

Mayor asks county to support second lake near Moss Lake

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The new proposal of an additional lake in Kings Mountain is making headway. Mayor Rick Murphrey and Patrick Blandford from HDR Engineering met with the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night at the Boiling Springs Town Hall to share their research and proposal.

"At this time, we request that you look at the potential need for a reliable drinking water supply and express your interest in supporting a regional initiative," Murphrey said in his address to the Board. "We are asking tonight for a letter of endorsement on this Lake Project to continue the evaluation for an additional lake for the City of Kings Mountain and region." The Commission agreed by a unanimous vote to ask County Manager David Dear to write up a letter of endorsement for them to look at during their next meeting on November 7. County commissioners agreed with the need for additional water resources in the future.

The new reservoir is proposed to be a confluence of Muddy Fork Creek, which branches off of Buffalo Creek, Persimmon Creek and Little Persimmon Creek, in Kings Mountain. It will be located adjacent to the current Moss Lake, in the eastern part of the city. At an estimated construction cost of \$16.5 million, the lake will hold 3.9 billion gallons of water with/for an inundated area of 520 acres. The safe yield estimate (a safe estimate of how much water can be drawn out of the lake) for the next 50 years of this proposed lake is 11.1 million gallons per day (MGD). It is proposed as a supplement to Moss Lake.

The existing Moss Lake, connected to Buffalo Creek, was created in the 1970s. The lake's size by volume is calculated at 12.7 billion gallons of water. The safe yield estimate for the next 50 years of the lake is 23 MGD. But the current amount that is permitted to be withdrawn on a daily basis is 9.2 million gallons with a water treatment capacity of 8 MGD.

In a study conducted by HDR Engineering, the current population of about 19,000 people in Kings Mountain is estimated to increase to 36,400 people by the year 2050. As population grows and economic development grows, so too will the need for clean water. The peak daily demand of water, which is at about 8 MGD today, is expected to reach a peak of 15.1 MGD in less than 50 years, showing the need for another reservoir to compensate for that demand.

"We're going to need nearly 10 million gallons per day of water

for the Kings Mountain service area and an additional 10 million gallons per day for the extra service areas. So, 20 million gallons for those two service areas and that doesn't include everything in the county," Blandford said. The estimated 23 MGD that Moss Lake could yield in 2050 is cutting the estimated need for 20 MGD pretty close, which is why there is a need for an additional reservoir, he said.

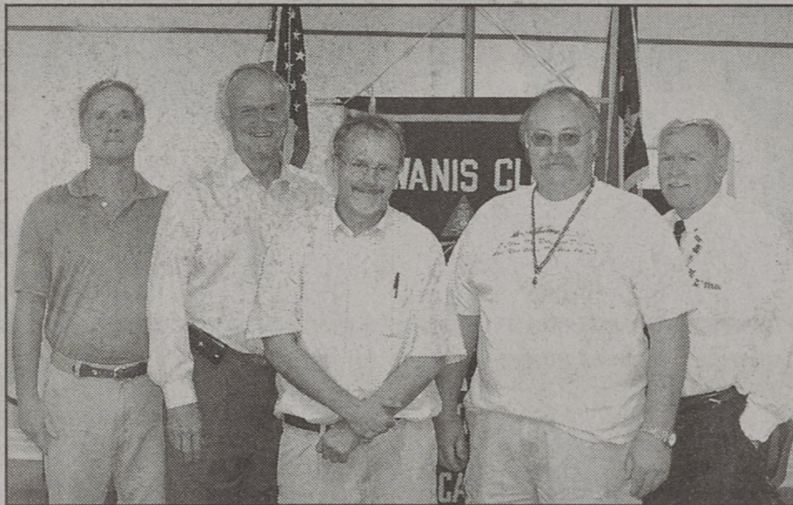
All bodies of water in North Carolina are classified by the NC Division of Water Quality department. Class B is assigned to waters for primary recreational purposes, such as swimming, skin diving, water skiing, boating, and fishing. Class C is assigned to waters protected for secondary recreation, like fishing, wading and very limited human body contact. There are also five water supply categories assigned to bodies of water used for drinking, culinary, or food processing purposes. The lakes are designated I, II, III, IV, and V depending on the status of the watershed. Kings Mountain's proposed lake would be classified under Water Supply III (WS-III), the same classification of Moss Lake. WS-III waters are generally in low to moderately developed watersheds.

