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KMHS Senior Play
KMHS seniors rehearse scene from senior play open house



SPORTS



Eric Boyd pitches a 3-hitter to lead Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to victory over Burns. 5A

Mountaineer grid star signs with E. Tennessee



Kings Mountain High football star Julius Curry has signed a letter of intent to continue his education and play football at East Tennessee State University. 5A

SCHOOLS

KM science students kayak on NC coast

Kings Mountain High School students recently spent five days on the North Carolina coast, where they camped, went sea kayaking and learned about ecology and biology. 8B

KM School Board approves local budget

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved its proposed local budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The budget will now go to County Commissioners for final approval. 5B

LIFESTYLES

Newlyweds restore the Summers mansion

Newlyweds David Mayes and Terry Bryant have restored the Summers mansion on North Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain. 1B

Get ready for a big crop of strawberries

Strawberries will be ripe early next month, and Kings Mountain and Cleveland County has some of the best farms in the county for the public to pick-your-own. 1B

DEATHS

Ernest Collins, 62.....Shelby
Rev. Joe Terry, Jr., 67.....Shelby
Claude Hambricht, 95.....Kings Mtn.
C.D. Ware, 91.....Kings Mtn.
Sarah Pendleton, 77.....Kings Mtn.
Drianna Dingmon, inf.....Kings Mtn.
Mary McKelvie, 67.....Florida
Elizabeth Higginbotham, 87.....Grover
DeAsia Adams
DaShun Adams infants.....Shelby 2A

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Hall of Fame ceremony Monday

The 12th annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will be held Monday at Kings Mountain High School.

The meal will begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The induction ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium.

Tommy John, former major league baseball player and now Director of Community Relations for the AAA Charlotte Knights, will be the guest speaker. Jay Rhodes will be the master of ceremonies.

The 1999 inductees are:
The late James Gibson, Kings Mountain's first All-State football player and a member of N.C. State's 1946 Gator Bowl team. He will be inducted by his nephew, former KMHS baseball player and coach,

Barry Gibson.

Bryan Jones, former KMHS and University of North Carolina tennis All-American. He will be inducted by his college coach, Allen Morris, who is now Athletic Director at Presbyterian College.

Bobby Hussey, former KMHS baseball and basketball coach who won two conference and one association baseball title in four years as coach, and two conference championships in three years as basketball coach. He will be inducted by Dr. Rick Finger, who was a forward on Hussey's championship team in 1968 which posted a 25-1 record.

Special Achievement Awards will be presented to Michael Jolly, a KMHS senior who won the 1998 North Carolina High School Athletic Association golf

championship; the 1998-99 KMHS volleyball team which won the NCHSAA championship; and 1999 KMHS wrestlers Anthony Ash and Julius Curry, who won the NCHSAA championship.

Special Recognition Awards will go to the 1998 KMHS football team which won the Western N.C. championship, and the KMHS women's swim team which won the Southwestern 3A Conference.

Four deserving KMHS student athletes will receive \$500 scholarships. Three will be given by the Hall of Fame, and the fourth will be presented by Grafton Withers in honor of his father, former KMHS baseball coach and Hall of Fame member Fred Withers.

Tickets, which include the meal and the induction ceremony, are on sale at various locations for \$10 each. They may also be purchased at the door.



Cancer survivors lead the first lap in the annual Relay for Life Friday night at the Kings Mountain Walking Track. The event raised over \$21,000 for cancer research. ALAN HODGE / THE HERALD

CELEBRATE LIFE

Relay for Life raises \$21,000 for cancer research

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Cancer took a whipping Friday and Saturday at the Kings Mountain Relay For Life event. Held at the Kings Mountain Community Center walking track and field, the gathering of cancer survivors, relay walkers, barbecue cook-off contestants, entertainers and spectators was a celebration of life.

