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Crusade leaders to meet

A leadership rally Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church will be vital for the success of the Kings Mountain Jay Strack Crusade which is scheduled for August 24-28 at John Gamble Stadium, local crusade officials predict.

Mike Ruth of the Jay Strack Association will be in Kings Mountain to preview the Jay Strack Ministry and work with local committee members and volunteers in fulfilling their roles in the crusade.

General Chairman Ronnie Hawkins said numerous volunteers are needed in the areas of counseling, ushering, choir, finance, manning the crusade office, youth, prayer, arrangements, and others.

All persons interested in volunteering in any way are asked to attend Tuesday's meeting.

"We want to invite all members of area churches to come on board with us and come to Central Methodist Tuesday night and see what Mike Ruth has to say, and then we'll break down into different groups that they might be interested in working with," said Hawkins.

Sub-committee chairmen have already been announced, and they include the following. All of them welcome assistance in helping them carry out their pre-crusade duties.

Arrangements - Chairman, Ron Massey. This committee will set up the football field for the crusade.

Ushering - Chairman, Richard Reynolds. This committee will be in charge of parking cars and taking up collections and offerings.

Telephone - Chairman, Rev. Doug Peterson. This committee will be in charge of calling

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STATE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - Kings Mountain High tennis sensation Jackie Houston, is pictured with her parents Denese and Marty Stallings, and her high school coach, Diane Dooley after being selected North Carolina Female Athlete of the Year at Thursday's NCHSAA annual meeting at the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill.

KM's Jackie Houston is selected NCHSAA Female Athlete of Year

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of the Herald

CHAPEL HILL - Kings Mountain High tennis sensation Jackie Houston received the Female Athlete of the Year Award at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's annual meeting Thursday at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Houston, who won an unprecedented four straight state singles championships and compiled a career record of 81 wins and no losses, is the first athlete in the 75-year history of Kings Mountain High School to win the State honor.

Houston's parents, Marty and Denese Stallings, and other family members accompanied her to the ceremony. Also attending were KMHS Principal Phil Weathers, Athletic Director Ron Massey, and Houston's tennis and track coach Diane Dooley.

Kings Mountain was well-represented in other

areas of the ceremony. Supt. Bob McRae was elected NCHSAA president for the 1997-98 school year, and former football coach Everette "Shu" Carlton was awarded a plaque for being selected to the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. Crest High women's softball and volleyball coach Suzanne Grayson received the "8 Who Make a Difference Award" from Region 6, Gaston County Supt. Ed Sadler received the Distinguished Service Award from Region 6, and the East Gaston High School men's track team received the Pepsi Cola Scholar Athlete Award for compiling the best cumulative grade point average (3.76) in the state.

UNC basketball Dean Smith received the Legends Award, and numerous other sports figures were in attendance, including newly-appointed ACC Commissioner John Swofford and a host of North Carolina high school and college

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Killian, architect working on Ingles parking lot issue

City Planning Director Steve Killian and Ingles architect Paul Harold of Atlanta talked this week about how Ingles Market can still have visibility of its trademark logo while not obscuring the front of the proposed building on Oak Grove Road and still use trees in the parking lot.

"We talked at length about the project," said Killian.

Last week the City Council returned Ingles amendment which requested exemption in the new ordinance from new projects requiring trees in parking lots to the Planning Board.

Killian thinks Ingles can have an attractive parking lot area beautifully landscaped. He suggested placement in a different way the 17 trees that would be required by city ordinance in a 56,000 square feet of 280 parking spaces.

"By changing just a few of the parking spaces this can all be achieved and within the specifications of the ordinance," said Killian.

Killian told City Council last week that Council could not ignore the state's building codes. The proposed amendment, he said, essentially gives an applicant for a building permit or zoning permit immunity from city council actions. Because it is retroactive, it means that changes in the zoning maps and zoning text would not apply.

Killian said the amendment, if adopted, would set some precedent for zoning ordinances. He called attention to state laws that say a council may vest a project by approving a site plan in accordance with its zoning ordinance much like Council did when it ap-

proved the White Oak Manor project. However, City Council may limit vesting to portions of the project and for a very specific length of time, he pointed out.

Killian said when the Planning Board turned down the amendment request it did so because the city had annexed the site large enough for a shopping center, zoned the land General Business; authorized the submittal of a \$500,000 grant which would save Ingles about \$400,000 on construction of a sewer line, changed an ordinance which would allow Ingles to have an extra driveway and it would possibly line up with the entrance to Gold Run, should NCDOT approve it. He said the planning board determined at that meeting that the main point of contention was not the number, type or size of trees but the location of about 17 trees among 200 plus parking spaces.

Killian said the inclusion of landscaping in parking lots, along right of ways and along property lines is called for by the city's land development plan. He said their desire was to get away from 25, 50, 100 and 200 space parking lots which, without trees, are not as cool and not as pretty.