Commissioner Jerry Self expressed concern over whether or not the new lake would be surrounded by residential housing like Moss Lake. "There are septic tanks lining the lake. You have people with fertilizer and there is runoff," he said. "The lake is really for water supply," Murphrey said, adding that the main use for Moss Lake is also water supply. He said that when residences surround the lakes, there are certain standards that must be met and procedures that must be followed to make sure the drinking water is kept clean.

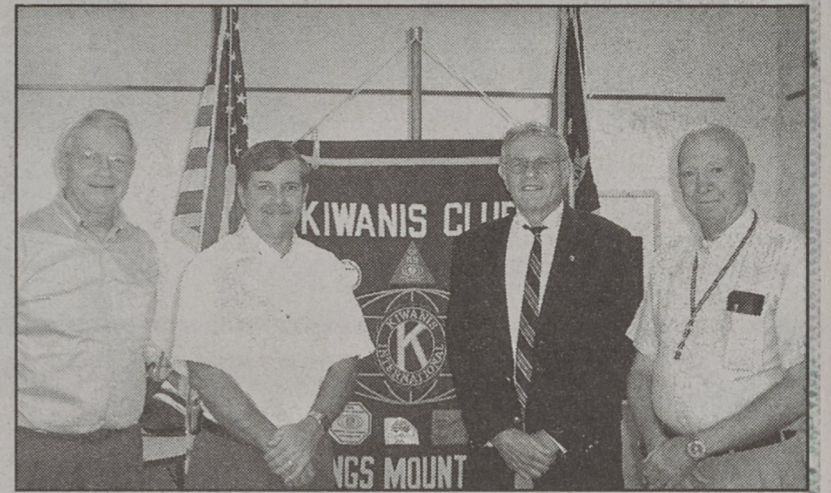
The City of Kings Mountain will be visiting multiple localities before the year's end, to express their proposal and to gain incentive/insight. Meetings will be held at Grover on October 30, Gaston County at 6 pm on November 9, Cherryville at 7 pm on November 13, Shelby at 7 pm on November 20, Patterson Springs at 6 pm on December 4, Bessemer City at 7 pm on December 11, and Waco sometime in December.

Customer Appreciation Day October 31 at Herald

The Herald will hold a Customer Appreciation Day Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Everyone is invited. Cookies, candy and apple cider will be served. There will also be a special on one-year subscriptions (\$20) for this day only.



The new board of directors for Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club are, left to right, David Neisler, Larry Allen, Bo Maner, Jerry Depew and Joe Saunders. Not pictured Doyle Campbell and Jim Potter.



New officers for the coming year for Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club are, left to right, Doug Petersen, secretary/treasurer; Scott Mayse, incoming President; George Hatch, outgoing President; and Franc Sincox, Vice President/President Elect.

Council to hear from public on zoning

ELIZABETH STEWART
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Four public hearings are on the agenda for Tuesday's 7 p.m. city council meeting at Kings Mountain City Hall.

The Planning and Zoning Board is recommending the approval of three requests for rezoning and one annexation agreement with the Town of Grover to bring in the new Indian Motorcycle Company in the city limits.

By vote of 5-2, the planning board last Tuesday voted to recommend the rezoning from

Residential to General business the property of Ed Yarbro and his mother, Mrs. Ethel Yarbro, on Shelby Road, which reportedly Ingles Markets is looking at for the site of a new super store. Preston Todd and Curtis Pressley cast the no votes, saying they had some questions of property owners not present due to family illness.

