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PEOPLE



Danny McAbee, left, and Cheryl Pearson welcome customers to Mac's Grocery in Kings Mountain.

Customers come from all over to Mac's in KM

Mac's Grocery is a lot like Abe Lincoln - not exactly gorgeous on the outside, but full of character on the inside. Customers come from all over to buy sandwiches and meat there. 7A

Dulins' yard dresses up 'Gateway to KM'

Fred and Martha Dulin's yard on East King Street in Kings Mountain is so trim you could eat off it. 5A

KMHS student wins national computer event

Adam Hall, a rising junior at Kings Mountain High School, recently won first place in the Computer Applications event at the 1999 Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Chicago. 9A

Justin Roper serves as N.C. Senate Page

14-year-old Justin Roper of Kings Mountain recently served as a Page for Senator Walter Dalton in the North Carolina General Assembly. 9A

SPORTS



HOPPER



CURRY

KMHS football stars to play in all-star game

Offensive lineman Julius Curry and defensive lineman Frank Hopper, two of the stars on last year's championship Kings Mountain High football team, will play in the East-West All-Star Game next Wednesday night in Greensboro. 2B

State softball tourney set in Kings Mountain

The State Girls Fast-pitch Softball Tournaments will be held in Kings Mountain Thursday through Sunday. All games are at the new baseball/softball complex at Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department. 2B

Hot Dog Month

Best hot dog in town

Griffin still serving up the old-time soda fountain taste

(ED. NOTE - In observance of National Hot Dog Month, the Herald sent a hungry Alan Hodge to several restaurants in Kings Mountain to find the best hot dog in town. All of them were good, but Griffin Drug's was a taste above the rest).

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

If ever there was a food that could be called "All-American," it's the hot dog. From its invention around the turn of the century, to its wide variety of configurations today, the hot dog is a meal that can be eaten anywhere, anytime, by anyone. If the bun is soft enough, and the weenie boiled enough, you don't even need teeth to chow down on a dog.

The hot dog's ancestors were sausages made in Frankfurt, Germany, as long ago as the Middle Ages. Coming into the United States with the wave of German immigrants in the 19th century, frankfurters were a staple food for many in Northern cities.

The hot dog as we know it today came into being in the 1890s when New Yorker Charles Feltman opened a frankfurter stand on Coney Island. Wrapping his frankfurters in bread, he called them "hot dachshunds" after the long dog of the same name. Hence, the term "hot dog" was born.

Some folks worship the hot dog. Every July 4th at Nathan's famous hot dog stand on Coney Island in New York, a world hot dog eating contest takes place. Dating back to 1916, the contest at Nathan's has only been canceled twice - in 1941 to protest the war in Europe, and in 1971 to protest against hippies. Winners in Nathan's hot dog eating contest have gobbled as many as 24 tube steaks with their accompanying buns in the regulation 12 minutes.

Don't dare call a hot dog "junk food" or place it in the same category as things like pickled pigs feet or scrapple. A well-garnished hot dog can contain items from each of the food groups when properly constructed. For instance, green vegetables can be represented by slaw and onions, cheese can represent dairy products, the bun takes care of carbohydrates, and the weenie fills in as protein. With these credentials, a hot dog can become health food.

There are plenty of places in Kings Mountain to grab a dog that won't bite back. No matter what your taste in hot dogs, there's a restaurant nearby that can make one just the way you want it.

With a name like Wiener Works, the food stand in the Kings Mountain Plaza shopping center makes its mission statement clear. Though they offer hamburgers and other sandwiches, Wiener Works concentrates on hot dogs.



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Any time is hot dog time for Lisa Smallwood of Kings Mountain. A recent lunch hour caught Smallwood downing one of the delicious dogs from Griffin Drug Center.

There are several types of hot dog available from Wiener Works. Varieties include a kraut dog, cheese dog, corn dog, regular hot dog, Big Frank, and a foot long.

The foot long hot dog at Wiener Works is more than a mouthful. Rather intimidating at first, the footlong and a drink will make a meal for less than three dollars. Garnished with onions, mustard, slaw, and chili, the Wiener Works footlong has a variety of taste sensations rolled in one.

