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This Week

Thursday, Dec. 3

12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club, Ramada Ltd.
1:30-6 p.m. - Bloodmobile, First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.
6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, Central United Methodist Church.



Kings Mountain High football coach Ron Massey talks to his team after Friday's 26-21 win over defending state champion Kannapolis.

Friday, Dec. 4

7:30 p.m. - High School football, Western 3A State Finals, Concord at Kings Mountain. Herald/WKMT Tailgate Show, 5:45-6:45 p.m., John Gamble Stadium track. WKMT pregame show 7:10 p.m. Booster Club hamburger and hot dog sale beginning at 6 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5

11 a.m. - Grover Christmas parade. Lines up in Spring Acres, follows Main Street to Laurel, and Laurel to Cleveland Avenue.
3 p.m. - Kings Mountain Christmas parade. Lines up on E. Gold St., right on Battleground Ave. to King St., right to BB&T.

Monday, Dec. 7

7 p.m. - Grover Town Council, Grover Town Hall.



Inside

1B Junior fullback Anthony Hillman sets another school record with 298-yard rushing performance in Mountaineers' state playoff victory over Kannapolis.

4A Jim and Brenda Belt hope to illuminate Mountain Rest Cemetery on Christmas Eve night.

5A Third annual Mountaineer Christmas is scheduled for December 11 from 5-10 p.m. in downtown Kings Mountain.

7A John Wasson is Cleveland County's new Director of the Department of Social Services.

10A Senior Citizens' water aerobics class is not only fun, but is good for what ails you.

Deaths

Pal Moss, 69
Kings Mountain

Harry Brooks, 63
Kings Mountain

Robert Nelms, 36
Crouse

Mable Queen, 83
Shelby

3A

Council may discuss agenda rules

Procedural rules for meetings of Council could come up at a work session in January or February.

City Clerk Marilyn Sellers said no vote was taken last Tuesday but the subject was generally agreed upon by all seven Council members during a discussion of too many agenda items added at meetings at the last minute.

"I see no major problems with how the meetings are running," Mayor Scott Neisler told the group. But he also agreed that everyone should do a better job of turning those items in in advance so they could be

placed on the agenda which is printed and available to the public in the days before each meeting.

Councilman Rick Murphrey agreed. "I don't really see anything wrong with adding things to the agenda. I just wish we could get as many of them there as possible so we would have time to prepare."

Tuesday night seven items were added to the agenda, two of them by Councilman Gene White. Murphrey voted against adopting the agenda, usually rubber stamped by the board.

White questioned procedures



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-Councilman Rick Murphrey

for calling a special meeting and said council should be careful not to call for a vote on an item before discussion is finished, the debate stemming from the council's actions during two recent meetings, when

members decided to call for a public referendum on the sale of alcohol in the city in the first meeting and rescinded that decision in the second.

Sellers said a special meeting

can be called by two council members or by the mayor and/or mayor pro tem. Sellers accepts the agenda items by Tuesday at noon before the next week's council meeting and the packet to council and the press goes out Friday before the next Tuesday night meeting.

Citizens wishing to appear on the agenda are asked to have their requests into Sellers by 5 p.m. on Wednesday prior to the next week's meeting. However, citizens can also place their names on the agenda prior to the council meeting for a three minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY

Library tree lighting ushers in yule season

By Alan Hodge

The lawn at Mauney Memorial Library was awash with light and sound Tuesday night as scores of Kings Mountain residents took part in Christmas festivities. On hand to see the official lighting of the Library's outdoor Christmas tree, the crowd was also treated to carolers, fireworks, and the spectacular arrival of Santa Claus.

The action began with a selection of holiday tunes sung by the children of Trinity Day

School. Belting out their renditions of popular favorites like "Deck the Halls," and "Away in a Manger," the kids warmed up the crowd for Santa's entry.

