

Jingle Bell Run Saturday

Bells will be ringing this Saturday, Dec. 5, for the Kings Mountain Family YMCA's 9th annual Jingle Bell Run. Racers in the 5K and 10K runs will start at 8:30 a.m. at Patriot's Park in downtown Kings Mountain.

Children in 1st-6th grades are invited to participate in either the 600-meter or the two-mile kid's fun runs, which will start at 10 a.m. Every fun run racer will receive a medal.

Overall top finishers, male and female, in the 5K and 10K races will be rewarded.

First, second and third place ornaments in each age division for the 5K and 10K runs will be awarded to the top three finishers. Age divisions for the 5K race are: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-50, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-70, 70 and over.

Racers in the 10K run will be divided in the following age divisions: 10-19 years old, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over.

The awards ceremony will be held at the gazebo in Patriot's Park at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the races.

On-site registration for the races and packet pick-ups will be offered at the park from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m.

Participants may also register at the KM Family YMCA, 211 Cleveland Ave., before Saturday. For registration costs and more information, call the YMCA at 704-739-9631.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The following events are scheduled to spread Christmas cheer and celebrate the holiday season in Kings Mountain. Each event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Jingle Bell Run - 9 a.m.-noon, downtown Kings Mountain. Sponsored by the KM Family YMCA, runners will sprint through downtown streets. Registration and information available at www.clevecoymca.org

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Kings Mountain Christmas Parade at 3 p.m. in downtown Kings Mountain. Line up will begin along Gold Street. Procession will travel down Gold Street to Battleground Avenue and King Street before coming to a halt. Entries are still being accepted; call 704-734-0333.

Friday, Dec. 11 - Santa's Fire Truck Express - 9 a.m. Santa will visit various day care centers to hear last minute requests from well-behaved tots. He will be escorted by the Kings Mountain Fire Department, while his sleigh is in the shop.

Friday, Dec. 11 - Mountaineer Christmas - 4-9 p.m. Several activities and downtown merchants will welcome crowds with festive cheer. The event is sponsored by The Mountaineer Partnership.

PROTEST

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Cansler car wash.

"He's just asking for the right to build on his land. He wants to be a good neighbor," said Moore, who said traffic would not increase because the couple and their son expect to serve between 15 and 25 customers a day. He also said the Queens plan to landscape and put up bound-

aries.

But Fannin, who lives beside the Queen property, said the building would be too close to her house.

"Would you want this in your neighborhood?" she asked the board.

Camp also cited increased traffic, that the proposed business is too close to homes, and that the lot is too small to ideally house a business. "This is a neighborhood. We want to keep it a neighborhood," he said.

ORDINANCE

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acreage. Of this amount 64.714 acres are subdivided into lots and tracts three acres or less in size.

The ordinance stipulates that the city will provide rolling services, police, fire and sanitation on the effective date of the annexation, June 30, 2010. No additional public infrastructure, meaning water trunk lines and sewer outfalls, are necessary to serve the area. Street lights will be added with existing city policies. Water and sewer extensions to homes and industries either not on the public system or not yet built will be subject to the current city policies for extensions, including the 25/75 cost share policy where the property owners pay for three-fourths of the water distribution or sewer collection line.

