

SPORTS BRIEFS

Evans bowls 400 set in duckpin league

Greg Evans turned in another 400 series in Thursday Night Mixed Duckpin League action March 23 at Dilling Heating.

Evans bowled a 148 line and 400 series in his team's 6-2 loss to Zeke's Zingers. John Dilling added a 122-336. Zeke Rybczyk led the winners with a 158 line and 353 set, Chris Hullender added a 126 line and 330 set and Bonnie Warren had a 112-314.

Tommy Barrett also had a big night, rolling a 138 line and 393 set to lead Barrett's Bombers to a sweep of Thursday's Heroes. Colleen Philbeck added a 118 line and 312 set, and Ed Philbeck led the Heroes with a 122-302.

In Tuesday night action, Mike Murphy bowled a 156 line and 380 set to lead Ducks Unlimited to a 6-2 win over the Old Timers. Chris Hullender led the Old Timers with a 131-351 and Colleen Philbeck had a 121-319.

Mark Midgette bowled a 143 line and 399 set to lead the Duck Heads to a sweep of Tyrene's Ducks. Zeke Rybczyk added a 147-379. Mark Abernathy led the Ducks with a 124-342 and Ed Philbeck added a 130-330.

NC Catawba League plays at Woodbridge

Seventy-eight ladies representing 10 area golf clubs that are members of the NC Catawba League competed in a stroke play tournament at Woodbridge Golf Links March 29.

Sharon Hinkle from Cowan's Ford Country Club was the first flight, low gross winner with a 79. Lynn Mauney was second with an 82.

Low net winner was Sylvia Neisler of Kings Mountain Country Club and Woodbridge Golf Links with a 69.

Patsy Dellinger won second flight low gross with an 86, and Dee Griffith was low net with a 72.

Mountaineer golfers lose to Boiling Springs

Kings Mountain High's golf team lost to Boiling Springs, SC 145-157 in a non-conference match last week.

Jeremy Goodwin of Boiling Springs was medalist with a 35. Gray Howard led the Mountaineers with a 37, followed by Evan Osteen 38, and Josh Ethers and A. Mattox 41 each. C. Bridges shot 42 and C. Jolly 46.

Kings Mountain's JV players also competed against the Boiling Springs JVs. Lane Echols, Zach Ramey and Joel Santora each shot a 44 for the Mountaineers, and Lee Dixon shot 47.

Five-run seventh keys Patriot win

Kings Mountain scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat East Lincoln 9-4 in Tri-County Middle School baseball action Thursday at East Lincoln.

The win was the fifth straight for the Patriots, and gave them a 5-2 overall record heading into a game yesterday at Burns which may decide first place in the division.

Philip Bunch, who threw a runner out at the plate in the fifth inning to put down an East Lincoln rally which tied the game at 4-all, came on in the sixth inning to strike out a batter with the bases loaded and set the stage for KM's winning rally in the top of the seventh.

C.J. Austin started for the Patriots and hurled three-innings of no-hit ball. Ronnie Wilson pitched 1 2/3 innings and left with the game tied 3-all.

Tyler Leach pitched until East Lincoln loaded the bases with two out in the bottom of the sixth.

Weston Taylor, Leach, Matt Echols and Drew Gibson had two hits each to lead the KM plate attack. Austin, Bunch, Will Carswell and Josh Melton had one hit each.

"It was a good game," noted Coach Monty Deaton. "We took charge of the game and then gave it back to them with four errors and walks that led to all of their runs."

"Hopefully over these final games we can continue to win and be sitting in first place."

Bowlers top 400 set in duckpin leagues

High scores again were the norm in mixed duckpin bowling league action this week at Dilling Heating.

Greg Evans turned in a 147 line and 426 set Thursday night even though his Deuces Wild lost 6-2 to Thursday's Heroes. The Heroes had a more balanced attack, led by Allen Myers with a 138 line and 396 set, Mark Abernathy with a 129-368, and Ed Philbeck with a 130-321.

Chris Hullender rolled a 134 line and 382 set and Zeke Rybczyk added a 143-355 to lead Zeke's Zingers to a sweep of Barrett's Bombers. Tommy Barrett led the Bombers with a 132-369.

With four weeks remaining in the season, the Zingers lead with a 22-10 record, followed by the Bombers 18-14, Heroes 16-16, and Deuces Wild 8-24.

In Tuesday night action, Mark Abernathy rolled a 156 line and 404 set to lead Tyrene's Ducks (18-22) to a sweep of Ducks Unlimited (14-26). Ed Philbeck had a 135-351 and Irene Ruley added a 114-323. Mike Murphy led Ducks Unlimited with a 128-357.

Zeke Rybczyk rolled a 137 line and 385 set and Mark Midgette added a 148-365 to lead the Duck Heads (26-14) to a sweep of the Old Timers (22-18). Chris Hullender led the Old Timers with a 127-349.

YMCA plans teen center

The Kings Mountain Family YMCA received a \$5,000 grant from Eaton Corporation Tuesday to begin a \$20,000 fund drive for a teen center at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Y Director David Ozmore said the teen center will be built in one of the balcony sections of the gym, giving teens and pre-teens their own place for doing homework during the week and socializing on Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Carpet has already been installed in the area, and Ozmore said it will be stocked with a pool table, foosball table, air hockey game, ping pong table, TV, couches and chairs, and a lot of other games for the young people.

