March 29, 2001

# 70% of KM will be without power on Sunday, April 8

Over 70 percent of Kings Mountain city electrical customers will experience two power outages on Sunday, April 8.

It will be necessary for Duke Power Co. to replace a failing transformer at the Gaston Street substation. Power will be off from 7-8:30 a.m. and again from 3-4:30 p.m.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said four general areas will be affected: All the streets in the area of Meadowbrook, Kings Mountain Hospital, Lackey Street and Linwood.

The Kings Mountain 5th

Cook-Off will be held April 20-

The City of Kings Mountain

was recently ranked 37th out of

Selection" magazine. The award

looked at things such as overall

"We are pleased to be recog-

nized for our efforts in making

Kings Mountain a top site for

companies to locate to," said

Kings Mountain mayor Rick

Murphrey also said Kings

Mountain reflected a visionary

reactionary one to situations

presented. Other factors

Murphrey felt made Kings

Mountain attractive included

proximity to I-85 and U.S. 74, a

good rail system, nearness to an

international airport, and excel-

outlook to the future and not a

quality of life and transporta-

tion facilities.

Murphrey.

100 small towns for corporate

facilities in the U.S. by "Site

Annual Firehouse Barbecue

Maney said it is easier for Duke to replace the transformer on Sunday because of lower load requirements.

Family members of special needs customers, such as those on life support, should take special notice of this outage, Maney said, not only on the Sunday the work is being performed but also on all days between now and then. Duke Power does not have a transformer in stock and the one on order should be in by the end of next week. If the transformer should fail completely between

Firehouse Cook-Off April 20-21

21 at the Walking Track behind

the Fire Museum on Cleveland

Avenue (Highway 161).

lent city infrastructure.

"We are a gateway city,"

our parks, but to the west as well."

feature story in "Our State:

2001 issue of "Our State" in-

Down Home in North

article.

Murphrey added. "Not just to

Kings Mountain was also giv-

en more media attention with a

Carolina" magazine. The April,

cluded a story by Susan Comer

profiling Kings Mountain's past

and present. Several colorful

photographs accompanied the

"Our State" was founded in

1933 by Carl Goerch and is cur-

over 300,000 readers. The April

Chapel Hill and a photo layout

of spring flowers in full bloom.

rently published by Mann

Media in Greensboro. It has

issue also features stories on

Magazine recognizes KM

as good site for industry

now and then, about 70 percent of the city's customers would be "in the dark" and emergency procedures would become necessary.

"We don't want to alarm anybody," Maney said, "but relatives of critical customers should keep in touch with them so if the power goes out they can get them to the hospital."

A notice will go out with utility bills this month, and a more detailed story on the power outage will be in next week's Herald.

The cook-off is sanctioned by

the Kansas City Barbecue

Kings Mountain Fire

Society and sponsored by the

**ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD** 

The Cleveland Chamber held a ribbon cutting last Wednesday at Commonwealth Aluminum Enterprises new plant near Kings Mountain. The facility is the first new aluminum tube mill to be built in the United States in the last 20 years. Among the many dignitaries and business leaders on hand were, from left; Bill Witherspoon of Commonwealth Aluminum, mayor Rick Murphrey, plant manager John Rom, Bob Wright of Commonwealth, and Barbara Greene of the Cleveland Chamber.

to receive two black Chevy Camaros for traffic patrol duties within the next few weeks.

Presently, the boys already have a top notch aid in the form of a mobile speed indicator. Already a familiar sight on the streets of KM, this machine not only tells drivers how fast they are going, but also records traffic flow and time of day. Rumor has it there's a camera on board.

In keeping with the spirit of that traffic safety is paramount but that he didn't want Kings

### CENSUS From 1A

Percentage wise, Belwood had the largest increase in Hispanics with a 1,800 percent rise. Lawndale's Hispanic population percent was second highest in the county with a 500 percent jump. Other towns and their percent increase included Boiling Springs with 350 percent, Shelby at 341 percent, Grover at 233 percent and Kings Mountain at 223 percent. Light Oak had a 100 percent decrease in the number of Hispanics re-

siding there. Of the 11 townships in Cleveland County, Township 6, which includes Shelby ostea a population of 29,225. Next highest was Township 4, including Kings Mountain, tallied 20,942 people. Projected figures indicate that by the year 2020, Kings Mountain and Township 4 will take over the number one position in population.

Mountain to become known as a "speed trap town."

Kings Mountain mayor Rick Murphrey says the program with the two officers is already proving to be a great success.

"By having these officers concentrate on traffic duties, it will free other policemen to do more inside the city," Murphrey said. "This will bring down crime and make Kings Mountain an even safer place to live and work. The city supports the program 100 percent."

As Murphrey's comments alluded, the increased traffic pa-

trol that Dellinger and Biletnikoff perform impacts all levels of criminal activity. "Everything revolves around

residency districts so they are as equal as possible."

According to Murphrey, the city still has to receive approval Department to start their redistricting plan. That process will take from 60 to 120 days.

A letter received from the

traffic," Dellinger said. "Most of my drug arrests have been made at traffic stops. If you see a pickup truck going down the road at night with a lawn mower in back and its lights turned off, there's a possible theft in progress."

cooperation of Corn, Murphrey, and other local officials, Kings Mountain police are just \$6,000 short of having received half a million dollars in grant money within the past year.

