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Roamin' 'Round
Kings Mountain

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New McDonald's opening Thursday

The New McDonald's Restaurant opens for business Thursday morning.

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce officials cut the ribbon opening the new facility to the public.

Bill Sherwood said the new facility boasts a face to face drive-through concept, unique to this area, and also a "made for you" production system, also unique to McDonald's.

The New McDonald's will create 40 new jobs. Ten employees have been transferred from other locations.

"We plan to keep both McDonald's open as long as we have the business," said Sherwood, whose son, Bill, will run the new facility. McDonald's also operates a restaurant in the Kings Mountain Plaza Shopping Center.

McDonald's serves three meals daily and offers customer dining for 90 people inside the restaurant and seating in the Play Place for 30 more. A feature of the new facility is an outdoor playground area.

Workers were programming the registers, conducting final calibration of the cooking equipment and cleaning up on Tuesday in readiness for Thursday's opening.

Patrick's buys old Clevefont plant

Patrick Yarn Mills Inc. is in partial production at the old Clevefont Mills plant on York Road.

Mrs. H. Lawrence Patrick, owner, said that her husband, the late Lawrence Patrick, had made plans to purchase the mill before his death last August. The deal was closed in November.

Mrs. Patrick said some employees are working at the Clevefont site and others are working out of the Patrick location on S. Railroad Avenue which has become crowded.

"We just ran out of space at our old site and will have plenty of room to add more employees and production of more industrial yarn at our new site," she said.

Currently, the Clevefont Plant is being used primarily for warehousing.

Primaries scheduled September 15

A federal court approved new N. C. congressional districts Monday, clearing the way for September 15 primaries.

Filing for office opens July 6, the primary will be September 15 and the general election is November 3.

In the plan approved Monday, all 51,000 Lincoln County residents move from Rep. Cass Ballenger's 10th district to Sue Myrick's 9th District but even with 50,000 voters shuffling in and out of the 9th, Myrick will still run in a district that is about 90 percent white and heavily Republican.

Myrick was in Cleveland and Gaston Counties last week.

Mayor, businessman to urge City Council to take 'common sense' approach to sign ordinance

Mayor Scott Neisler and local pharmacist Allen Propst want the city to take a "common sense approach" to signs by amending the present ordinance to cover a medium size sign.

Propst, the owner and operator of the new Mountain Street Pharmacy, said new businesses are "scared off" by the code requirements and they plan to ask City Council to amend the present ordinance at Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. Council meeting.

Propst bought the former Harper Pharmacy building on West Mountain Street nine months ago

but because the building had been vacant for 180 days the ordinance stipulated he could not be grandfathered and he would have to put up a new sign.

Propst said he does not object to moving his sign back from the street but he objects to the size of the sign required in the ordinance.

Neisler said that the city had grandfathered many nonconforming signs which would not qualify under the city's existing codes.

Propst says small businesses don't need billboard

size signs that stand 10 feet in the air nor three feet signs that don't meet the scenic esthetics of the community.

"We're trying to blend into the neighborhood and we don't want to put up a tall sign that would tower over the residences and take away from the neighborhood," he said.

Propst said customers like his store but they want to know when he plans to put up his sign.

"Council says it's supportive of business but I

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GROUNDBREAKING - Cleveland County commissioners broke ground for the new county industrial park Monday morning. From left, Mary Accor, Ray Thomas, Jim Crawley, chairman Joe Cabaniss, Bobby Mallow, Willie McIntosh and Ralph Gilbert.

County breaks ground for KM industrial park

Cleveland County commissioners broke ground Monday morning for a 240-acre industrial park off Vestibule Church Road as citizens celebrated in the sweltering heat what leaders called a history-making event.

"This is a great day for Cleveland County and the celebration of a new era," said Chairman Joe Cabaniss, joined by Mike Wilkins, Assistant Secretary for the N. C. Department of Commerce, and Frank Beam, member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board, at a podium set up on a hill in the center of the picturesque, sprawling tract. The seven-member county board turned the first shovels of dirt. Machinery waited in the background to begin road building and development soon.

