

KM Schools to host All-District Band Clinic

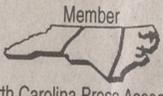
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Briefs

KM United Fund surpasses its goal

Kings Mountain United Fund has topped its 1995-96 goal of \$125,145.

President Nancy Scism and Drive Chairman Mikie Smith were elated and were calling all campaign workers late Tuesday with the news that the drive was over and the goal had been attained.

"It's been a long drive and the goal has been hard to reach but with the generosity of Kings Mountain citizens we have made it," said Scism.

The layoff of plant workers and the closing of the Clevemont Mill hurt the campaign, said Scism, who said workers have been scurrying for weeks to get last-minute solicitation completed.

"Because of the slowness in the economy now we have decided to forfeit the annual celebration dinner and apply that money to the fund drive," said Scism.

Scism said that both she and drive chairman Smith and industry co-chairmen Maude Norris of Anvil Knitwear and Rita Lawing of Clevemont agreed that the celebration dinner would not be in order.

"Mrs. Smith and all her committees have done a super job and industry, which always leads the fund-raising effort, came out on top again and we are so pleased," she said.

Gifts to 16 agencies and charitable organizations benefit from Kings Mountain United Fund which solicits one gift for many through pledges and payroll deduction plans and cash contributions.

Some beer licenses could be revoked

It's possible that some businesses could lose their permits to sell beer as the result of the recent sting by police of local establishments with video machines.

Kings Mountain Police Department forwarded the arrest log to the North Carolina ABC Board in Raleigh which will review the findings and if pertinent schedule hearings, according to Ken Gilliam of the state office.

Gilliam said it would probably be as long as four weeks before the state commission makes the review.

Health Council meeting planned

The Kings Mountain District Schools Health Council will meet Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teacher Center at Central School.

The public is invited.

Financial workshop Thursday at KMHS

All parents of seniors planning to attend a college, university, community college or trade/technical school in the fall are encouraged to attend the 1996 Financial Aid Workshop January 25 at 7 p.m. at the KMHS cafeteria.

Eileen Dills of Queens College will instruct on how to file for financial aid and how to complete the financial aid forms. The free application for federal student aid forms are now available.

For more information, contact KMHS Counselor Anita M. Campbell at 734-5647.

Macbeth set Feb. 5 at KM High School

The KMHS English Department will host the Barter Theatre and its production of Macbeth Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at Barnes Auditorium. All KMHS English and history students will receive extra credit for attending.

Tickets, which are \$2 for students and \$4 for adults, will go on sale at Mauney Memorial Library and the KMHS office beginning Monday.

KM may expand gas service

Utilities Director Jimmy Maney will unveil a proposal for a major gas expansion in South Kings Mountain Tuesday at the 7:30 p.m. meeting of City Council at City Hall.

The three phase project could add 364 customers with the city's payback of costs taking 5-6 years.

Maney was joined by Finance Director Maxine Parsons in urging the city utilities commission's ap-

proval of the feasibility of the project which they said would take a green light from the Local Government Commission for revenue bonds to pay for it.

"We may never get the nest egg to pay for it but we have an area for growth which would increase revenue in gas sales and we need to go for it," said Parsons.

"We need to look at those areas of the city where we can increase

our revenue," she added.

Both Parsons and Maney said that if the city sits still and loses the market that the loss is forever.

"I am all for expansion but let's not start spending our dollars before we get them," said Councilman Dean Spears.

Maney said that seven areas of expansion were outlined in a 1989 feasibility study prepared by Heath & Associates.

The city has completed a loop to Industrial Park, serving Northwoods and Mountain Manor and to the Oak Grove Community where they estimated 1,000 customers could be added over a two year period.

The Heath study also compared the city's natural gas rates with other towns in the area and only one municipality in the area, Bessemer City, had the lowest rates

at the time with Kings Mountain second. Currently, Kings Mountain has the lowest residential gas rate in the state.

"We are proud of that record but we need to take a look at what keeps our rates down not only for residential but for large commercial," said Maney.

Maney will present cost figures

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June Bridges, 100, loves life and singing star Tommy Faile

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

I've laid around and played around this ole town too long

Summer is almost gone and winter's coming on I've laid around and played around this old town too long

And I feel like I've got to travel on.

The lyrics may not be familiar to some but to June Moss Bridges, 100, the guitar and vocal serenade by Radio Station WKMT personality Tommy Faile was the perfect tribute to her 100th birthday.

Bridges, who moved to Carolina Care Center in Cherryville four years ago from Kings Mountain, met her two favorite radio friends who were only a voice to her when she started listening faithfully to

the local radio station and was interviewed on the air waves by Bridges years ago when he first came to Kings Mountain.

"I had never met Mrs. Bridges, who is no kin but I felt like she was one of the family because we talked so much on the radio about any and everything," said Bridges.

Most times when he asked listener's opinions he chose Bridges because she gave him answers.

"And I often teased Mrs. Bridges about possible male friends and we played her favorite gospel numbers," he said.

Faile's strong voice was accompanied by Mrs. Bridges in her favorite, "I Saw A Man."

