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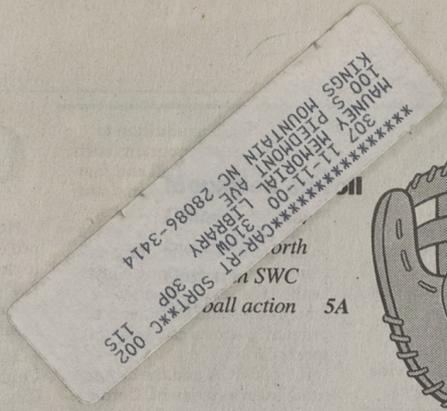
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## SPORTS



Kings Mountain's Kendrick Bell pulls into second base with a stand-up double in Easter baseball tournament at Kings Mountain High School. 5A

### Former KMHS coach going into Hall of Fame



Former Kings Mountain High baseball and basketball coach Bobby Hussey will be inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Monday, April 26 at KMHS. 5A

### John H. Moss begins 40th year as SAL head



Former Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss will begin his 40th year as President of the South Atlantic League tonight when he throws out the first

pitch to open the season in Greensboro. 6A

## SCHOOLS

### Grover Elementary School holds International Festival

Grover School students and parents learned about cultures from the four corners of the globe at the school's second annual International Festival. 8A

## CHURCHES

### The times are changing at Boyce Memorial ARP

The times are changing, and so is Boyce Memorial ARP Church, Kings Mountain. Beginning Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 8:45 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. 11A

## DEATHS

Frank Oates, 72 ..... Shelby  
Myrtis Plott, 94 ..... Kings Mtn.  
Glennie Blackston ..... Kings Mtn.  
Ruthie Gunter, 65 ..... Bessemer City  
Desma Short, 87 ..... Shelby  
Marvin Arrowood, 67 ..... Vale  
3A

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# YMCA in KM's future?

By GARY STEWART  
Editor of the Herald

A move is under way to create a partnership between the YMCAs of Cleveland County and the City of Kings Mountain for the YMCA to run the city's recreation programs.

Cameron Corder, CEO of the YMCAs of Cleveland County, is talking with city and corporate officials in Kings Mountain, and says

there is a positive feeling that the idea could greatly enhance recreation possibilities for all ages in the Greater Kings Mountain area.

Although city officials were reluctant to talk about the possibility "on the record," there seems to be much support of the idea.

According to Corder and some city officials who prefer to remain anonymous at this time, the effort could result in

Kings Mountain leasing its recreation facilities to the YMCA for a three-to-five-year period.

At present, the city spends about \$400,000 a year toward recreation, including some \$300,000 for running the program and \$100,000 in capital costs. The unofficial word is that Kings Mountain would pay the YMCA \$300,000 a year in 12 equal payments to run the program, and reserve \$100,000 for maintenance and

a contingency fund for repairs of facilities.

There will probably be a clause in any agreement for either party to pull out at any time.

But Corder, who says the Boiling Springs recreation program has improved tremendously under a similar arrangement, feels a YMCA in Kings Mountain would take recreation to a level it's never been before.

"The most important thing

is that we want to create something that is Kings Mountain owned and operated," he says. "It would be a Kings Mountain YMCA and would be governed by a Kings Mountain Board of Directors - leadership from the Greater Kings Mountain area."

Corder is quick to point out that a Kings Mountain YMCA would not be a "branch" of the Shelby YMCA.

See YMCA, 2A

## An auction house wedding



### Couple met at - and wed at - auction

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

Cupid was the highest bidder when Joyce's Auction House in Kings Mountain hosted the wedding of Lloyd "Cowboy" Williams and Millie Bridges. Held on April 1, the ceremony brought together friends and family of the couple who share a love of auctions.

"Cowboy and Millie had been telling me for a year they wanted to get married," said auction owner Joyce Berryhill. "Since my auction house was where we all get together, it seemed like the best place for the wedding."

For the occasion, the inside of the auction house had been spruced up. A table up front served as altar and buffet.

Down the center aisle, a roll of white material had been laid for the bride to make her entrance on. A cool breeze blew in the open auction house door, reminding one of how old-time churches used to feel before air conditioning.

The regard that both bride and groom had for one another was obvious.

See Wedding, 2A



Wedding bells chimed last Thursday at Joyce's Auction House in Kings Mountain. In the top photo, Reverend L.C. Rankin conducts the ceremony that saw Millie Bridges and Lloyd "Cowboy" Williams become man and wife. In the bottom shot, the newlyweds get ready for their first taste of cake together.

## Council to discuss possible site for center

Potential sites for a new Kings Mountain Senior Center which would also include one acre of land for a first local Western North Carolina Housing Partnership will be presented by City Manager Jimmy Maney Monday at 7 p.m. to a special meeting of City Council.

Council to discuss sewer rate

2A

Aging Director Monty Thornburg said the Department of Housing and Urban Development has already approved a \$450,000 grant for one house on the site for eight bedrooms and eight baths to accommodate qualifying senior citizens.

Thornburg said Isothermal Planning Commission of Rutherford County is working with the WNC Housing Partnership as project administrator and will receive the applications. A Title V person may be hired for the site to prepare meals and take care of maintenance, Thornburg said.

"This is a new concept in housing for senior citizens and the first time we have had an opportunity in this area to take advantage of this grant," he said.

Shared living accommodations will include a living room and kitchen area in the Victorian style house.

The shared senior housing is the first for this area and is patterned after a concept developed in Hereford County.

Maney will present several four acre sites for the senior center complex at Monday night's special meeting to which the public is invited.

Maney and Architect Glen Stephens showed conceptual drawings for the proposed \$1 million multi-purpose facility to City Council last week.

Stephens described the new senior center as "cost effective."

Included in the spacious 15,000 square foot layout are five offices, a break room, nurse's office, 9x12 reception area, 14x30 lobby, gift shop, 18x30 kitchen, two 30x30 classrooms, a 86x42 multi purpose room/auditorium, gym, craft room, pool room, card room and many features attractive to senior citizens.

See Center, 2A



Drawing of proposed new Kings Mountain Senior Center

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