

# KM to celebrate July Fourth Tuesday at YMCA

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Folks looking for some organized Fourth of July fun will have several options to pick from this holiday.

Kings Mountain will be holding its annual Independence Day festivities beginning at 3 p.m. at the Deal Street ball fields behind the YMCA. Activities at the Kings Mountain jamboree will include pool games, children's games, entertainment by Southbound 49, Penny Dowda's Dance Magic troupe, and food vendors.

Also on tap for the Kings Mountain Fourth of July event will be a live radio broadcast by WKMT-AM beginning at 9:15

p.m., a medley of patriotic songs by local vocalist Billie Hicklin, and a speech by mayor Rick Murphrey. Following Murphrey's address, what is being billed as the largest fireworks show in Cleveland, Lincoln, and Gaston counties will be set off. For more information, call Trip Hord at 730-2102.

The Cleveland Mall will also be getting into the Fourth of July frame of mind. Events will be happening in the mall parking lot all day on July 3rd. These include a 24-foot climbing wall, a large water slide, and lots of food vendors.

Inside the mall, folk/gospel singer Jody Warren will perform on Center Stage at noon. His show will be followed by

the Wagon Wheelers Square Dance Club at 2 p.m. Next up will be magician Michael McLendon at 3 p.m., followed by Southern Gospel group Majestic Praise at 4 p.m., and beach band Ocean Blvd. at 6:30 p.m.

Throughout the day, inside the mall, McLendon will be performing a mobile magic show. Face painting will be done near Chick-Fil-A, and Jad Mahaley will have a kid's karaoke near the Goody's store.

Fireworks will begin at Cleveland Mall at 9:30 p.m. or dark, whichever occurs earlier. A Moonlight Madness sale will follow the fireworks until 11 p.m. The Mall cautions that fallout from fireworks may be damaging, so park your car ac-

cordingly.

Freedom Fest 2000 will be coming to Shelby on July 4. The event will honor veterans as well as provide loads of fun for everyone. The show is organized by the Uptown Shelby Association.

Veterans of all wars are being honored at Freedom Fest 2000. Special recognition will be given to those of the Viet Nam era. Special displays at the Cleveland County Historical Museum and the Cleveland County Arts Council will feature memorabilia from the Viet Nam War. Hours at the Historical Museum will be expanded to 8 p.m. for the event. Veterans attending the festivities will also be treated to a free long distance phone call cour-

tesy of BellSouth Mobility DCS.

The festival will begin at 12 noon and conclude at 8 p.m. Entertainment will include the Frank Love Orchestra at 5 p.m., and a salute to veterans at 7 p.m. An Uncle Sam stilt walker, a petting zoo, giveaways from uptown merchants, and plenty of food will be available.

Over in Gaston County, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens will be throwing a big Fourth of July bash. After last year's smashing success, DSBG will once again team up with the Charlotte Symphony to put on an Independence Day concert and fireworks display.

"To Celebrate America! Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks" will be held at the See Fourth, 9A



Billie Hicklin to sing patriotic songs at Kings Mountain's Fourth of July celebration Tuesday at the YMCA



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Times Turn Around store in South Carolina near Grover has a wide variety of pyrotechnics for the Fourth of July. Assistant manager Marie Neal shows off some of the more elaborate products.

## Fireworks plentiful, but safety encouraged

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Depending on where you buy them, fireworks for this coming Fourth of July can either just sparkle, or set off explosions that sound like World War III.

Though folks in North Carolina can legally buy certain types of fireworks in the state, the variety available is limited to those that do not explode or launch projectiles of any sort. Examples of legal Tar Heel fireworks include glow worms, sparklers, caps with under .25 grams of powder, and snaps. The legal age for purchasing fireworks in North Carolina is 16 years old. Penalties for violating fireworks laws in the state range from fines to jail time.

Across the state line from Grover in South Carolina, the fireworks scene is markedly different. With no less than three free-standing trailers and one convenience store selling fireworks there, the variety and strength of available

pyrotechnics is amazing.