Although she is almost blind and

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Tommy Faile entertains June Bridges on her 100th birthday Monday at Carolina Care Center in Cherryville. Mrs. Bridges moved from Kings Mountain four years ago.

KM may sell county water

After the severe water shortage this week in Upper Cleveland County, the Cleveland County Sanitary District may present a formal request to the City Council Tuesday night to buy water.

Water Supt. Walt Ollis told the city utilities committee Monday night that an emergency tap between the district's water lines and the Kings Mountain city limits could be installed without a problem but that shipping a full two million gallons per day that the new customer has requested could limit the city's ability to supply some of its own customers in case the water plant shut down.

Mayor Scott Neisler said the city needs to install a tie-in, not only for emergency situations but also for Kings Mountain in event the city would have water problems.

"An interconnecting water system in Cleveland County has been a real need for some time," said Neisler, a meter to work both ways if the city of Kings Mountain should experience interruption of water consumption.

"There is no problem with putting a tap to tie-in on Margrace Road but if the water plant shuts down and we are pumping two million a day at that point some water customers would notice it in 30 seconds," he told the committee attended by a dozen people, including five of seven city council members.

Ollis recommended that the city charge the sanitary district the same rate it charges an outside industrial customer plus the \$3360 tap fee. Cost of an eight inch meter would run \$6200. Ollis said that negotiations would have to be worked out but that Kings Mountain should retain ownership of the meter.

City Manager Gary Hicks suggested that John Cline, chairman of the Sanitary District, submit his proposal in writing so that all the particulars could be worked out.

On a seven-day average Kings Mountain pumps 4 million plus

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Cook, Alexander running for county commissioner

Kings Mountain residents Ken Cook and Ruby M. Alexander announced their candidacies this week for seats open on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

Cook paid his filing fee Monday at the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

Alexander announced her intentions to run and said she would file prior to the February 5 filing deadline.

Cook is a Democrat. Alexander is Republican. Both are seeking



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political office for the first time. A native of Shelby, Cook, of

Meadowbrook Road, is husband of Becky Cook, the city's elections board chairman for a dozen years and prior to that a county registrar for 18 years.

"I have always had a keen interest in serving on the county board and promised myself that after retirement I would become involved and encourage everyone else not to sit back and react rather than be proactive in the affairs of the city and county," said Cook.

Cook said he is concerned about drug and alcohol abuse in

the county and its economic impact on health costs, crime and social services.

He says an outdated tax system needs revamping and county-wide zoning should be a priority of elected officials.

"There needs to be a concerted effort on the county's part to recruit more industry for the county for more jobs so our children can stay at home and work when they finish their education," he said.

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Joe King says city cars are being misused

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

Joe King, unsuccessful candidate for the Ward I seat in the recent city election, has filed a complaint with Kings Mountain City Council alleging misuse of city property by two department heads and alleged unfairness by the city in dealing with a third employee for the same infraction.

The third employee, a non-department head, was allegedly written up by the city manager after he drove a city truck to a local car

dealer to test drive a new car.

King said he saw the two department heads in a city vehicle in Shelby in December at a car dealership where one of the two brought a car back to Kings Mountain. King said neither department head was written up for the infraction but were subject of discussion at a December City Council meeting which went into closed session to discuss personnel. He said he called six of the seven Council members and Mayor Scott Neisler about seeing the two em-

ployees in a city vehicle in Shelby at an automobile dealership.

"What's right for one employee should be right for all," said King, a retired county deputy and former Kings Mountain policeman.

King said Monday that he leveled his complaints in a two-page letter to interim city manager Gary Hicks, the full city council and personnel director Bud Rhea January 18 in which he leveled the complaints and made a formal request as a citizen for action and a letter detailing the action



Local artist A. B. Snow has presented a painting, "Crescendo at Sunset," to the City of Kings Mountain. She stands in front of it in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

SNOW SCENES Painting music for soul for KM artist A.B. Snow

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

A.B. Snow's new painting in the Council Chambers at City Hall is a water color fantasy.

The poppies and daisies in the picture blend perfectly with the redwood wall at the back of the room. The mountain and trees add to the "Crescendo at Sunset."

When she painted the picture Snow hadn't planned to give it to the city.

Mayor Scott Neisler saw the works and exclaimed how perfectly it would blend in with the motif at City Hall and Snow said why not?

"There is really not a good place to get a good shot of Kings Mountain but the scene is restful with daisies, rocks, trees and poppies," she said.

An artist for 22 years, Snow

started what now is a business for her as a hobby. She had painted for her own enjoyment when the family lived in Rocky Mount and her walls were getting full of her works and one day a friend suggested she put a price on them.

When her late husband Myrland retired as a pilot in the USAF in 1980 the family moved back to Alice Betty's home in Kings Mountain after traveling all over the world stationed in the Midwest, Topeka, Omaha, California and England.

"When we moved to Rocky Mount we heard that it was a culturally deprived area but after a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts it grew by leaps and bounds," she said. She started art classes by noted artist John Brady who has been to Kings

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