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This Week

Thursday, Dec. 10

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

1-5:30 p.m. - Red Cross Bloodmobile, First Baptist Church.

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

7 p.m. - John H. Moss Reservoir Commission meets at Moss Lake Beach House.

7:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Middle School 8th Grade, Kings Mountain High 9th Grade, and KMHS Blazer Bands' annual winter concert at B.N. Barnes Auditorium. Free admission.

Friday, December 11

7:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain High School football team faces Winston-Salem Carver in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association AAA championship game at Kenan Stadium, Chapel Hill.

Saturday, December 12

8-11 p.m. - Christmas dance, Kings Mountain Woman's Club. Open to public. \$15 single, \$25 couple. Call 739-1917 or 739-4787.

Monday, Dec. 14

7 p.m. - Kings Mountain Board of Education meets at District Office, 105 E. Ridge St.

7 p.m. - Elliot Engle's Dickens and Christmas, B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

7:30 p.m. - Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM meets at Masonic Lodge.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

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

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1B Kings Mountain High's football team defeats Concord 20-7 for first Western North Carolina Regional Championship, and prepares to take on Winston-Salem Carver Friday at 7:30 in Chapel Hill for the state championship.

4B Kings Mountain High volleyball star Kristie Brinkley, and Mountaineer cross country standout Chad Pearson have been selected Players of the Year in the Southwestern 3A Conference.

6B Kings Mountain merchants have some last-minute gifts and stocking stuffers for you.



4A Santa and Mrs. Clause wave to crowd at Kings Mountain Christmas parade Saturday.

5A Chamber of Commerce honors retiring vice-president Jeannie Moore.

9A Gas prices should remain low through the holidays.

10A Get your Christmas cards and packages in the mail now.

Chapel Hill, here we come!

Mountaineers beat Concord for Regional crown, face Carver for State 3A Championship



Kings Mountain football fans rearing to Go to Chapel Hill Friday for state championship game

Kings Mountain High's football players and fans will go after something they've never had Friday night - a state championship.

After defeating Concord 20-7 for the Western Regional crown last Friday at KM's John Gamble Stadium, the Mountaineers hit the road to Chapel Hill where they will face Eastern champion Winston-Salem Carver at 7:30 p.m. at UNC's Kenan Stadium.

All of Kings Mountain is excited about the prospects of bringing home a football championship to go with baseball titles won in 1989 and 1993, a golf championship in 1990, and the women's volleyball crown won last month in Charlotte.

"Everybody is so excited," said KMHS staff member Sandra Bumgardner, who is coordinating advance ticket sales and bus trips. "The office has been buzzing all week with people coming in and out. It hasn't stopped. We had to recruit some volunteers to come in and help us sell tickets."

Bumgardner, whose son, Rusty, is one of the Mountaineer coaches, said tickets will be sold through 4 p.m. Thursday. Advance tickets are \$6. Tickets at the game will be \$7.

Bumgardner said a local Mountaineer supporter has chartered eight buses to carry KM fans to the game. Four have already been filled. Persons wanting to ride may call the school at 734-KMHS. The cost is \$10.

Buses will load Friday at 1:30, and will leave the KMHS parking lot no later than 2 p.m. Bumgardner said fans may park in the parking lot at Neisler Natatorium or the parking lot behind B.N. Barnes Auditorium. The buses will return to Kings Mountain after the game.

Kings Mountain has been designated as the visiting team. The KM seating section will be in the South stands on the old Kenan Field House end. Fans should enter Gate 6. The band and cheerleaders must enter Gate 5.

Gates open 1 1/2 hours before game time. From 5-7 p.m., fans are invited to tour the Hall of Honor in the new Kenan Football Center.

KM community goes to bat for young man with cancer

All Ed and Judy Guy want for Christmas is for their younger son, Anthony, 24, to enjoy a traditional family holiday.

In this the season of hope and miracles, the Kings Mountain family has embarked on a journey to Mexico for treatments for Anthony who is battling brain cancer.

"There's no place like Kings Mountain," said Ed Guy from the family room at a motel near the Mexican border, their home away from home since November 28.

"We appreciate so much the support of Kings Mountain people during this difficult time for our son and we ask for their continued

prayers," said Ed, a teacher at Davidson School.

