the university. "It is a dream we will actively pursue from this day forth," he said. "The excitement is there, for the university and the soccer association. It is a great occasion, a great day, as our two organizations show what can be accomplished together for our young people."

Roger Holland, vice president and board member of the GCCSA as well as a member of the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors, said that the agreement is a "win-win" situation for Gardner-Webb and the association. On behalf of

the GCCSA, he credited Dr. White and Gardner-Webb for having a progressive vision for the university and the county.

"The soccer players, their friends and families will immediately realize the benefits of Gardner-Webb's outstanding facilities," Holland explained. "And the university will become a focal point of activity for hundreds of young people several times a year. This partnership is definitely advantageous to the soccer community, the community at large and the region."

Representatives from the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission, Boiling Springs Town Council and Cleveland County Commissioners joined hundreds of GCCSA members who were present for the announcement.

## East School area to organize Community Watch

Local police are hoping that Community Watch will soon be popular in most every community.

More than 50 people signed up in the East School neighborhood recently and Police Chief Bob Hayes and Community Officer Ron Creech are working to help organize the groups which can then have their personal belongings marked for identification with an electric engraver.

Hayes and Creech outlined plans for developing a Community Watch network before the Cleveland County Communities In Schools committee at Grace United Methodist Church Tuesday.

Linda McKnight, East School site coordinator, said at least six neighborhoods are interested in Community Watch after a public meeting last week at East School at which Chief Hayes was speaker.

Awareness of each neighbor's

need is the target of the committee which enlisted Boy Scouts from East School in distributing literature in the neighborhoods close to the school.

Hayes said that local police have organized 17 Community Watches in the Kings Mountain area. A Community Watch can be organized in any area of the city with as few as 10 people, he said.

"Engraving your personal belongings with your driver's license number is a valuable tool in finding that property if it should be stolen," he told the group.

"Don't think of Community Watch as ratting on your neighbors," said Creech, who said that community involvement is needed in the success of the program to protect all families in the area. He encourages citizens to report suspicious activities anonymously to police.

## Parent Involvement Month at Bethware School

Parent Involvement Month is under way at Bethware Elementary School.

The school is using the theme "Our Parents are Beary Special."

Last week parents received a newsletter entitled "The Bear Facts," and this week each student is receiving a positive note to take

home, entitled "Bearing Good News From School."

October 16-20, the school will observe "Beary Good Parent Participation Week" in which parent conferences will be held.

October 23-27 will be "Beary Delicious Parent Picnic Day"

## KM girls lose in state tennis tournament

Kings Mountain High's girls tennis team lost to T.C. Roberson 6-3 in the opening round of the state dual team tennis tournament Tuesday at Roberson.

Kings Mountain's Jackie Houston and Kristi Koenig won singles matches and also teamed for a doubles victory.

Kings Mountain's girls will now enter into state singles and doubles competition where Houston is two-time defending state champion in singles.

Jackie Houston (KM) d. Megan Troy 6-0, 6-0; Koenig (KM) d. Jennifer Solms 6-0, 6-0; Bettina Morgan (R) d. Laddy Phanthalack 6-0, 6-4; Christy Richard (R) d. Nikki Ormand 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; Katarine Baylan (R) d. Vicky Prasonghphine 6-7, 6-1, 8-6; Meg Meredith (R) d. Julie Robbins 6-3, 7-5;

### (Doubles)

Houston-Koenig (KM) d. Troy-Solms 10-0; Morgan-Schetina (R) d. Phanthalack-Ormand 10-3; Meredith-Richard (R) d. Prasonghphine-Robbins 10-3.

(Singles)

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biggest teams in the state, led by major college recruits Derek Chambers and Marco Maddox on defense. They've set up residence in opposing teams' backfields and should present the toughest challenge Kings Mountain's talented running game has faced.

"Offensively, the Bulldogs have a good 1-2 running attack in half-backs Sherwin Brown and Duke-

bound Scotty Montgomery, and sophomore southpaw quarterback Wesley Greene has given the Bulldogs a tremendously improved passing game.

Massey said other than a few bumps and bruises the Mountaineers should be in top physical condition, and he's depending on a huge home crowd to work in the Mounties' favor.

"We want our people to fill the stands and wear black and gold," Massey said. "The fans are going to be a big part of how we'll play."

## SENIORS

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basketball shoot, football throw, 200 meter dash and 400 meter dash.

Ruth Mayhew, silver for discus, shotput, and 100 meter dash and bronze for football throw. Tom Mayhew, gold for horseshoes and football throw; silver for discus and spincasting; and bronze for 100 meter dash and 1500 meter race walk.

Wilford Morris, gold for badminton mixed doubles and silver

for badminton doubles.

Lonnie Proctor, gold for badminton singles, badminton doubles, badminton mixed doubles, cycling 1 mile, cycling 5K, cycling 10K, shotput, standing long jump and softball throw and silver, discus.

Vanda Whisnant, gold for badminton singles and bronze for table tennis.

