

Briefs

Shirley Brutko wins photography contest

Shirley Brutko won the \$250 first prize in the color division in the recent Shelby Art League 1998 Juried Photography Exhibition at Cleveland Community College.

Her picture was of a horse trotting past a huge tree on the farm of Roger and Julie Miller of Kings Mountain.

Juror Sam Wang, Professor of Photography at Clemson University, said the photo was "not an easy thing to do - the subject certainly isn't new, but the gesture of the horse in relation to the overhanging tree limbs give a nice, fresh feeling."

The exhibition continues through May 6 from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at the Gallery on the campus of CCC.

Other works on display by local artists include "Out in Front" by Luther Baker of Kings Mountain; "Sitting on Art" by Shirley Brutko of Kings Mountain; and "Solar Eclipse" by Majorie Falls of Grover.

Numerous other works of area artists are on display, and much of it is for sale at the conclusion of the exhibition.

Lake Commission meeting on Thursday

Moss Lake Commission will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall for a continuation of budget talks.

City Planning Director Steve Killian said the board hopes to come up with some concrete recommendations about user fees and how to deal with delinquent fees to take to City Council for action.

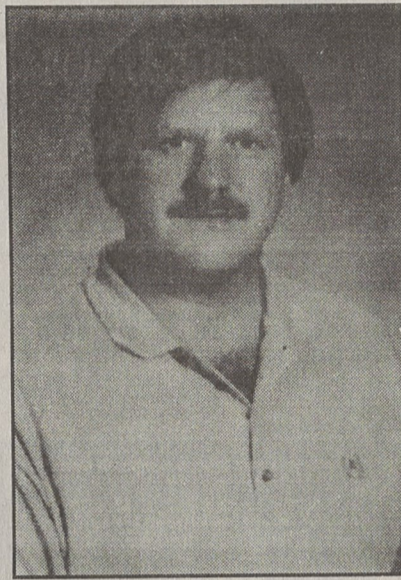
KMHS schedules parent conferences

Parents of Kings Mountain High School students may have conferences with teachers on Thursday, March 19 from 3-7 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary as parents will be able to schedule conferences once they arrive at the high school. If parents prefer to rearrange appointments, they may do so by calling 734-5647. Student report cards for the third grading period will be available for parents to pick up.



Shirley Brutko's winning photo



BRYAN KISER

Bryan Kiser selected KMMS teacher of month

Bryan Kiser, 7th grade science/reading teacher, has been selected Teacher of the Month at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Kiser holds a degree in 6-9 education with a concentration in science from Gardner-Webb College.

His hobbies are wood carving and hiking.

Kiser said he became a teacher because "I have always enjoyed helping people and teaching has given me an avenue in which to do this. I have always enjoyed Science and want to share my enthusiasm with others. As a teacher I have had the opportunity to attend many educational workshops which have helped me with my understanding of Science and children."

KMHS Class of 1973 plans May 9 reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1973 will hold its 25th anniversary reunion May 9.

A picnic will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at shelter #2 at Lake Crawford. A supper/dance will be held from 7 p.m.-midnight at KMHS.

RSVP by April 1.

For more information or if you do not receive an invitation, call Avis Morrow at 739-6363.

Grover celebrates Black History Month

Grover School recently enjoyed a celebration commemorating African-American History Month.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a visit by storyteller Evelyn Cumberlander. She enthusiastically recited several African-American folktales such as "Hearty Hardhead," "Tar Baby," "Brer Rabbit," and "The Drinking Gourd," which she began with a melodic song to illustrate the story.

Mrs. Cumberlander has been the guest storyteller for these events for the past two years. She is an employee of the #3 Township School in Earl.

The celebration continued with a feast of "soul food" that was prepared by members of the faculty and staff. The aroma swept through the air all day as employees helped themselves to tasty dishes such as cabbage, cornbread, stew beef, rice, potato salad, fried chicken, pinto beans, sweet potato custard and pound cake.