Friday night a Interact Club-sponsored benefit for young Guy at the Kings Mountain High School football game raised \$2,326. Former students of Guy, Dale and Connie Greene, winners of the 50/50 raffle, donated \$500 of their take of \$1,163 to bring the Guy fund to \$1,663. A special fund for Anthony has been set up at First Presbyterian Church. Those wishing to donate should make checks payable to Anthony Guy Medical Fund, First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 639, Kings Mountain, 28086.

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ANTHONY GUY

KM, Ingles talking again

Although no plans are firm, engineer Al Moretz says the Ingles Markets project may be back on the front burner.

Ingles Markets' plans to build a new store on Oak Grove Road hit a snag due to costs of running sewer to the site.

Moretz was contacted by Ingles officials this week and they and city officials are looking for a new route for a sewer line to serve the proposed grocery store on Oak Grove Road.

Moretz says that the way to go may be a gravity line which should prove to be cost effective.

Moretz, City Manager Jimmy Maney and Ingles consultants are meeting Tuesday to take a look at maps of an alternate route.

"After we get all the options together we will look at a cost analysis to determine the extent of participation by both the city and Ingles in this project and make a report to City Council," said Moretz.

Moretz said he expects that a gravity sewer line would figure in a good budget for the construction.

City Council meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for the December meeting and Maney expects the agenda to be light. The meeting, usually held on the fourth Tuesday in the month, is being held early due to the Christmas holidays. City Hall will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Carole George, the city's computer analyst, is on the Tuesday night agenda. She will update Council on progress and preparations for the year 2000.

"Carole has been working

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Rhodes to head KM Chamber office

Jay Rhodes will become vice president of operations for the Kings Mountain branch of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce on January 4.

Rhodes has most recently held the position of senior vice president of First Charter National Bank in Kings Mountain. He is also play-by-play announcer for the Kings Mountain High School football team.

Rhodes will succeed Jean

Moore, who had held the position for four years and recently moved from the Kings Mountain area.

"We were very fortunate to find someone of Jay's calibre for this position," said Chamber President Rob Youngblood. "He is well known and well liked in the Kings Mountain area, and he is quite familiar with the local business community and the citizens. Jay is a recognized leader in this community."

Rhodes was employed by First Charter National Bank and Carolina State Bank in Kings Mountain for eight years. For six years prior, he worked for Lincoln Bank in Lincolnton.

Rhodes held numerous positions in education and coaching before pursuing a career in banking.

"I have been involved in the Chamber for several years and appreciated the organization's work in the business communi-

ty," he said. "I look forward to working directly with my fellow Kings Mountain citizens to promote business in the city and county."

Rhodes will work three full days a week in the new part-time position. The Chamber Board of Directors recently approved the new position at the urging of the Chamber's Kings Mountain Advisory Council.

Local banks plan to merge

The Boards of Directors of First National Bank and First Carolina Federal Savings Bank announced today that they had entered into an agreement whereby First Carolina will be merged with and into First National in a cash transaction whereby shareholders of First Carolina will receive approximately \$15.3 million for all of the issued and outstanding shares of First Carolina.

On a fully diluted basis, it is anticipated that the shareholders of First Carolina will receive

approximately \$41.33 per share for each share of First Carolina stock.

The merger, if approved by stockholders and regulatory agencies, will become effective in the first quarter of 1999 and will expand First National's offices from eight to 11 in Cleveland and Gaston Counties. First National currently operates eight offices in Shelby and Cleveland County.

"We are delighted to be able to expand into Kings Mountain, Gastonia and Bessemer City, es-

pecially by being associated with such a fine long-standing institution as First Carolina," said Adelaide Craver, President of First National. "We will be honored to have the opportunity to serve the customers of First Carolina and look forward to providing them with the products and services they now have plus additional hometown banking services."

Michael C. Wiseman, President of First Carolina, commented: "First National is

the premiere bank of Cleveland County and we are looking forward to joining them as we serve the citizens of this area. Our deposit and loan customers will be well served and our shareholders are being rewarded for the investment they have made in First Carolina. This is an exciting event for all parties concerned."

Brenda Lovelace, Corporate Secretary of First Carolina, pointed out that the institution

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