Two of the best things about the Wiener Works footlong were the freshness of the onions and the meaty, rich tasting chili. The onions were coarsely chopped and had a good crunch to them. The chili somewhat resembled good spaghetti sauce and lacked that "canned" taste that so many chili recipes have.

Forming the foundation of the Wiener Works dog was a tender and tasty weenie and a nice soft bun. All in all, this was a hot dog worth howling for.

A do it yourself hot dog for do it your self type people best describes the dogs at One Stop convenience store at the Moss Lake exit on U.S. 74 near Kings Mountain. Riding back and forth on a stainless steel grill, the weenies at One Stop are fat and juicy. Besides an all beef dog, there are also German sausages available.

See Hot Dog, 6A

Smoke in her blood



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The Kings Mountain Fire Department had an historical moment July 1 when Wendy Wright joined their ranks as the city's first female volunteer firefighter. Here Wright poses with her father John Wright, who is a 17 year veteran of the Kings Mountain firefighting force.

Wendy Wright is KM's first woman firefighter

BY ALAN HODGE
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Some girls dream of being a famous movie star, others long for the day when they can snag a husband with a house in Beverly Hills and a different colored Porsche for each day of the week. Wendy Wright of Kings Mountain, however, has higher aspirations and achieved one of them July 1st when she became the first female firefighter in Kings Mountain history.

A 22 year-old nursing student, Wright has since her earliest years been enamored of firefighting. Daughter of Kings Mountain firefighter John Wright, Wendy has had smoke in her blood since she was just a baby.

"Since I began my career by working with the Grover Fire Department, Wendy has always been around firefighting," said John Wright, a seventeen-year veteran of the firefighting profession. "From the time she was out of diapers, she has expressed an interest in being a firefighter."

Wright won't be a rookie when she takes to the streets of Kings Mountain on fire calls. Not only does she have experience in firefighting and emergency situations from days as a volunteer in Grover, she is also a state certified Firefighter II.

See Wendy, 3A

5 more file for KM seats

Chandler files for mayor, four seek term on Council

A three-man race for mayor developed this week with the entrance of realtor Ted Chandler and the filing of businessman Carl DeVane in Ward 5, Frank Brackett for At-Large commissioner and incumbents Phil Hager in Ward 1 and Clavon Kelly in Ward 3.



TED CHANDLER

This brings the total to nine the number of Kings Mountain citizens who seek eight positions open on city council.

As of Tuesday, incumbent council members Norma Bridges, Bob Hayes, Jerry Mullinax and Gene White had not announced reelection plans.

Bridges, mayor pro tem, was still mulling the possibility of running for the mayor's seat.

Chandler, of 503 N. City Street, says he has been encouraged by friends because "Kings Mountain needs a change and Kings Mountain has a lot of room for growth."

Chandler says he would like to see the "mills that are falling down be replaced by new industry and more jobs." He is associated with Century 21 Castle Finders. He and his wife, Pansie, have two sons, Brandon and Michael, and are active in Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

DeVane, of 1308 Wales Road, is President/Owner of DeVane Marketing and was associated for a number of years in management positions with Duplex Shannon, Reeves Brothers and Dawson Consumer Products. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Leanne and Steve Martin of Pecos, New Mexico and David and Kim DeVane of Kings Mountain and two grandchildren. They are active in Central United Methodist Church.

In a filing statement, DeVane said, "Kings Mountain is a city in a position with its water supply, utilities, industrial parks, employees, residents and other factors to attain growth and prosperity as we move into the 21st century."

"Financially, the city appears to be in excellent condition and I would work to see this area of concern continues to become more stable and to insure that we use our revenues wisely to prevent any possible future tax or utility increase.

"Also, I would work to beautify our city, to work with the mayor, other council members and city employees to attract new industry, which will provide jobs for our people now and in the future. With my 40 years of business experience and my service to the community in the past, I believe that I can make a contribution to this city and represent all residents of Ward 5 and Kings Mountain."

See Filing, 3A



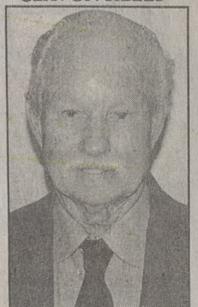
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