Chairman Jim Childers said questions were raised about the use for the property although they had heard rumors that it might be the site of an Ingles.

"Our board can't question conventional zoning," said Childers,

who said that if the Yarbro property is rezoned to General Business it would be open to 125 uses. "We, of course, are hoping that we'll get a grocery store there," he said.

The Planning Board at last week's meeting also recommended the rezoning of property owned by Margaret Vaughan, 101 S. Carpenter St., from Neighborhood Business to Residential 10 and property of Gary Cooke, 304 East King St., to amend the conditional use rezoning G-B so that a veterinarian could work in the front of the building from 6-9 p.m.

Council will be asked to approve a contract with Siemens Building Technology to address infrastructure needs that could be accomplished through 12 year low interest loans approved by the Local Government Commission. Mayor Rick Murphrey said that this company sends a representative to the city to outline how a municipality can pay for big city projects outside the budget, saving taxpayers money and helping the city complete much needed future projects. "This idea is well worth looking into," said the mayor.

Truck Plaza asks for video poker CU permit

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Phasing out of video gaming machines by the state is underway and Kings Mountain Truck Plaza's renewal of its conditional use permit with the City of Kings Mountain expires Nov. 15.

Members of the city's board of adjustment discussed the application Tuesday night and continued the public hearing until Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. at City Hall for findings of fact to be prepared by the city's planning director Steve Killian and his staff and to give the applicant time to modify his application.

Kings Mountain Truck Plaza

applied for a renewal of its conditional use permit for three video poker machines and six non-video machines in its Roadside Truck Plaza arcade on Dixon School Road.

Under state law only two machines are legal from Oct. 1-March 1, 2007; only one machine from March 1-July 1, 2007 and zero video poker machines thereafter.

"We have no choice but to modify the application, turn it down or attach the conditions that spell out the state stipulations," said Chairman Bob Myers.

New member John Houze

questioned why the applicant did not know the new state rules before the renewal application was turned in.

The findings of fact will also list the number of the current machines in the truck plaza to be verified by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, which registers the machines under North Carolina law.

The permit application states that redemption machines print out \$10 coupons which can be redeemed for non-cash merchandise at Kings Mountain Truck Plaza's cash registers. One \$10 coupon can be used per transaction and no change is

given if the transaction is less than \$10. There are no payouts, according to the application filed with the city.

The machines are located inside the truck plaza which is a large truck stop that offers many retail services and is also zoned General Business. According to the application, the machines are among several other arcade machines Kings Mountain Truck Plaza makes available to its customers which are mainly the traveling public. The business has complied with the ordinance requirements, said Killian, but now the rules are changed by state law.

Photos needed for Herald's Miss Merry Christmas contest

The Herald is sponsoring a Little Miss Merry Christmas contest for girls ages 5-10.

All of the girls' pictures will be published November 8-9 in The Herald, Cherryville Eagle and Belmont/Mount Holly bannernews.

One girl will be chose to represent the Herald, Eagle and bannernews in upcoming Christmas parades and other activities and promotions associated with the Christmas season. The winner will be announced in The Herald on November 22.

Parents may submit photos of their daughters by bringing them by The Herald at 824-1 East King Street, Kings Mountain, or mailing them to Publisher Bill Parsons, The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. On the back of the picture list the child's name and age, parents' names and telephone number.

Photos must be received by November 1.

KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	Oct. 11-17	Year Ago
Total precipitation	2.77	.01
Maximum 1 day	2.05 (17th)	.01 (11th)
Month to date	3.22	7.64
Year to date	43.24	41.03
Low temperature	35 (13th)	48 (16th)
High temperature	76 (11th)	79 (14th)
Avg. temperature	63.0	65.2

Attention: Farm Bureau Members
Gaston County Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting

October 23, 2006—6:30 P.M.
Gaston County Citizens Resource Center
Dallas Cherryville Hwy. Dallas, NC

Guest Speaker: Peter Gilmore
Vice President-Dole Food Company

Seafood Buffet Catered By: Graham's
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