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This Week

Thursday

12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club meets at Ramada Limited.

4 p.m. - Cleveland County Economic Development Commission meets, first floor conference room, Cleveland County Administration Building, Shelby.

6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club meets at Central United Methodist Church.

Friday

7:30 pm. - High school football, Kings Mountain at Crest.

Monday

3:30-8 p.m. - Bloodmobile in memory of Jim Dingus, First Baptist Church, Grover.

7 p.m. - Kings Mountain Woman's Club will meet at the Woman's Club, East Mountain Street.

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain City Council meets at City Hall.

Inside

1B

Ever since Kings Mountain High School has had a football score clock, Delbert Dixon has been running it and doing an excellent job.



1B

Defense shines in Kings Mountain's 7-6 win over Shelby Friday night at Gamble Stadium.



2A

74th annual Cleveland County Fair begins Thursday, October 1 at the Fairgrounds in Shelby.



8A

Ethel Yarbrow of Kings Mountain celebrates her 90th birthday.

10A

Eva Penland is 98 years old and still loves to go fishing.

DEATHS

Surponesay Smith, 62
Blacksburg, SC

Sarah Brittain, 76
Kings Mountain

Mary Washington
Kings Mountain

Nancy Sutton, 71
Kings Mountain

Leola Tate, 95
Kings Mountain

3A

KM's first Relay for Life huge success

24-hour walk-a-thon raises \$27,000 for cancer research

Kings Mountain's first annual Kings Mountain Cancer Society Relay for Life raised \$27,000 during a 24-hour period marked by a solemn ceremony lighted by 500 luminaries and festive activities.

More than 50 survivors walked the first lap around the city's walking track Saturday morning and several, including Joe Smith and Ruby Alexander, spoke to the 300 plus people who attended.

Chairman Mike Neely pronounced the event a huge success. Goal of the benefit was \$25,000.

Members of the planning committee met Wednesday at noon to wrap up the campaign and to start planning for next year's event which may be held in the spring.

"We are so appreciative for the community's support for this worthwhile cause which will help fight cancer in our community," said Neely.

The weatherman provided good weather for the event which drew about 300 people to the Saturday evening luminary service and several hundred to the day-long event.



Kings Mountain area citizens raised \$27,000 in the town's first annual Relay for Life Saturday at the Kings Mountain Walking Track. Hundreds of individuals and teams turned out to take part in the event. Photos above were taken during the "Cancer Survivor's Lap" which kicked off the event. The photo at top right shows Kings Mountain fireman Bill Ware pushing his wife, Joann, and the bottom photo shows a host of local residents who have beaten the disease.

City to move on new PD, Davidson Park

City officials are shooting for an early date next week for groundbreaking for the new Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center on Piedmont Avenue.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said construction field office/trailers have already gone up on the property and Stewart and Cooper Architects are ready to assign the project manager and site manager and complete the lists of personnel and contact people for the big project estimated to cost over \$1 million.

City Council is expected to set the date for groundbreaking at Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. September Council meeting at City Hall.

Maney said Champion Contracting will be moving into the Davidson Park this week with heavy equipment to finish up the new soccer and baseball fields. Maney said the fields are expected to be seeded before fall.

The recreation complexes at Deal Street, the Community Center and Davidson Park are major building projects of the city of Kings Mountain for which construction has been underway/and or completed this summer.

Another major item of business on the agenda is the approval of a rate study proposal. Council is expected to authorize the manager to proceed on the project by amending the budget for the contract amount. Maney said if Council gives the green light the rate study should be ready for Council to take a look at it in the next 60 to 90 days.

The board is also expected to set the dates for three public hearings on rezoning of property.

School Board discusses long-range facility goals

A long-range facility study of Kings Mountain District Schools was discussed at the weekend school board retreat in Boone and Supt. Dr. Bob McRae said this may be a priority as the board moves to interview architects for the proposed new grades 5-6 school.

Four Members of the board, Chairman Ronnie Hawkins, B. S. Peeler, Shearra Miller and Dr. Larry Allen attended with McRae, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Jane King and Ronnie Wilson. Board member Melony Bolin was absent due to illness.

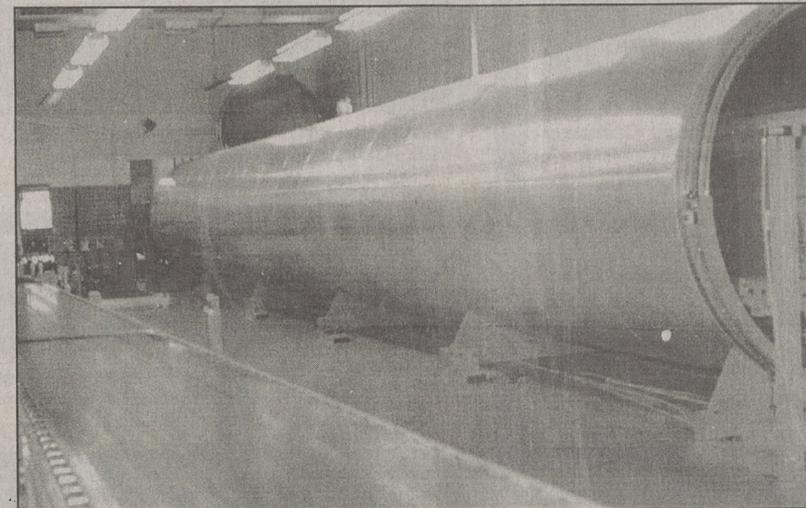
Allison Schafer of the North Carolina School Boards Association gave a legislative update and talked about boardmanship roles as a feature of the meeting.

King, Wilson and McRae reviewed a number of items from administrative to personnel and instructional and a report from the meeting will be on the agenda for the October meeting of the board of education.

Also on the agenda for the October meeting will be a presentation by Kings Mountain High School senior Amanda Johnsonbaugh who has written the board about her concerns for "second hand smoke."

Hawkins said the board discussed Johnsonbaugh's concerns that Gamble Stadium is not smoke free.

Spectrum Dyed Yarns moving on up



WORLD'S LARGEST -This Xorella conditioning unit in the Spectrum plant in Kings Mountain is the world's largest computer controlled unit.

Kings Mountain company 35th on state's top 100 list

Spectrum Dyed Yarns is building a fully automated dyeing and chemical dispensing system and is considering robotizing its package dye department and preparation area, which may be a first for most industries.

The Kings Mountain company houses the world's largest computer controlled Xorella conditioning unit and has expanded company wide with state of the art technology which has kept revenues high.

Howard Jones, corporate director of human resources at Spectrum's Kings Mountain headquarters, credits Spectrum's investment in new technology for the progress

which led to the firm's placing for numerous years on the prestigious North Carolina 100 which ranks those companies which place in the \$100-\$250 million revenue category. Spectrum moved up nine spots on the list this year to No. 35.

The local plant was among two in the county who made the list. Ray Thomas Petroleum of Shelby ranked 47th.

On any given work day a visitor to the Patterson Road plant is fascinated by the new technology at work. Robots take information from computers and before your eyes you see boxes being assembled along

See Spectrum, 11A

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