"To my knowledge no one from the city has expressed a concern that trees create crime, harm personal property or endanger people," he told the board.

Killian said he didn't know if the Ingles amendment would be on the Planning Board agenda for the next meeting or when Ingles architects would submit a site plan.

Anthony: Cancer just a test

Herb Anthony, 43, faces cancer treatments today in Houston, Texas with the attitude of a winner.

A new Christian and member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, he says the devil is putting a roadblock in his life to test him.

A month ago Anthony opened Mountaineer Appliance & Repair in the former Ben T. Goforth Building on York Road, moving from his shop next door after Ben T. Goforth sold him the building and the Goforth firm relocated downtown.

"I had lost my mother recently and my wife's father was se-

riously ill but we were looking forward to things looking up for us again," said Anthony.

After just moving into the business he was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the right tonsil. He underwent a tonsillectomy operation. Then he underwent the surgery for removal of the malignant tumor. He sought a second opinion before starting radiation treatments.

Anthony's brother, Lloyd Anthony, had a friend who underwent treatment for cancer at M. B. Anderson in Houston, Texas and they called for an appointment.

Herb and his wife, Karen, went to Houston and this week they returned to Houston for the beginning of treatments which will cost about \$20,000.

Herb has no insurance and East Gold Church has opened a special account at First Citizens Bank & Trust to help with the mounting medical bills. Citizens who want to contribute may do by forwarding their check to the Herb Anthony Cancer Fund, in care of the bank, or in care of the church.

"My pastor and I have been praying and during a revival

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HERB ANTHONY

Weathers Principal of Year, Leonard is Teacher of Year

Kings Mountain High Principal Phil Weathers was honored as Principal of the Year, and West School teacher Hilda Leonard was named Teacher of the Year at Kings Mountain District Schools' tenth annual service awards banquet Monday night at KMHS.

A number of special wards were presented by Dr. Bob McRae, School Board Chairman Ronnie Hawkins, and assistant superintendents Jane King and Ronnie Wilson to school employees.

Teachers of the Year from the individual schools were Betty Blalock, Bethware; Heidi

Crawford, West; Sharon Barnette, Grover; Mary Nantz, North; Hilda Leonard, West; Cheryl Lutz, KM Middle School; Nelson Connor, KM High School; and Priscilla Rickenbacker, Parker Street.

Other awards went to: Mentors - Lynn Echols, Dorcas Beasley, Randy Rhyne, Michelle Sivy, Tim Echols, Pat Baker, Dan Jones, Mike Rhoney.

North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants Advanced Certificates - Judy Bowen and Martha Sloan, Bethware.

Special Friends - Reliance

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Carolina Choices a regional effort

Cleveland County leaders joined their counterparts from 13 other area counties Monday to announce the formation of Central Carolinas Choices, a collaborative effort that will assist government, civic and community groups and individual citizens in together addressing major challenges and opportunities that face the region.

At a kick-off meeting held at Kings Mountain City Hall, Choices' leadership and staff said their goals are to help make the area America's most livable region, achieve managed, sustainable growth, build public consensus through collaboration and shared vision, and ensure high quality education and employment opportunities for local residents.

"Choices' mission is to engage all citizens in developing a

shared vision of their future. We want to collaborate with regional partners to pursue an enhanced, sustainable quality of life in our cities, towns and neighborhoods," said Rolfe Neill, chair of the new group and publisher of The Charlotte Observer. "This is a great place to live, earn a living and raise a family. We've got to work hard, together, to keep our counties attractive for business and individuals."

The initiative's primary purpose is to frame and build consensus on pivotal regional issues such as transportation, growth, education, and preservation of natural resources, said Betty Chafin Rash, Choices' executive director. "Our job is to act as facilitator and catalyst in the collaborative process. There are already a lot of regional

groups in placing doing part of Choices' mission. Our challenge is to help the exchange of ideas and initiatives across county and state lines."

Jim Crawley, Dean of the Business School at Gardner-Webb University, and Brownie Plaster, Cleveland County civic leader, are members of the Choices leadership group.

In addition to Cleveland, the Choices collaboration will include Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union Counties in North Carolina, and York, Lancaster and Chester, South Carolina.

Key initial activities will include development of a benchmark regional assessment and

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Signalization program begins on King Street

Motorists traveling King Street may have already noticed that one stop light is missing at the overhead bridge.

It's all a part of a new signalization program underway, according to Mayor Scott Neisler.

One stoplight was taken down last week and Neisler says a uniform traffic code is beginning to take shape.

The mayor said state workers will soon start measuring the intersection of Mountain and Battleground at the old bank building and start stringing wires. He said the signal at the old First National Bank building will also be removed.

"This project when completed will save the city about \$60,000 worth of poles," said the mayor.

The mayor said road sensors will be installed by Department

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