Even before the Relay For Life fund raising walkers got under way around 6:30 pm, the atmosphere on the field was festive. In addition to brightly colored rides and tents, the air was saturated with the intoxicating aroma of cooking barbecue. As cars lined up to get close to the field, friends old and new greeted each other warmly.

Opening ceremonies featured several keynote

speakers including former Kings Mountain mayor Kyle Smith.

"With you supporting things like Relay For Life, we can defeat this monster called cancer," Smith told the crowd.

Relay For Life organizer Mike Neely called the gathering a "special event for a lot of folks."

"Nearly everyone here knows someone who has or has had cancer," Neely said.

The Relay For Life was not about giving in to cancer. Rather it was a celebration of life, a time to remember those who had lost their battle with the disease, and a chance to make more people aware of cancer.

See Relay, 3A

Group home may share site with Senior Center

"A model home to call their home" is how City Manager Jimmy Maney describes a shared group home that could become a reality for some senior citizens on possibly the site of the proposed new Kings Mountain Senior Center.

City Council still hasn't picked the site for the proposed \$1 million senior center but a site report is on the agenda for Tuesday night's city council meeting. Council gave the city manager the green light last week to negotiate for three or four acres of land to cost no more than \$75,000.

The Western N. C. Housing Partnership Inc. proposes to develop the shared living resi-

dence for at least eight older adults, rooms may be shared by couples. Residents must be 62 years of age or older and meet income eligibility guidelines.

The house, including porches, will be 4,200 square feet and contain eight private bedrooms with private baths and shared common areas. Commons areas will include a living room, dining room, laundry room and a fully equipped kitchen. Each private tenant's room will contain a small refrigerator so that he or she may store drinks and snacks in his or her room. Total construction costs for the facility are estimated to be \$320,000 with total development costs estimated at \$420,000.

"This shared living residence is for independent, older adults," said Maney. Residents may come and go as they please and there will be no live-in caretaker or skilled nursing provided.

Maney called the home an alternative for people who do not want to live alone, live with family members or live in a rest home or assisted living facility.

Kings Mountain Senior Center, of which Monty Thornburg is Director, is working in partnership with the WNCNP and Isothermal Planning of Rutherfordton to make the services available to residents.

See Council, 3A

C.D. "Red" Ware, a KM treasure, dies at age 91

The flags flew at half mast Monday at city hall in memory of the late C. D. "Red" Ware, a 46-year veteran of the Kings Mountain Fire Department, who died Friday after a lengthy illness.

Captain Ware was a familiar figure on the Kings Mountain fire truck for years. Even before he became a full-time employee in 1951 he had served for 10 years as a volunteer and also drove the ambulance for Harris Funeral Home before the chartering of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.



RED WARE

Chief Frank Burns worked with Ware for two years. "He taught me a lot and he also taught me how to cook because he had the reputation of being the best cook around," said Burns.

Bill Herndon, who has been with the local fire department for more than 25 years, recalled that Ware loved his work. "He was a big hunter and fisherman and he did most of the cooking for firemen. This was his second home," said Herndon.

Herndon and Bill McDaniel, the latter who worked with Ware at Harris Funeral Home, recalled that when the old fire department moved from the old police department beside of Harris Funeral Home that firemen carried Red's big freezer from the firemen's quarters upstairs to the present fire department building. When Red retired, the freezer went to his home on West Mountain Street that he shared with daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Austin and their family.

"Red never wanted to be chief, he was content just to be Red," said former Fire Chief Gene Tignor who was Red's "boss" for a number of years. Tignor said Ware was "neat, punctual, dedicated, easy to work with and good to the men of the department."

Red and the late T. C. McKee were fire-fighting partners and Tignor called them among the first firemen hired by the city, including were Stormy Farr, P. D. Fulton, the city's first fireman and police dispatcher, Ted

See Ware, 3A



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
Judy Gibson, left, receives the Excellence in Teaching Award from last year's winner, Leslie Martin, at the KMHS Academic Awards Ceremony Thursday night at Barnes Auditorium. For a complete list of the students who were honored, see page 5B

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