It will be staffed by the YMCA. Ozmore hopes the Y can eventually add some fitness equipment so teens will have

their own separate area to work out.

The Y will seek the advice of Talley and Smith Architects as well as the City of Kings Mountain in building a safety wall where the balcony rails now exist.

The area will be open to members and non-members.

"We want to have it open by May 1," Ozmore said. "It won't be completed by then but we will have it in operation. The games will be in place and we will upgrade it as we receive funds to do so."

Ozmore said the Y has over 200 student memberships now, and over 700 students will soon be participating in the spring baseball and softball leagues.

The teen center will serve ages 9-above. Ozmore foresees each different age group having its own scheduled time to use the teen center. He anticipates 9, 10 and 11 year olds using it

through the week and teenagers using it on the weekends.

"It will be a place to do homework in the afternoons and evenings during the week, and a place to socialize on Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon," he said. "It will be a place for church youth groups to come over and have a social."

"YMCA staff will be responsible for monitoring their safety and keeping the games flowing, and making sure they have a great time when they visit the Y."

Ozmore said the Y has already spent about \$7,500 on the project.

"We'll be out in the community searching for more donations from people who want to support this project," he said. "I feel like it will be a worthwhile project. It will give the teens somewhere to go on Friday and Saturday."

Mayor makes pitch for satellite of CC health department

A branch of the Cleveland County Health Department could be coming to Kings Mountain. If the satellite office becomes a reality, it most likely will be housed in the railroad depot that the Senior Center currently calls home. The depot will be vacated when the new Senior Center is built later this year.

Floated by mayor Rick Murphrey, the idea for a satellite health department office in Kings Mountain will be given consideration by a health department committee slated to meet in May. Make-up of the committee hasn't been decided yet, according to the Cleveland County Health Department.

Murphrey based his idea in part on the fact that Kings Mountain residents visited the health department in Shelby over 7,000 times in a six month period.

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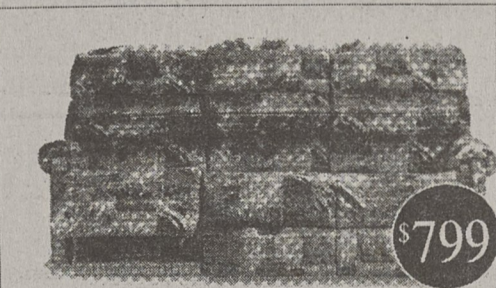
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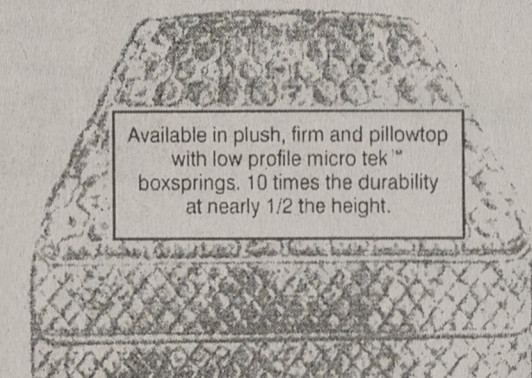
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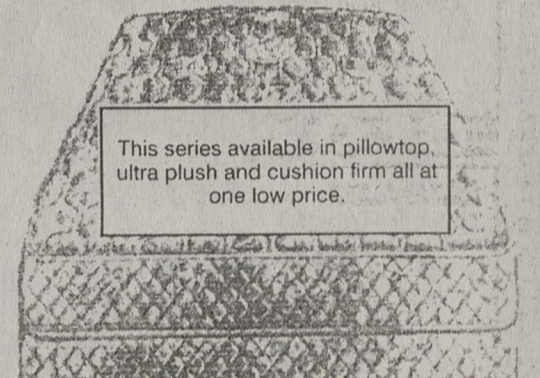


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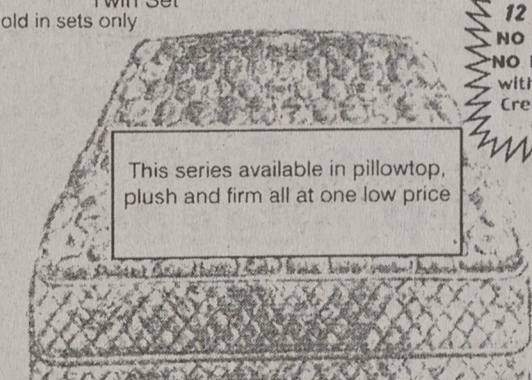


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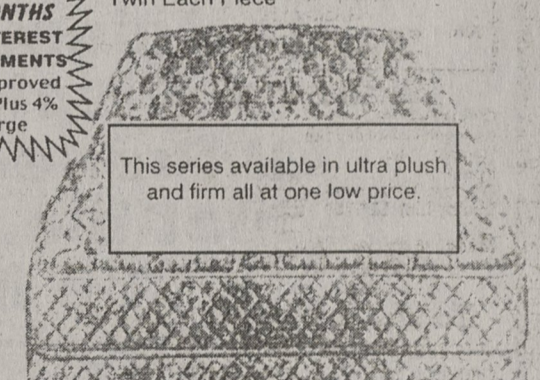


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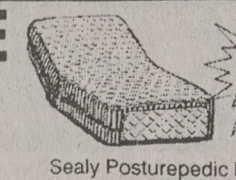
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