Bill Young, silver for badminton doubles and running long jump. Participants are already looking forward to next spring when the 1996 Senior Games will be played in Cleveland County.



**HOLLY SHYTLE**  
Shytle wins pageant

Holly Shytle won the Teen Miss America's Most Beautiful title at the Mooresville preliminary pageant held last Saturday, and will compete for the S.C. state title later this month in Columbia.

Holly is a freshman at Blacksburg High School where she is a member of the chorus, girls volleyball team, and Christian Athlete's Club. She is the daughter of Jamie and Gail Shytle and granddaughter of Tom and Millie Shytle, all of Blacksburg; and granddaughter of Nancy and Leroy Blake of Grover.

Holly has also recently won several other titles, including Carolina Star's National Teen Miss, Rock Hill's Teen Miss Shamrock Princess, first runner-up Teen Miss Cherokee County, first runner-up America's Most Beautiful N.C. State Teen Miss, second runner up S.C. State Rodeo Teen Miss, and first runner-up Teen Miss Shelby.

In addition, Holly is a graduate of Joan Baker's Modeling School and has attended John Casablanca's School of Modeling. She is to be featured in an ad in an upcoming edition of a national pageant magazine.

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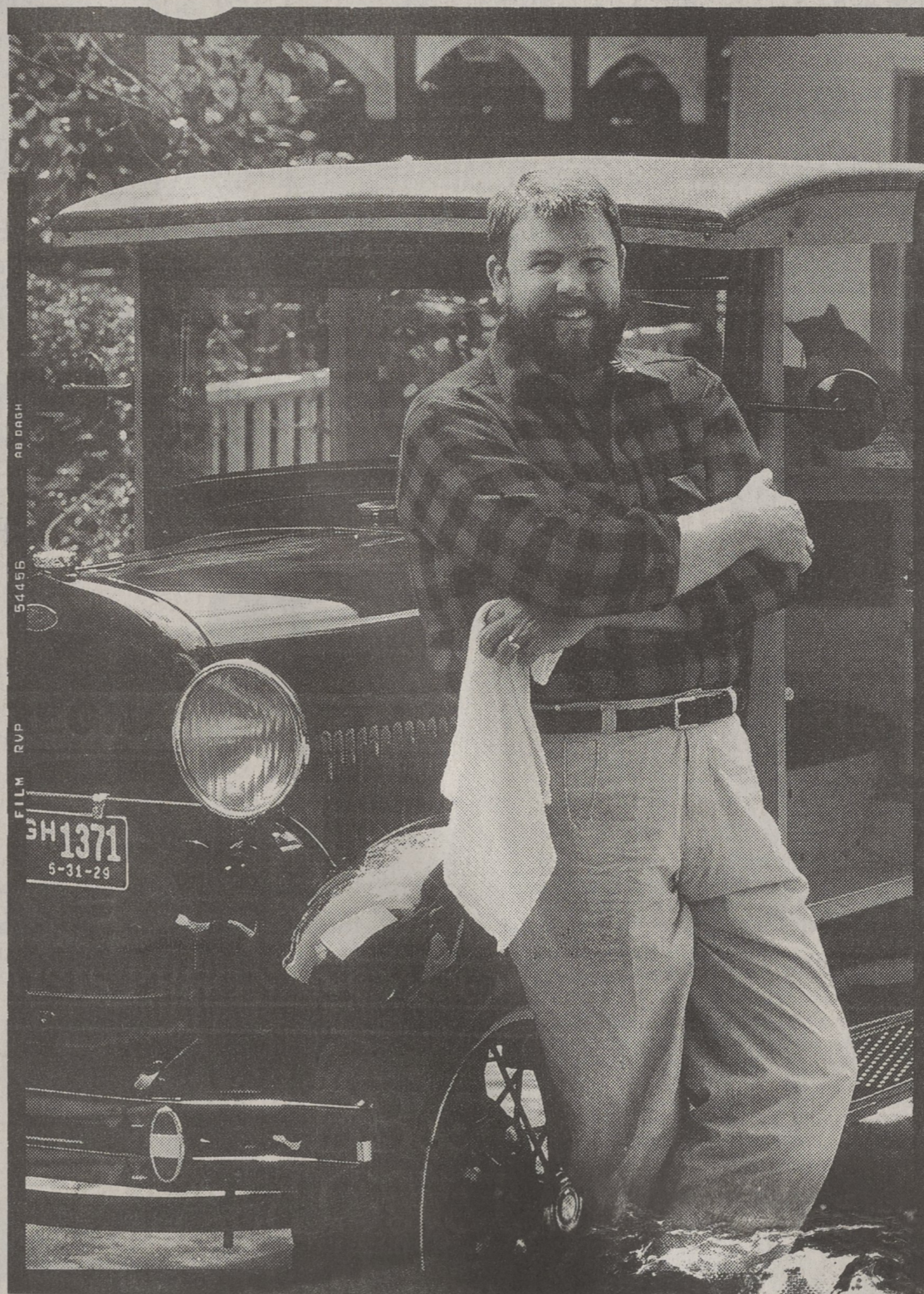
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