"We have people stop in from all over to get fireworks," said Times Turn Around assistant manager Marie Neal. "A lot of them are people traveling I-85. Some of the states that people say they are from include Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia and Florida. A few come over from North Carolina too."

Items for sale in South Carolina can range from five little packs of firecrackers for one dollar, to a full-blown fireworks show called "Block Party" that sells for nearly \$250. Consisting of a large base plate with a variety of mortar tubes, bomb launchers, sparks showers, and other munitions, the Block Party could just as easily be called "Block Buster."

Other items for sale over the state line at Grover include launchers and rocketry with colorful names such as Dixie Thunder, Celestial Extravaganza, and Power Bursts. Of course, old standards such as Roman candles, sparklers,

bottle rockets, and smoke bombs are on the shelves. Firecrackers are available in several sizes as well. One roll has 16,000 firecrackers coiled in a hoop nearly three feet across.

Paling in comparison to what South Carolinians can buy legally, are the selections for people in our state. One package at Times Turn Around had stuff that a Tar Heel could buy and take back across the border and stay within the law. This box of sparklers and such went by the rather limp name of "Kid-D-Lite."

Besides being a big ticket item at times like New Year and the Fourth of July, fireworks also sell even when there's no holiday.

"It's amazing how many we sell all year round," said Neal.

Places in Kings Mountain where N.C. legal fireworks will be available include Food Lion, Winn-Dixie, and Herbies famous Fireworks at 910 Battleground Avenue.

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## Grover Council adopts youth curfew ordinance

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Come August 1, juveniles wandering the streets of Grover in the wee hours might find themselves afoul of the law.

That's the message that the town's council sent at their Monday meeting when a new Youth Protection Ordinance was adopted. The measure is based on a similar regulation used in Bessemer City.

"This ordinance will give me a lot of good material to work with," said Grover's chief of police Ed Pheagin. "I'm all for it."

Key provisions of the new law will be curfew hours of 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12 a.m. until 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday for juveniles under 18 in the Grover city limits. Those with legitimate reasons for being out, such as work or travel, will be exempt. Parents and guardians will be held responsi-

ble for their children's compliance with the law as well.

Offenders will be given two chances to mend their ways before facing action such as a court appearance.

Looking ahead to the new fiscal year, Grover council also approved a 2000-2001 budget for the town. The total budget amount was \$504,900. The tax rate in Grover is 29 cents per \$100 of value.

"The only thing we raised was our water rate," Favell said. "That was to reflect an increase in what we are charged for water by Kings Mountain."

Other key item figures for the budget include \$228,000 for the General Fund, \$5,800 for the Cemetery Fund, \$30,100 for the Powell Fund, and \$241,000 for sewer and water.

Special guest Monday was Jay Rhodes of the Kings Mountain Branch, Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce. Rhodes thanked the council for adding

the town of Grover to the Chamber roll. He also offered council the invitation to pick someone to become a member of the Kings Mountain Advisory Council. This position was accepted by councilman John Higginbotham.

In an effort to preserve a part of Grover's past, council approved a measure that would allow old athletic trophies from Grover High School to be placed on display in City Hall until the Grover library is constructed. The idea was proposed to mayor pro-tem Max Rollins by Tommy Keeter.

In other business Monday, Grover council also:  
■ Awarded the job of recarpeting the community room at City Hall to Floor Covering Outlet for \$2,730.57.

■ Adopted an Ordinance levying a 1 1/2 cent tax on gross receipts derived from See Grover, 9A

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Join as an associate member (paying the Dover rates) and in addition to 1/2 off the joining fee, you'll have unlimited access to all three facilities. For more information on how you can become a part of the YMCA family call any of the area branches.

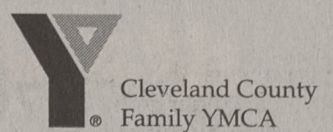
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