Cabaniss predicted that the county-owned park would have the same impact on economic development that has been enriched by others over the years.

"I stood in a pasture in 1958 and watched the dedication of the PPG fiber-glass plant that would

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Allen: New lake fees put hardship on fishermen

Howard Allen is one unhappy fisherman. The Shelby resident and native of Kings Mountain loves to take his father, Lawrence, and uncle, Harold Allen, of Linwood Road, to Moss Lake and put his boat in the lake at every opportunity where they all fish to their heart's content.

Allen says he may start a petition effort to oppose the new rates imposed by City Council and specifically the new policy to close the gates at 10 p.m. sharp. The new rates recommended by the Moss Lake Commission means that Harold pays a \$50 annual fee or \$10 daily fee to put his boat in the lake plus a \$15 annual fishing fee or \$3 daily and he can fish no later than 10 p.m. because signs have gone up at all gates that the lake closes at 10 p.m. sharp.

Since his relatives live inside the city limits they each pay annual fee of \$7.50 to fish in the waters or \$1.50 daily and if they put a boat in the lake the annual fee is \$25 and the daily permit is \$5.

"I just don't like it, City Council has buckled in

"... City Council has buckled in to legislators and to the Lake Property Owners Association"

-Harold Allen

to legislators and to the Lake Property Owners Association," said Harold Allen.

"These new fees put a hardship on fishermen," said Allen, who said he had fished at Moss Lake for years and never seen "drinking and acting up by the fishermen."

"Trouble I've witnessed out there has been by lake residents who don't want us there," he said.

Allen says locking the gates at night will "deny public access to a lake that was built as a Kings Mountain water supply and people need to go to City Council and let them know about it."

Planning Director Steve Killian acknowledged that signs are posted on the lake gates that the gates open at 6 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. "The city is concerned with safety," he said.

Allen also objects to the newly-adopted family plan for lake residents which is included in the 1998-99 budget which city council is expected to adopt Tuesday night. "The family plan is \$250 a year which also gives a lake resident two boat permits and four fishing permits. That means they're getting the strip of land in front of the lake for \$90 and that's not right," he said.

"We've always endured some lighthearted kidding between Shelby and Kings Mountain sports fans but this is ridiculous and embarrassing to us now," he said. "Lake residents are getting a better deal than the people who paid for the lake."



CLEANING UP - Inmates in the community work crews for the Division of Prisons are pictured cleaning up the roadways on King Street. Jackie Barnette, Public Works Superintendent for the City of Kings Mountain, said the city has asked the work crews to do cleanup projects through June 30. The cleanup crews started at East School June 15.

Kings Mountain People Maner would give you his blood

Giving blood is a habit for Kings Mountain insurance man Bob F. Maner.

The Kings Mountain man gave his first pint of blood as a young man serving in Uncle Sam's Navy at the outset of the Korean Conflict in 1951.

Forty-seven years later, Bob has donated a grand total of 33 gallons and four pints, including platelets from 1990-97 when he spent at least a half day every time he donated to drive to Charlotte for the two-hour procedure.

"I never knew the names of the people who needed the life-saving platelets but many times I was told the donation was for a child hospitalized at Duke or Bowman-Gray Hospitals and I was just glad I was healthy and could supply that need," he said.

Always a supporter of the



Bob Maner

American Red Cross, Maner served a term as local chapter chairman, getting involved because it was the neighborly thing

to do.

A native of Wilmington, Maner said that Davidson College changed his life. He had graduated from New Hanover High School and enrolled at Davidson in 1945 where his freshmen classmates were Charles "Red" Neisler, now his brother-in-law, and Red's brother, Henry Neisler, both of Kings Mountain. Other Kings Mountain people in that freshmen class included Jim Herndon, Bob Neill and Earl Myers.

"Red talked me into inviting Mary Sommers (now Red's wife) to a concert by Tommy Dorsey. Red and Mary got married before my wife Jenny (Jeanne Sommers Maner) were married and we'll celebrate our 46th wedding anniversary in August," said Bob.

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