"We're determined to get the most for the money for the people of Kings Mountain," Corn said. "That, and make our highways safer for everyone."

Mountain who is under the gun to get the redistricting job done for the filing date of noon, July 6, for the upcoming November election.

"The Legislature has approved moving the filing date to July 23 at noon," Murphrey said. "This will give the city time to digest the census data and adjust the district lines accordingly."

### FREEZE From 1A

water helps prevent freezing because of its warmth.

Although he may have lost some of his peach crop, Lineberger, said he sustained lit? tle blackberry loss.

"We could have a partial crop since they are part of a cluster. We won't be sure for two-three

crops like vegetables in the summer to try and recover the income."

"The only things that are of concern would be flowers, tree fruits, and possibly strawberries," Cleveland County Cooperative Extension Agent Greg Traywick said.

Although it does harm the crops, Traywick said pastures and hay fields are not harmed by the cold.

Department. The cook-off teams will be competing for \$5000 in prize money and bragging rights. This 5th Annual Firehouse Cook-off is a fund raiser for the Kings Mountain Fire Museum, a place for education for the

community and visitors to the area. This museum, dedicated to the history of Kings Mountain and its firefighters, is totally supported by donations and money raised by firefighters.

As part of the fundraising effort, barbecue will be on sale Friday, April 20 after 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 after 11 a.m. Also on Saturday, on-air personalities from 96.0 KAT Country and 99.7 WRFX-The Fox will be broadcasting live from the track.

Entertainment on stage will include a concert by Crimson Rose, as well as a drive-in and motorcycle show with HOG (Harley Owners Group) from Gastonia.

Barbecue sandwiches with all the fixins will be available as will whole smoked pork butts (\$25) and pork shoulder (\$35). These must be ordered no later than April 12, from any Kings Mountain firefighter or call 704-734+0555. Easter bunny arrives

## at Eastridge Mall

The Easter bunny will arrive at Gastonia's Eastridge Mall Friday, March 30 at 10 a.m. The bunny will be in the center court area and will be available during mall hours for visits and photos.

From 1A

Dellinger and Biletnikoff's multi-faceted role, Corn emphasizes

PATROL

from the U.S. Justice

Legislature by Corry on March 23 held good news for Kings

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

March 21-27 Year Ago Total precipitation .02 .02 (21st)

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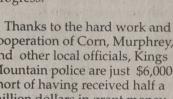
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weeks.

Lineberger said he used irrigation on a quarter of an acre of his blackberry crop, and the ice pushed the plants to the ground.

Once the bud of a peach is dead, the plant is dead.

"We have this problem every spring," Lineberger said. "We have to endure it because it's part of the business. If we lose peaches we will plant annual

### WALK From 1A

munity project which will involve volunteers from area churches, the high school drama department, and the Kings Mountain Little Theater. Committees have been hard at work with set design and the unusual technical needs required for the event.

"Our staging is at the same time more liberating and more challenging than conventional indoor theater," said Alexander. "When our audience is looking at Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, they won't be seeing a stage, curtains or spotlights, but an open garden. Making the garden look natural yet visible at night- that's the challenge."

According to Allen, it was of great importance to organizers that CrossWalk be a quality presentation.

"From my end, I've been seeing the rains we've been getting have been very helpful. The pastures and the hay fields are not severely hurt by cold weather, they've been needing

water more than anything." Farmers need to replenish their hay supply, Traywick said, because they started using it in August because of a summer drought

"We are considering the event to be the beginning of an annual Kings Mountain tradition," Allen said, "One that will grow in magnitude."

Although there is no charge, attendance to CrossWalk will require a ticket, due to the need to limit the size of the audience at each performance. Tickets will be available through local churches and at Regal Ventures offices, Alexander Business Park, 104 E. Gold Street.

The CrossWalk project also needs items and help with the event. Needed are 50 outdoor torches, Biblical costumes, and cloth to be used as drapery, scenery, and additional costumes. Extras are also neededno acting experience is necessary. Also financial assistance is needed. Donations to Regal Ventures are tax deductible.

For more information, call **Regal Ventures Creative** Ministries at 704-739-3838.

All children who visit the bunny will receive a free gift.

### MERGER From 1A

Allen was in California with board chair Shearra Miller and member Terry McClain attending a conference. Though Miller and McClain came home Tuesday, Allen will not be returning until Sunday.

"I have not received any official notice that the monies are going to be withheld," Allen told Bolin by phone Monday night.

To address the issue, the KM school board has called a special meeting for 8:30 a.m. this Friday at the district office. Since he can't be there in person, Allen will participate via speakerphone.

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RAND OPEN

One aspect of growth that Kings Mountain will be facing is redrawing district lines. To address this issue, mayor Rick Murphrey has appointed a special task force to begin planning how the city will deal with shifts in its population.

Members of the committee include Becky Cooke, Howard Shipp, Jim Guyton, Annie Thombs, and Lewis Curry. City staff will be Steve Killian, Jimmy Maney, Murphrey, and attorney Mickey Corry. The group will meet Friday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the redistricting issue.

"We hope to receive the latest census data in April," said Murphrey. "Then we will begin preparing a plan to change the

to receive

specials on

accessories!

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