And what an entry it was. Riding high in a City of Kings Mountain utility truck cherry picker, Santa and his police escort pulled up in front of the Library. Hoisted to the top of the outdoor Christmas tree, Santa touched a flare to its tip and turned on the lights. At that moment, Fire Chief Frank Burns lit the fuse to a spectacular fire-

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I WISH I MAY- Jordan Weaver and Victoria Green tell Santa Claus their desires at Mauney Memorial Library's eighth annual tree lighting ceremony.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE- Singers from Trinity Day School entertain the crowd with Christmas songs at Mauney Library

Tuesday night.

Whether you buy or cut, KM's place for good tree

By Alan Hodge

Once again it's that time of year when thoughts turn to putting up and trimming the Christmas tree. Should your choice of Yuletide greenery be the artificial variety, the process is simple- just take the box down out of the attic, attach the limbs and lights, plug it up, and you're done. Folks who just can't stand the idea of Christmas without the aroma that only a real tree provides have a bit more to do, but to them that's half the fun.

No one in North Carolina should have any trouble finding a fresh Christmas tree. Last year, nearly 4 million trees with a value of 86 million dollars were sold in the state. The Tar Heel Christmas tree industry is the second largest in the nation, ranking just behind Oregon in number of trees grown. North Carolina ranks first in terms of dollars earned per tree.

Statewide, there are 1,600 Christmas tree growers in North Carolina, growing 34.2 million trees on 23,530 acres.

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WILL IT FIT?- Barry Woods (left), and Matt Bailey try a Fraser Fir for size at Kings Mountain Pools tree lot. If it doesn't fit, delivery is available.

Grover, KM parades Saturday

11 a.m. at Grover,
3 p.m. at Kings Mountain

With the holiday season in full swing, a plethora of parades is about to descend on the landscape. Rest assured, Kings Mountain and Grover are doing their part to make sure that this important Christmas tradition gets its proper due.

Delighting kids both young and old for decades, the annual Kings Mountain Christmas parade steps off Saturday, December 5 at 3 p.m. Forming up on E. Gold Street near City Hall, the parade will proceed to Battleground Ave., and turn right. Stepping up Battleground, the floats, band, and dignitaries will then make another right onto E. Kings Street, then continue down that thoroughfare as far as BB&T Bank.

The lineup for this year's parade is impressive. Entries include: Kings Mountain Police Chief Richard Reynolds, Kings Mountain DARE officer, Fire Chief Frank Burns, Cleveland County Sheriff Dan Crawford, an antique fire engine, Grand Marshall Girls State 3A Volleyball Champs, N.C. Highway Patrol, Kings Mountain Mayor Scott Neisler, Kings Mountain City Council members; Ward #1 Phil Hager, Ward #2 Jerry Mullinax, Ward #3 Clavon Kelly, Ward #4 Gene White, Ward #5 Rick Murphrey, At Large Norma Bridges and Bob Hayes, also Congress Member Sue Myrick, Cleveland County Democratic Party, Jim Horne, Andy Dedmon, Walter Dalton, Willie McIntosh.

Other paraders will include: Kings Mountain Cruisers, Kings Mountain Police Ladies Auxiliary, Kings Mountain High School Marching Band and Cheerleaders, Dance Group #1, Pack 92, Oak Grove Fire Department, MECCA Shrine Temple, Miracle Tabernacle Ministries, Little Miss Miracle Tabernacle, Gaston Gazette Float, Dance Group #2, Shoco Lube N' Cruise, Greenville Community Marching Band, Miss Bessemer City, Robin Ratchford Jr., White Oak Manor, Pack 95, Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, Barbara Neeland's Dune Buggys, Dance Group #3, Galilee V Methodist Men and Women, East Elementary School Cub Pack Scouts 93, East Elementary Girl Scouts, 9-10 Boys State Baseball All-Star Team, Kala Buchanan Bethware Fair Queen, Lincoln District "Y"s, Westover Baptist, Dance Group #44, New Beginnings Church of Jesus Christ, Kings Mountain

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