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photo by Lib Stewart  
**DRUG BUST - Police confiscated marijuana, narcotics and drug paraphernalia during a drug bust at a Kings Mountain home Thursday.**

## BUSTED Police arrest father and son in drug raid, confiscate guns

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

A drug bust by Kings Mountain Police Thursday resulted in the arrest of a Kings Mountain father and son on multiple felony charges.

Armed with search warrants, police entered the home of Russell Eugene Lee, 53, of 203 Fulton Street, and confiscated marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor said that officers charged the father with five

felony counts, including three counts of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, two counts of sell and deliver schedule VI, marijuana, and two misdemeanor counts of maintaining a dwelling for the sale of Schedule VI, marijuana.

Lee's 27-year-old son, Rusty Craig Lee, of 1286 Saint Luke Church Rd., was arrested and charged with three felony counts - possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, sell and

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## Doctor shopping 'It's bad business'

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

How do drug suspects get the illegal prescriptions they try to peddle on the street? Kings Mountain Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor calls it "doctor shopping" or using a relative's

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## ELECTION 2009

## Six race for three seats; No one files in Grover

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

All three incumbents in the 2009 Kings Mountain city elections are opposed for reelection in November but in neighboring Grover neither the three incumbents or any challengers paid a visit to the County Board of Elections.

Prior to the end of filing Friday at noon, Tommy Hawkins, 65, of 905 Woodside Drive, announced he would contest Jerry Mullinax, 69, of 210 Cleveland Ave., Apt. 2-B, for his Ward 3 seat and Brenda McFalls Ross, 68, of 904 Katherine Ave., said she would run against Mike Butler, 62, of 806 Rhodes Ave., for his Ward II seat on city council.

In Grover, the three council seats occupied by Sandy O'Brien, Brent White and J. D. Ledford are up in November.

Both Hawkins and Ross ran two years ago in close elections with Mullinax and Butler.

"I feel like I can do a good job for all citizens in Kings Mountain and work to serve all the people," said Hawkins. Hawkins has served six years on the Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments and said "it has been a real learning experience and I gained much knowledge on the workings of the city." He added, "Jerry (Mullinax) beat me, a write-in candidate, by nine votes in

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DEAN SPEARS  
GINA COLLIAS  
At Large



MIKE BUTLER  
BRENDA ROSS  
Ward II



## COMING SOON...



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International film fest opens tonight at Joy.

## Real-to-Reel film fest opens today

Cleveland County Arts Council's 10th annual Real to Reel Film Festival begins tonight at the Joy Performing Arts Center with the showing of the first seven of 26 independent films coming to Kings Mountain from as far away as Canada, Germany, Australia and Israel.

"The festival, held each year in downtown, showcases the works of filmmakers in a variety of genres.

The CCAC's website states, "Our goal is to showcase thought-provoking films and offer a venue where movie lovers, who appreciate independent vision, can celebrate this unique art form."

This year's international film festival will feature 13 short-length films, ranging from one minute to 34 minutes long, six documentaries, three animation clips, and four feature-length

films. Showtime begins each night at 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. A Saturday matinee will begin at 1 p.m.

A wrap party with the festival's presentation of awards will follow the final film showing on Saturday night, July 25, and will be held at J Oliver's Coffee Shop.

Tickets can be purchased at the Joy box office for \$8 each day. A festival pass, giving film lovers a ticket to all showings, the matinee and festival party, will be sold for \$30 each. Children under age 12 will be admitted free with a guardian. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.ccarts-council.org](http://www.ccarts-council.org)

Attendees may have a chance to meet some of the filmmakers at the showings. Violet Arth, organizer of the film festival and CCAC marketing co-

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## COMMUNITY WATCH

## Break-ins spur watch

By KYRA ALEXANDER  
Staff Writer

In the usual quiet and serene neighborhood of Gold Run, in Kings Mountain, a watch is now in alert.

According to a bulletin circulated last Tuesday by some of the neighbors in God Run, between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m., on the night of July 13th, five separate break-ins occurred within the neighborhood. The thieves made off with several thousand dollars worth of tools, equipment and credit cards, according to the notice. The credit cards were allegedly used at 3:52 a.m. on Tuesday morning to purchase gas in Vale, NC. The thieves entered unlocked vehicles and busted out windows of cars whose doors were locked, according to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

Gold Run neighbors, Donnie and Robin Beard and Chris and Susan Hundley, are in the process of forming a neighborhood watch. In an effort to restore peace, the community is coming together to fight back against crime.

After a rash of thefts in the Bethlehem Community in 2007, Vicki Carnes, an official with Brinks Home Security, offered several safety tips at a community gathering.

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## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

## City adds more sirens, new shelter

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

When and if severe weather strikes again in Kings Mountain sirens will go off in three strategic areas - the Police Department, the Fire Station on US 74 West and in East Kings Mountain, the Linwood area of the city.

Police, fire, and city officials saw the necessity for an expanded warning system after the recent tornado/hail storms in the Kings Mountain area, said Mayor Rick Murphrey. Additionally, the mayor said that Kings Mountain Fire Department beside of City Hall will be the official permanent emergency headquarters where there is sufficient space for citizens who lose power for heat, lights, or for any emergency to have shelter. The fire department has all facilities, a kitchen, showers, rest rooms, etc, to

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