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This Week

Thursday

12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club at Ramada Limited
 6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at Central United Methodist Church.

Friday



Quarterback Anthony Ash leads Kings Mountain's Mountaineers into action against unbeaten East Rutherford Friday at John Gamble Stadium.

5-7:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club pancake supper at KMHS cafeteria. \$4.

7:30 p.m. - High School football, East Rutherford at Kings Mountain.

Monday

9:45-10:45 a.m. - Town Meeting with U.S. Congresswoman Sue Myrick at Kings Mountain Senior Center.

6:45 p.m. - Annual meeting of Kings Mountain Baptist Association, David Baptist Church, Kings Mountain

Tuesday

2:45 p.m. - Kings Mountain Baptist Association annual meeting, Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain (Evening session begins at 6:45 p.m.)

7 p.m. - Kings Mountain City Council meeting, City Hall.

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CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Councilman says he'll call for audit of businesses that sell beer on Sunday

A proposed amendment to the city ordinances to permit Sunday beer sales is drawing fire from some segments of the community and City Council will conduct public hearing on the issue Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Although there has been no outward activity from persons favoring the change in the Sunday Blue Laws, the opposition headed by Ward 4 Councilman Gene White has geared up to include a paid advertisement in today's Herald and contacts by White with local ministers and churches.

"We expect to have a lot of people at City Hall Tuesday to speak out on this issue," said White who disagreed at last

month's Council meeting with councilmen Jerry Mullinax and Bob Hayes and Mayor Scott Neisler that the issue is "fairness to merchants in town."

White contends that four or five businesses that serve meals on Sunday are currently serving beer and wine and may be doing it illegally. He says he will make a motion that Council demand that the Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency audit the present establishments operating under the so-called restaurant loophole provision to verify their compliance with the law.

"If they are not in compliance, then revoke their licenses to sell on Sunday," said White.

At last month's City Council meeting several businessmen headed by Ken Hamrick, operator of Silver Villa/Sports Bar, appeared before Council to seek a vote on changing the law. It was the second month in a row that Hamrick had questioned the fairness of the ordinance and he was joined by Councilmen Mullinax and Hayes and the mayor who said state laws take precedent and on-premise sales are permitted beginning at noon on Sunday but only where food sales approximate 60 percent of the total sales.

"Be fair to all, alcohol is already here," said Mullinax. "Cities all around us permit

the sale of beer on Sunday and Kings Mountain is losing sales tax dollars and also other business like groceries and gas," Hamrick said.

But White said those promoting the sale of beer on Sunday on the basis of "fairness and revenue generation" is wrong. "Recall the promise of giant revenue windfalls to result from establishment of the ABC Store. We know the additional revenue generation will be very small, probably insignificant," he said.

White said ALE agents come to Kings Mountain every year or two to check permits and charged that some firms don't

"come close" to complying with the existing law, although he said most meet the 36-seat requirements for restaurants which now sell beer on Sunday.

"Big crowds at one or two places in town that can sell beer on Sunday create trouble spots for police and there is some price gouging going on," said Hamrick who is licensed to serve beer on Sunday.

Rev. Doug Allen, president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, plans to be on the agenda Tuesday. Others wanting to speak for or against the issue can have their names placed on the agenda as they enter the council chambers Tuesday night.



FUN ON THE FARM - Children from Bessemer City Primary School enjoyed a field trip to Killdeer Farms in Kings Mountain Tuesday, where they gathered their own pumpkins for Halloween. Debbie Lineberger of Killdeer said her family grows

20 acres of pumpkins each year on their 100-acre farm and over 3,500 children visit the farm each year to pick their own pumpkins.

New business broken into twice

Frustrated with vandalism at his new business downtown, Kings Mountain businessman Tony Davis is posting a reward to help nab the culprits.

Davis, who owns and operates PC Solutions in the McGinnis building on S. Battleground, opened for business about a month ago and has twice been hit by vandals.

Det. Lt. Melvin Proctor said

police are still looking for suspects in the two incidents.

Proctor said Davis installed a burglar alarm system on October 11 after police on regular patrol found windows smashed and a lap top computer and two games missing October 10.

Proctor said the burglar alarm went off again at the business on October 20 at 12:06

a.m. and when police responded there was no evidence of entry but there was plenty of broken glass around where vandals had thrown a ball bat into the plate glass window.

The firm held grand opening on October 12th, according to Davis who had been working out of a house on York Road and just opened a retail business downtown.

PC Solutions specializes in computers, software, upgrades and repair.

"What do we do this day and age to protect ourselves from vandalism," said Davis who said he is tired of putting in new glass every week.

Proctor encourages anyone with information about the incident to contact him at 734-0444.

Good weather = building activity

Building activity in the Kings Mountain area has peaked with the Indian Summer weather.

Planning Director Steve Killian said the forecast looks good for some major construction to get underway in early fall and spring as several builders have come to town for permits.

Jefferies Enterprises of Gastonia was issued utility taps and permits this week for Sho Co., which is building on York

Road. Dale Short owns the new construction estimated at \$200,000.

Killian said a spokesman for Eckerd's has contacted his office with designs for a new building projected at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and York Road.

Permits have also been issued and grading has been completed at the site of the new Kings Mountain law enforcement center on Piedmont Avenue.

Construction costs are estimated at \$1 million.

Firestone Mills' \$16 million addition on I-85 north of the city and Bynum's Chapel Church Family Life Center are two major projects.

Grading for Phase II of Mountain Manor owned by Henry Whitesides was underway this week in the Linwood area. Whitesides is adding 12 more lots for homes at estimated costs of \$155,000

Developer Butch Kerns is expected to come before City Council next month to announce subdivision plans for 3-8 lots at the end of Williams Street.

The city staff received a set of plans from Kings Mountain Little Theatre for refurbishing of the old Dixie Theatre on Railroad Avenue.

Regrading at the site of the proposed Holiday Inn Express off York Road was also underway this week.

Cooter or body?

Rescuers drag KM lake after I-85 motorist reported 'floating body'

By Alan Hodge

A call by a passing motorist sent rescue squad workers to a Kings Mountain pond Monday. Units from Grover, Kings Mountain, and Bethlehem dragged a small quarry pond at Martin Marietta for several hours after an I-85 motorist reported seeing what they thought was a body in the water.

Criss-crossing the pond in a boat supplied by the Grover Fire Department Extrication Unit, rescuers came up empty-handed. Sgt. Tom Johnson of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department expressed relief that the search was fruitless.

"There's a big cooter that lives in the pond," Johnson said. "Even though it was probably him that the driver saw, it's better to be safe than sorry."

Revisiting the site late Monday afternoon and again on Tuesday morning, Johnson reported all was clear.

"It was just a case of someone driving along and seeing something out of the corner of their eye that wasn't there," Johnson said. "The pond is not very deep, so if anyone had been in there we would have found them."

Sue Myrick to speak at KM town meeting

Congresswoman Sue Myrick will be at Kings Mountain Senior Center Monday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for a Town Meeting.

Myrick rescheduled last week's scheduled meeting because of budget deliberations in the U. S. House.

The public is invited to attend and senior citizens particularly are encouraged by Aging Director Monty Thornburg to come out and discuss any concerns with Mrs. Myrick.

Myrick was first elected to the U. S. Congress from the Ninth District in 1994 and served as Mayor of Charlotte from 1987-91 and was on Charlotte City Council from 1983-85.

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