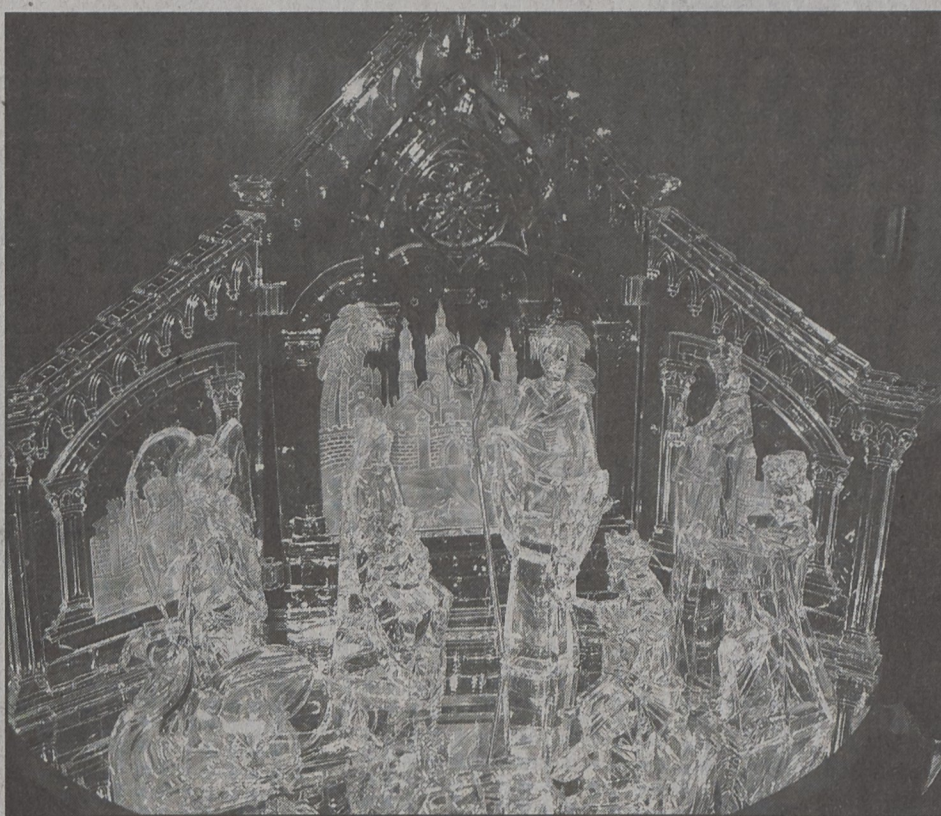


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This acrylic nativity set owned by Shirley Houser Bimrose, formerly of Christmas Emporium, is among the Christmas items that Mrs. Bimrose is displaying at Suzy B's on Railroad Avenue. The beautiful piece has the appearance of crystal.

Downtown prepares for Mountaineer Christmas

Yuletide displays have popped up in windows of downtown businesses recently as proprietors prepare their shops for the annual Mountaineer Christmas to be held 4-9 p.m. on Dec. 11.

The city lights are up and glowing. The green garlands and red bows are back on the King Street bridge. Lighted snowflakes are once again draped across the city's entrances. All signs point to Christmas.

But there is something different about some of the downtown decorations this year. Many stores are decked with nativity scenes in accordance with the theme of Mountaineer Christmas 2009: "The Nativity Celebration."

Downtown merchants and associates were asked to keep that theme in mind while they prepared their front windows for the event's decorating contest or while they baked cakes and sweet treats for the evening's confec-

tion competition.

Suzanne Amos and Laurie Mancuso, co-chairmen of the Mountaineer Partnership-sponsored event, told participants to "be creative."

Gingerbread nativity scenes, nativity-themed cookies and "birthday" cakes iced for the king of kings are just a few of the treats one may see in the sweet treat competition. The contest will be divided into two categories, giving both amateurs and professionals a winning chance.

Folks will also have a chance to win some of the goodies in a cake walk.

Anyone interested in entering the cake and treat competition can contact Suzanne Amos at 704-739-3300, Laurie Mancuso at 704-734-1133 or Adam Hines, executive director of the Mountaineer Partnership, at 704-491-1226.

This year's special theme may also pop up in Mountaineer Christmas's

live nativity scene, in a film at the Joy Theatre, or in a pre-Christmas gift from Santa.

A live nativity scene with the telling of the Christmas story will be set up downtown. A documentary of the Bethlehem Star will be playing at the Joy Performance Theatre. Saint Nick will be at Hometown Hardware, listening to Christmas requests, posing for pictures with the children and handing out themed gifts to the kids.

