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SPORTS

KM's Dunn selected for Laurens Hall of Fame

Larry Dunn of Kings



Mountain has been selected as one of the original inductees of the Laurens, SC Hall of Fame. Dunn was a three-sports

star at his high school and was well on his way to the major leagues with the Yankees before health problems ended his career. 1B

Keith Layton going into KM Hall of Fame



Keith Layton, Kings Mountain High three-sports star in the 1950s and a member of championship baseball and foot-

ball teams at The Citadel, will be inducted into the Kings Mountain Hall of Fame on April 11. 1B

KMHS girls soccer team off to big start

Kings Mountain High's women's soccer team is off to a magnificent start. Dan Potter's Lady Mountaineers are 4-0 and haven't been scored on. 2B

BUSINESS

Elvis is coming to town on Saturday

"Elvis" will be in the building Saturday at 10 a.m. when Prady's Florist of Kings Mountain holds its grand opening celebration. 8A

The Crate to open at Cleveland Mall

The Crate, a fashion store featuring the latest in junior and women's wear, will open for business Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Cleveland Mall. 8A

CHURCHES

Resurrection welcomes the Rev. Ken Gillikin

The Rev. Ken Gillikin of Asheboro is the new pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain. 6A

SCHOOLS

KM School Board to meet on Monday

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at Central School. 7A

KMHS chorus students big winners in Florida

Kings Mountain High School chorus members did exceptionally well in the Florida MusicFest last weekend. 7A

Metal-working facility looking at KM

Commonwealth would be first on town's new incentive plan

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

One of new mayor Rick Murphrey's campaign promises was that he would "sell" Kings Mountain to potential business

and industry clients, and the city may see the first fruits of the staff's efforts in that area after a public hearing on March 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The public hearing has been scheduled to receive citizens input on the city's plans to offer an incentives package to Commonwealth Industries, Inc. of Louisville, KY, which is negotiating to build a facility in the corporate limits that would represent an investment of \$3.75 million and create at least 40

permanent full-time jobs.

An incentives policy was approved at last week's City Council meeting, but grants to potential industries must be approved following a public hearing.

The value of the incentive grants would be no more than \$9,437.40 per year for five years, according to the public hearing notice published into today's Herald.

Mayor Murphrey said he hopes negotiations with the

company will be finalized, and the company's official plans announced, at the conclusion of the public hearing.

The company is one of North America's leading manufacturers of aluminum sheet metal for distributors and transportation construction. It has direct-chill casting facilities in Kentucky, which is one of the largest multi-purpose aluminum rolling mills in North America, and continuous casting mills in Ohio and California.

Commonwealth is one of the leading manufacturers of innovative electrical products through its Alflex operations in California and North Carolina.

Murphrey said the city staff is working with Commonwealth through state and local economic development agencies.

"We feel like they will be an excellent corporate citizen and will be a real asset to Kings Mountain," he said. "This is

See Company, 3A



Muralist Clive Haynes of Forest City sizes up his new project in downtown Kings Mountain. Haynes will paint scenes from Kings Mountain history on the side of the Plonk building near the gazebo.

ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD

Hidden in Paint

You'll have to look closely, but you won't believe some of the scenes you'll find in Haynes' downtown mural

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Thanks to Clive Haynes of Forest City, British redcoats and Tories will soon be coming to life in Kings Mountain. In addition to those guys, Haynes also plans to resurrect a host of other early Kings Mountain souls, situations, and sights.

No, Haynes can't actually bring the dead back to life, but when people get a look at the mural he's painting on the side of the old Plonk building in downtown Kings Mountain, they'll think they're seeing the real thing.

Part of a grand plan to revitalize and beautify Kings Mountain, the city has contracted with Haynes to create a panoramic mural depicting the town's 18th century days. If all

goes well, the project could be the jumping off place for a series of murals on other downtown structures chronicling the 19th and 20th centuries as well.

Haynes is no stranger to painting on a grand scale. The street scene mural he created for his hometown of Forest City measures 128 feet in length and is 30 feet tall. The painting is so realistic that people have to look twice to make sure of what they're seeing. Other work he's done in Cleveland County includes murals in several Shelby restaurants and homes.

After seeing Haynes' work in Forest City, Shirley Brutko of the Kings Mountain Branch, Cleveland Chamber of Commerce gave him a call. The project is sponsored by the City of Kings Mountain.

See Mural, 3A

Grover bans trucks on residential streets

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Grover was formally invited to join the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce at Monday's town council meeting. Jay Rhodes, vice-president of the Kings Mountain Branch of the Chamber gave council members a presentation outlining the advantages of Chamber membership.

"The Chamber represents over 800 businesses countywide," Rhodes said. "It also consists of other entities such as Hospice and municipalities like Shelby and Kings Mountain."

Rhodes gave each council member a Chamber information packet that contained items such as the Chamber newsletter and a list of Cleveland County activities and attractions. Rhodes also expressed the hope that Grover would take an active rather than passive role in Chamber affairs, including the Chamber's Advisory Council and legislative committee.

"We want you to not just join the Chamber," Rhodes said. "We want you to participate."

Rhodes' sentiment was embraced by council members who promised to make a decision on membership by next month's meeting.

See Grover, 3A



Larry Hamrick recently took part in a workday at the Kings Mountain History Museum. The museum will be part of the May 6 tour of historic homes in Kings Mountain.

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Shop Around

When gas prices begin drop, price gouging could occur

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Relief may be on the way for sky-high fuel prices, but don't hold your breath. With prices for gasoline and other petroleum products at their highest levels in 10 years, the cries of pinched purses are being heard.

"OPEC (Oil Producing and Exporting Countries) recently held a conference and decided to increase production again," said AAA of the Carolinas spokesperson Kristy Tolley. "There should be a drop in gasoline prices in about three weeks."

Tolley went on to say there was no way of knowing exactly what the level of relief would be, or exactly when it might come about. One thing AAA Carolinas wants to stress is that it pays to shop around if you can when it comes to buying your gasoline.

"Just before prices start to drop, there may be some places that will try to gouge customers in an attempt to make as much money as possible," Tolley said. "We are telling motorists to avoid those stations and buy their fuel at dealers who price fairly."

Gasoline prices on Monday in Kings Mountain were holding steady from last week, but some stations felt another hike was coming soon. Representative

See Gas, 3A



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Ruth Sanders recently adjusted the posted price of gasoline at the Citgo station on Battleground Avenue in Kings Mountain.

Work is under way on Historical Museum

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Work continues on the Kings Mountain Historical Museum. Housed in the old Post Office building at 104 East Mountain Street, the museum has had several crews laboring recently to get the place ready for the May 6th Tour of Historic Homes.

Monday saw workers from Robert Edgerton Floor Finishing putting some final touches on the museum's flooring. Work being done consisted of polishing and waxing the museum's ceramic tile entrance foyer, and touching up some spots on the redone hardwood floors.

"It took about three or four days to refinish the hardwood floors," said Robert Edgerton.

In addition to Edgerton's skills, members of the Kings Mountain Historical Commission have held several work days at the museum to get it ready for May 6 and the Tour. Members of the Kings Mountain Historical Landmarks Commission have met at least three times to put in some good hours working on the museum.

"We've cleaned the windows, cabinets, and woodwork," said Historical Commission member Shirley Brutko. "There are still several tasks to do, including polishing all the interior brass."

Just a few of the folks who helped with the work days include Jay Rhodes, Larry Hamrick, Larry Hamrick, Jr., and Evelyn Hamrick.

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