KM girls softball team splits games

Kings Mountain High's girls softball team braved the cold weather last week to get in a pair of nonconference games, but they called off their scheduled conference opener with R-S Central Tuesday because of cold, wet weather.

The Lady Mountaineers fell to Ashbrook 11-1 last Tuesday but bounced back on Thursday to whip Shelby in a five-inning game, 17-6.

Julie Robbins went 2-for-3 and Kate Pascoe was 1-for-3 against Ashbrook. Kim Parker was the losing pitcher.

"We played a fairly good game," said Coach Susie Hughes. "It was freezing cold but I got to see some good stuff. We held with them until the sixth inning and then things kind of fell apart."

Kings Mountain broke open a close game with 11 runs in the fifth inning to defeat Shelby. Ashley Wilson and Kim Parker shared pitching duties for the Mountaineers.

Toni Loftin, Amanda Johnsonbaugh, Julie Robbins, Csherian Coleman and Christi Worcester led the hitting with two hits each.

"We played well, but it was so cold," Hughes said. "Being able to perform in the cold has been rough on the girls, but overall we're not looking that bad."

Police running radar again next week

In an effort to crack down on speeders, Kings Mountain

Police will run radar from 7:30-11 a.m. in five designated locations next week and will also set up at random on other streets in the city.

Captain M.H. Corn listed the following schedule for next week: Monday, Linwood Road; Tuesday, North Sims Street; Wednesday, West Mountain Street; Thursday, Phifer Road; and Friday, North Cleveland Avenue.

Program on "Taxes" features meeting

Jim Hendricks, of the Cleveland County Tax Office, was guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Chapter AARP at the Senior Center.

He talked about property tax and how taxes are assessed, collected and how the money is spent.

Five members reported on a recent training session they attended in Gastonia. They were Dean Westmoreland, Hilda Goforth, Margaret Ratterree, Marvita Spann and Carolyn Bell.

County Commission denies Shea request

Tuesday night the Cleveland County Commissioners denied a request from Shea Park owner Eric Holm to be allowed to keep four primates at the Upper Cleveland facility.

The commissioners voted to enforce the county's ordinance banning such animals as pri-

mates from Cleveland County. The Health Department will continue investigating the situation.

Also on Tuesday the commissioners voted to ask Cleveland County's representatives in the state legislature to allow a referendum on a one percent local option sales tax. If that request passes the state legislature, voters in Cleveland County will likely vote on the tax in a referendum later this year.

The board also agreed to move an historic log cabin in Kings Mountain to the Broad River Greenway. The move will preserve the log cabin for tourist visits.

The commissioners meet again April 7 at the county administrative office building in Shelby.

Board endorses "Children First"

The Kings Mountain Board of Education has unanimously endorsed "Children First," the campaign to raise funds for a new children's wing at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.

The action was taken at the March meeting.

"The Kings Mountain District Board of Education recognizes the need for and highly values the development of reading ability in its children and works cooperatively with the J.S. Mauney Memorial Library in several efforts to promote reading among its students," says the resolution.

Letter to the Editor

Equipment available locally

To the editor:

