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► **Police Briefs**

Raid results in drug arrests

A raid by Kings Mountain Police at Apartment 15 Pine Manor Thursday afternoon resulted in the arrest of two people on felony drug charges. Narcotics Officer Lisa Capps said the arrests came after a month-long investigation and following complaints by neighbors. Police obtained a search warrant and confiscated 14 large rocks of crack cocaine, two small rocks of crack cocaine, less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. Charged in the raid were Marcella Leigh Wagner, 22, of Apt. 15, maintaining a dwelling for controlled substances, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her \$10,000 bond was secured. Also charged was Mark Edward Howard, 26, 15 Pine Manor, possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and simple possession of marijuana. His \$5000 bond was secured. Other officers assisting in the raid were Chief Richard Reynolds, Captain Houston Corn, Lt. Melvin Proctor, Sgt. Derek Johnson, Ptl. Tim Adams, Ptl. Shane Johnson and Ptl. Chad Barnette.

Man hospitalized after shooting

Tyrone Deshawn Crocker, 24, 520 Crocker Rd., was airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center Friday night after he was shot in the leg, Kings Mountain Police said. Ptl. Penny Fulton was investigating officer. The incident happened on Clinton Drive at 11:06 p.m. Crocker underwent leg surgery. No one has been charged.

Domestic argument ends in stabbing

A domestic argument between two women resulted in the alleged stabbing of Cynthia Ann Camp, 110 Cash Road, at her home Saturday afternoon. Sgt. J. H. Tessneer, who investigated, said that warrants are being obtained for the suspect. Camp was treated at Kings Mountain Hospital for wounds to her abdomen and hand and released.

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► **Outside**

FRIDAY
Partly sunny; chance of a thunderstorm. High 90°, low 72°.

SATURDAY
Partial sun, chance of a thunderstorm. High 88°, low 70°.

► **Deaths**

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| Hubert Jackson
Ellenboro | Irene McNeely
Kings Mountain |
| Mary R. Dover
Fort Mill, SC | J. Frank Moore
Kings Mountain |
| Louise McAley
Kings Mountain | Zollie Cook
Kings Mountain |

Council puts Ingles project on the back burner

by ELIZABETH STEWART
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By 5-2 vote City Council Monday night put the Ingles Super Market project on the back burner. The board rejected a request by Ingles to amend the city and Ingles' original annexation agreement by substituting a septic system for a costly connection to the city's sewer lines. After the meeting Charles Murdock, real estate developer for the Asheville-based grocery chain, said he didn't know if the board's decision would stop the building of a grocery store on Oak Grove Road and Scism Road across from Gold Run subdivision. "I will have to report back to Mr. Ingles and see where he wants to go from here," he said, adding that he considered time not a factor for Ingles as long as the property owners continued to be patient. Murdock said property owners Judy and Paul Scism had been "wonderful." Mrs. Scism said Ingles holds an option to build

on their property and the contract is still in effect. City Attorney Mickey Corry said during the special meeting Monday night that the city and Ingles' present annexation contract is binding and the contract would continue with the terms stipulating that Ingles pay for all sewer line construction costs. "As long as Ingles does not back down, the contract will continue," he said in response to Councilman Gene White. White said after the meeting he considered the Ingles issue "dead." Plans for the project began more than two years ago when council approved a satellite annexation of the proposed site. Murdock defended Ingles' attempt to contain its costs, responding to criticism from two Gold Run residents and questions from a council opposed to septic tanks. "The first shovel of dirt hasn't been turned," said Phil Bouchard who said Ingles "has not lived up to its agreement." "Look at their other stores, you don't see any lush

green grass, and landscaping is not one of their priorities," he said. Van Wilson, who spoke in 1996 against the annexation plan, said "a lot of people are ticked off by a company who had guaranteed success with stories of jobs and thousands expected to flock to the store by their own account and by newspaper accounts. Ask the people if they want the grocery store. We don't want it," he said. "I think two years has shown the character of this company," said Wilson. City Manager Jimmy Maney said Ingles out-of-pocket costs have soared for constructing sewer lines to connect to the city system and said an early plan to bore under U.S. 74 and connect to Spectrum Dyed yarns line would not work. "We've got too much on our plate now and I just don't see how we can spend that kind of money when we have the police station to build and other big projects," said Councilman Phil Hager who made the motion to reject the septic tank proposal. See INGLES page 5A

Beating the heat



Perry Nolen, left, and his children, Sarah, 11 and Andy, 8 found the perfect way to beat the heat - by purchasing Tropical Shaved Ice from the shaved ice stand at Eng School of Self Defense in Kings Mountain. Serving up the icy treats are Cory Fox, left and Daniel Montoya.