Mountaineer Christmas 2009: The Nativity Celebration will also feature a "back-by-popular demand" scavenger hunt with area businesses, carolers, holiday face painting, Belgian horses pulling a hay wagon for rides around town, a Christmas choir from various churches, historic trolley rides, holiday art, businesses with extended hours and more. Cryptic clues will lead scavenger hunters to local businesses where prizes await.

All aboard! Trains, Trains, Trains now on track at museum

All aboard! The Kings Mountain Historical Museum proudly announced the opening of its seventh annual "Trains, Trains, Trains" exhibit, which started the miniature locomotives rolling on Tuesday, December 1st.

The exhibit continues through Saturday, January 9, 2010.

The Piedmont 'S' Gaugers will have their interactive trains running for everyone to enjoy. Several train collectors from the area will exhibit their prized possessions along with great railroad memorabilia.

The trains will be running at the museum before and after the Kings Mountain Christmas Parade on

Saturday, December 5, and during Mountaineer Christmas on Friday night, December 11, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come see all the lights! The Barber House will be open for candlelight tours during Mountaineer Christmas.

Santa will be visiting the museum on Saturday, December 12 from 1-3 p.m. to hear Christmas wishes from children and for photos.

Moravian cookies and

cheese straws from Old Salem are available at the gift shop during the train exhibit.

The Museum is located at 100 E. Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. It is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sundays 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 704-739-1019, email: kmmuseum@bellsouth.net or visit www.kingsmountainmuseum.org

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up as of 5 p.m. Monday: KMHS Marching Band, KMHS Cheerleaders, KMHS Soccer Team, KMHS Homecoming Queen Ashley Ray, Carousel Princess Hannah McDougal, KM Student Scholarship Fund, Tony's Ice Cream, Kings Mountain

Herald, Dance Reflections, Boy Scout/Cub Scouts, Hospice of Cleveland County, Miss KM Samantha Haskett, Tiny Miss and Wee Miss KM, First National Bank, Danny and Joan Crawford, Cleveland County Health Care System, KMFD, Cleveland Headline News, White Plains Shrine Club, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp

#1668, 161 Flea Market, Tom Neal, KMFD, Summit Place, J&J Tax Service, Loch Norman Pipe Band, Falls Insurance, Miss Bethware Fair Queen, Girl Scout Troop 157, Brownies Troop 907 and Daisies Troop 407, LaPetite Dance Studio, Little Miss NC Sophia Kellstrom, KM Rescue, Mountaineer Cruisers, Matthew Burris, Girl Scout Troops 40 and 50, Grace Christian Academy, Allen Memorial Youth, Girl Scout Troop 405, GW Bell and Sons Dairy Farm, Oasis Roadrunners Shriners, The Star, Croft Custom Cycles and Pink Pizza Beauty Salon, Robbins Racing,

Faith Baptist Church, The Griffins, Boyce Memorial Preschool, Baity's Automotive Service, Harvest Time Assembly Church, Gaston Gazette, Zeta Mu Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Oak Grove Baptist Awana Group, Mike Chapman (2010 candidate for sheriff), Dance Magic, Bradley Chiropractic, High Learning Child Care Academy, Sunrise Baptist Church, Blacksburg Women's Club, Subway, New Beginning Baptist Church, Tom Deviney and John Hamrick, East Coast VW's and Santa Claus.

The parade line-up is subject to change.

GRANT

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of the county board of health.

In related action, the board approved a bikeway design committee following receipt of a \$26,250 NCDOT bike grant this spring to develop bike routes in and around town. This committee includes, Jimmy Hines of the Cleve-

land County Health Department, West School Principal Brian Hunnel, Sam Nichols of NCDOT, Jackie Barnette, Melvin Proctor, Curtis Pressley of the city planning board, Tim Plonk, Reuben Hart, Pam Putnam, Ellen Burris, Melanie Ballard, Buzz Elliot, Summer Kelly, Lisa Cash, Chris Bennett and city staffers Blair Israel, Steve Killian and Marcie Campbell.

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