



CHECK THE OIL- Ribbon cutting ceremonies at the new Lube 'N Cruise on York Road in Kings Mountain included guests and dignitaries; left to right, "Lubey Duck", Joe Smith, Dale Short, Dean Philbeck, Jim Allen, and Scott Niesler.

Lube 'N Cruise now open in KM

By Alan Hodge

If the thoughts of creeping around under your vehicle, struggling with a stuck oil drain plug, then having a torrent of hot oil scald your arm sounds like a nightmare, there's a new place in town to turn those thoughts into sweet dreams.

Officially opened Tuesday with a ribbon cutting and speeches, Lube 'N Cruise at 400 York Road in Kings Mountain is a full-service vehicle maintenance facility combining a highly trained staff, premium lubricants, and the latest in computerized auto record keeping.

"Lube 'N Cruise is committed to educating our customers

about the advantages of proper vehicle maintenance so they can extend the life of their cars," said owner Dale Short. "Everything at Lube 'N Cruise is geared around preventive vehicle maintenance. We also keep computerized records on all the cars we service. That way, we can alert owners when a particular aspect of their car needs attention."

Seeing to it that the technicians at Lube 'N Cruise stay on top of the ever changing automobile scene, at least ten hours per month are spent on training.

Several local business leaders and dignitaries attended the Lube 'N Cruise ribbon cutting. "We wish Lube 'N Cruise a

long and successful business," said Kings Mountain Business Association president Joe Smith.

Kings Mountain mayor Scott Neisler said that he was already a Lube 'N Cruise customer.

"I challenge everyone to do something for the environment and have your car serviced here," Neisler added.

The Kings Mountain location is the third one for Shoco Lube 'N Cruise. The first store opened in Shelby in November 1996, followed by location number two in Cherryville in 1998. Kings Mountain owner is Dale Short, manager is Walt Nahalewski, and general manager is Dean Philbeck.

KM Middle School to go on the air Friday

By Alan Hodge

It may not knock "John Boy and Billy" off the air, but February 5 will see Kings Mountain Middle School begin broadcasting at 101.3 FM on your radio dial. Dubbed "Patriot Radio," the broadcast will be a repeating message of around three minutes duration covering the general vicinity of the middle school grounds.

"The station is an educational tool to alert parents of upcoming events and other items of interest at our school," said Kings Mountain Middle School principal John Goforth.

Items that will be featured on the air include sports scores and upcoming games, birthdays, student accomplishments and special event dates. Put out by transmitter in Goforth's office, the range of the broadcast is limited to the school parking lot and just beyond.

"We have so many parents waiting in their cars to pick their children up, we felt it would be good to provide them with some information while they waited," said Goforth.

Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Middle School PTO, the broadcasting equipment



LOUD AND CLEAR- Kings Mountain Middle School Principal John Goforth demonstrates radio equipment that the school will use to broadcast daily information on 101.3 FM.

was purchased from Drive by Broadcasting of Boynton Beach, Florida.

Helping with the technical side of things is Kings Mountain Middle School's Technology teacher Henry Gilmore. Gilmore worked at WBT radio for ten years.

Don't expect to hear students crooning or broadcasting the news like Walter Cronkite just yet.

"We may involve the students at a later date when the program becomes more refined," Goforth said. "But for now, it's targeted at the parents."

New commissioners take office

Republicans Jim Crawley and Joe Cabaniss were elected chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, as the new Board of Cleveland

County Commissioners took the oath of office Tuesday night at the County Courthouse.

Others taking the oath of office were Republican Charlie Harry and Democrats Willie McIntosh and Joe Hendrick.

In other business Tuesday, the commissioners agreed to hold two public hearings February 16. The personnel department will present a proposed ordi-

nance amendment concerning the awards for exceptional employee performance. At the second public hearing, the sheriff's department will ask commissioners for permission to apply for a law enforcement grants from the U.S. Departments of Justice and Transportation.

Board members also approved a bid from T.C. Strickland Construction Company to design a new entrance and build improvements to the parking lot at the Health Department. The bid was for \$128,414.

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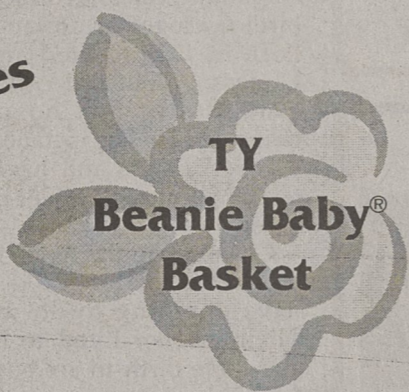
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