Police Station bids "way over" budget

by ELIZABETH STEWART
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Bids for the new city law enforcement center are "way over budget," the low bid for general construction totaling \$1,564,194. City Council received the bid from Pinnix Construction of Gastonia Monday night and set a special meeting for next Monday at 7 p.m. to possibly award bids. The board authorized City Manager Jimmy Maney to meet with Gastonia architects Stewart and Cooper, all prospective low bidders and Police Chief Richard Reynolds to negotiate the bids through "value engineering" to delete some items. Maney said construction costs have escalated because of building booms statewide since the city started planning the new police station two years ago. In a related action, the board awarded contract to John Jenkins of Gastonia at a cost of \$36,125 for demolition and removal of the old police station and for digging out the basement and compacting the soil. Law Engineering of Charlotte will conduct a soil compaction test to take the site back to grade level. Maney said that once the police staff vacates the present building on S. Piedmont Avenue that Jenkins will have 21 days to tear down the old building and the entire site will be cleared and ready to begin construction which could be as early as mid August. Maney told the board that state statutes allow city officials to negotiate with low bidders for construction work. "I don't know what items can be eliminated from the architectural plan but once we meet with them Friday and with Chief Reynolds we will have more to report for Monday night's special meeting," he told the board Monday night. The low bids for the new police station are \$600,000 over the proposed costs two years ago of \$1 million and the costs don't include the cost of architectural fees for the project. Maney said if Council opts to go ahead with the \$1.5 million plus bid that he will need to come up with how to finance the extra costs and whether to take those funds from fund balances of the electric and gas department budgets. "We don't want to compromise the new building but we do need to trim the fat but not diminish the quality of the law enforcement building," said Councilman Phil Hager in making the motion to table the awarding of bids for more study. Councilman Jerry Mullinax asked if the additional funds would be carried over in the 1999-2000 budget and Maney said that budgeting must also be done for the current year's budget.



RIBBON-CUTTING - John Godbold, chairman of the Cleveland Chamber, Joe Smith, president of the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association, Mayor pro tem Norma Bridges, Fred Gross, Western Division President of BB&T and local BB&T executive Glenn Anderson cut the ribbon Tuesday morning marking the completion of renovations of the Kings Mountain BB&T on King Street. The local bank, which opened in Kings Mountain in 1979, has undergone extensive refurbishing.

Board to appoint Moss Lake members

The appointment of the five inside-city members on the Moss Lake Commission is on the agenda for Monday night's special City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Last month Council reappointed the two members serving on the board from the Moss Lake Property Owner's Association. Mayor pro tem Norma Bridges, who presided at Monday's special meeting, suggested that Steve

Killian, chairman of the Planning Board and secretary to the Moss Lake Commission, recommend a policy that would state, for instance, if members miss as many as three straight meetings and are not excused by the chairman that they will be dropped from the board. Councilman Gene White suggested that board members attend at least 60 percent of the meetings during a year of service but later withdrew his motion

when board members could not come up with a formula. In other actions of Monday night's meeting, the board: - Alloted \$10,000 to the city recreation budget for expenses of local ball teams to state playoffs. Two teams, one composed of 16 to 18 year old girls and one team of 13 year old boys, have already qualified for state playoffs and a third team of 9 and 10 year old

boys is undefeated in regional competition. Maney announced that Kings Mountain will host the state playoffs next year. - Appointed Becky Cook and Annie Thoms to serve with Councilmen White, Mullinax and Hager on the committee to redraw ward lines and reappointed Jim Belt, Sandra Murphrey, Betty Corry and Donna Canova to the Senior Center advisory board.

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