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Redding Sugg, seated, served as the second mayor of Kings Mountain in the 1870s. He is pictured with Mary Vines Sugg, an unidentified woman, and Edwin Barnes. Barnes was a Kings Mountain councilman from 1919-1921. Sugg was a charter member of Central United Methodist Church and owned the town's first drug store, which was located at the present site of the Joy Theater.



## HOMEFRONT

### State Park public meeting on grant plan

BLACKSBURG - Kings Mountain State Park will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m. to seek public feedback on its plans to apply for a federal grant.

The meeting will be held in the mess hall at Camp Cherokee, the park's group camp. The grant from the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program would be used to build a hiking trail to connect to Crowders Mountain State Park just over the state line in North Carolina.

The S.C. State Park Service says it expects to learn the decision on the grant application in June.

Kings Mountain State Park, located adjacent to Kings Mountain National Military Park, encompasses 6,883 acres of land and was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park already includes more than 15 miles of hiking and equestrian trails.

For more information, call the park at (803) 222-3209 or e-mail kingsmountain@scprt.com.

### BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross Cleveland County Chapter has announced the following blood drives. There is an urgent need for blood types O, B and A.

Feb. 8, 1:30-6 p.m. - Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church St., Kings Mountain. Chili will be served (This drive was rescheduled from Thurs., Feb. 1 because of bad weather).

Feb. 8, 1:30-6 p.m., Grover Street Fire Station #1, Shelby.

Feb. 13 - 3-7:30 p.m., Polkville Baptist Church.

Feb. 20 - 1-6 p.m., Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Feb. 25 - 12-4:30 p.m., Christopher Road Baptist Church, Shelby.

### RADAR WATCH

Kings Mountain Police will be running radar at the following locations during the week of Feb. 11-17. In addition, KMPD runs radar every day on I-85 and US 74 Bypass.

Sunday, Feb. 11 - Sims St.

Mon., Feb. 12 - NC 161.

Tues., Feb. 13 - US 74

### Business

Wed., Feb. 14 - Phifer Rd.

Thurs., Feb. 15 - Margrace Rd.

Fri., Feb. 16 - Waco Rd.

Sat., Feb. 17 - Battleground Ave.

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## Photo Available

Couple remodeling home finds pictures, information on Kings Mountain's second mayor Redding Southerland Sugg

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For over a century Kings Mountain's second mayor, Redding Southerland Sugg, could have been one of the "forgotten founders" of Kings Mountain. But no more. His portrait now hangs prominently in the lobby of Kings Mountain City Hall in the hall of mayors.

Thanks to Matthew and Tina Melvin, the vacant spot on the wall which read "no picture available" now has the photograph with the date Sugg served in 1874.

Melvin said he and his wife learned a lot of Kings Mountain history after they bought their home at 114 Piedmont Avenue in 2003 and started restoring the house vacant for two years prior to their purchase. They replaced

the roof, repaired the foundation, electrical system, repaired plumbing and various cosmetics including landscaping, noting "we have a long way to go."

Lengthy research by the Kings Mountain couple uncovered 35 years of their new home's history as it relates to the former mayor. Sugg's grand nephew Redding Stencil Sugg Jr. of Texas was helpful with names, dates, See Photo, 4A

## A (Joy)ful wedding

Actors wed on stage of first kiss

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This love story began with a scripted kiss on the stage of the Joy Theatre. It came full circle two years later with another kiss on the same stage, following the words "I do."

It was January 2005. A volunteer cast of players were rehearsing for the upcoming "Moon Over Buffalo," a farcical comedy based on touring, dramatic actors of a community theatre. Linda McDaniel, of Kings Mountain, was cast as the leading lady. Mike Davis came in to audition for the opposite leading role.

"We had been in rehearsals about two weeks and our director Stan Logan told us that there's a gentleman coming in this evening from Florida that's going to audition for the part. Well he came in and I noticed him," Linda said. "I thought, 'He's a good looking guy. I can work with that.' I had already read ahead in the script, he had not. So I knew there was a scene in there that we were just going to have to get to know each other real well to do."

"It was a kissing scene," Mike said, with a smile.

"I walked up to him when he was leaving with his sister-in-law, who had come to pick him up. I introduced myself, 'Hi I'm Linda Grant and by the way, See Joy, 4A



Linda and Mike Davis take a bow following wedding at Joy Theatre.

## Packed House of Conflict

Grover councilman under scrutiny for installing septic tank in city limits

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Grover Town Hall had a packed house Monday night for the monthly City Council meeting. Dozens of citizens were there to lend support and to question accusations of an illegal septic tank.

Councilman Calvin Huffman was under scrutiny for installing an unauthorized septic tank in October of 2006 at 210 Maple Street, a residence that falls within the city limits and is required to be hooked up to the city's municipal sewer line. The septic tank was installed without authorized permits. The Cleveland County Health Department caught wind of the matter on Friday, January 19, and on Monday, January 22, Environmental Health Program Spc. Shea Webster met with Huffman and Mayor Pro-tem Adam Green to inspect and verify the system.

A letter sent from the Health Department to Johnny Lavender, owner of the property, said that he is in direct violation of three NC General Statutes. To rectify the matter, the letter stated, "you are hereby notified to disconnect from the unapproved on-site wastewater system, and to connect to the municipal sewer provided by the Town of Grover within 30 days of receipt of this correspondence." The residence was to remain empty with utilities shut off until the conditions were met. Mayor Robert Sides said that the conditions have been met and the property is now hooked on to the city's sewer line. See Grover, 4A

## That's a lot of Love

### Mell Love celebrates her 100th birthday

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Mrs. Mell Love celebrated her 100th birthday last week with friends and family. She reached the centennial landmark on January 31, 2007. She has survived and witnessed many things throughout her 100 years.

She is a breast cancer survivor for 26 years. The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life co-chairs brought her a large card signed by other cancer sur-

vivors and those who have been affected by the disease.

First Lady Laura Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney sent cards to express their fond wishes for her centennial birthday, as well as Governor Mike Easley, the Century Club, and NC Rep. Debbie Clary. Mayor Rick Murphrey gave her a proclamation, a key to the city and a pen.

She served as a principal at a school in Kings Creek after graduating from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. She also taught at Bethany

Elementary. Mrs. Love is the oldest resident at Summit Place and the longest living known cancer survivor in Kings Mountain. She is also an 80-year member of Canaan United Methodist Church.

She was five years old when the Titanic sank, although she does not remember that too well these days. She remembers the Great Depression and how dozens of people would come begging every day for a scrap of this or a cup of that. Sugar and See Love, 8A



Mell Love reminisces on her 100th birthday celebration at Summit Place in Kings Mountain. EMILY WEAVER / HERALD