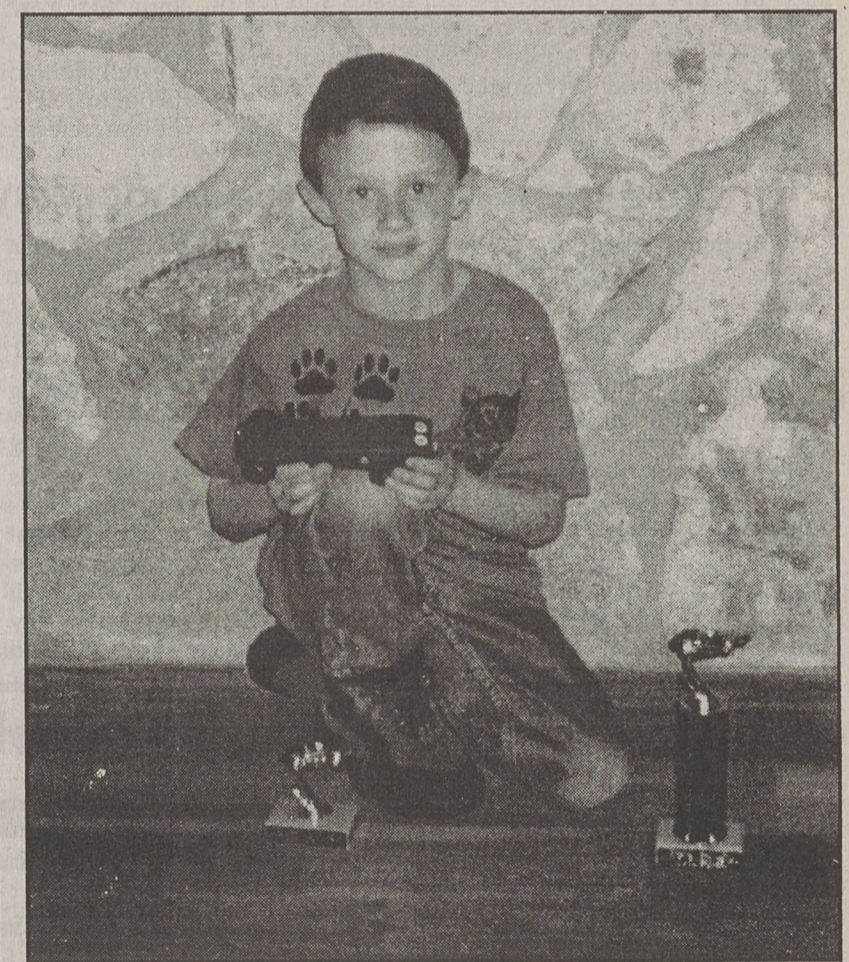
Hello diabetics! Medicare and other insurance companies are now footing the bill for blood and glucose monitors, lancets, and other equipment needed to achieve good diabetic control.

You hear on T.V. how these tools can be ordered from places far away. Well, the truth

is that we can get these supplies from our local pharmacist - people we know and trust. Believe me, our pharmacist do more than is required to sell medicines because they care.

Let's keep our money at home. If you need free diabetic monitoring equipment, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Everette B. Thombs



WINS PINEWOOD DERBY - John Hanna of Blacksburg, SC shows off his trophies he won in his first Pinewood Derby. John is a member of Cub Scout Pack 139 in Hickory Grove, SC. He placed second out of 35 Cubs and Scouts. He is a home-schooled first grader. He is the son of Jay and Gaye Hanna, and has a brother, Noah. He is the grandson of Pete and Shirley Caveny of Kings Mountain.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	March 11-17	Year Ago
Total precip.	.21	1.39
Max. one day	.19 (17th)	1.19 (13th)
Year to date	18.91	14.15
Low temp.	20 (11th)	32 (15th)
High temp.	72 (14th)	79 (11th)
Avg. temp.	42.6	55.4

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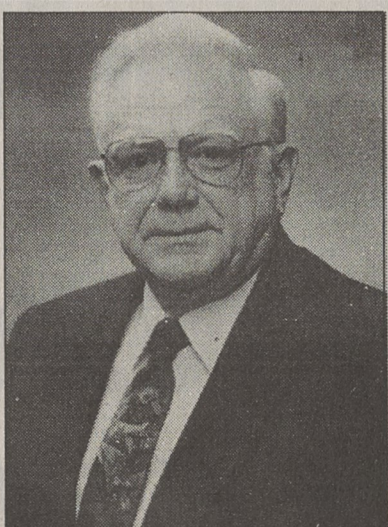


GIVES PROGRAM AT SCHOOL - Evelyn Cumberlander gives program at recent Black History celebration at Grover School.

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