

50 businesses to fill 12th chamber Showcase

Chamber gets ready for 'Gems, Mines and Minerals'

More than 50 businesses will be represented at the 12th annual Kings Mountain Business Showcase to be held at city hall Feb. 23-March 19.

The invitation-only kickoff for the showcase will take place on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, from 5:30-7 p.m. with food, fun, music and door prizes. The showcase will be free and open to the public during city hall's normal business hours through March 19th.

The theme for this year's Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event will be "Gems, Mines and Minerals." Exhibits will be judged on how well their displays tie in with this theme.

"This should be a lot of fun and bring (out) how important mining was and is to our town, county and our

country," said Shirley Brutko, executive director of the Kings Mountain chamber branch.

The showcase was open to both Chamber members and non-members this year and spaces seemed to fill up fast. Within weeks after the registry was opened to participants, it was full.

Last year, 50 companies participated in the Business Showcase that was visited by an estimated 2,000 people during its four-week run.

"This is a great opportunity to advertise your business because everyone who visits city hall will be able to view your display, and see how your business may be of service to them," Brutko said.

During the kickoff ceremony Tuesday night, the chamber will also recognize an outstanding Kings Mountain businessperson.

Presenting sponsors for the showcase this year are Warlick & Hamrick Insurance, Evonik Energy Services LLC, First National Bank and Martin Marietta Aggregates.

Other sponsors, include the City of Kings Mountain, Hospice Cleveland County, Kings Mountain Woman's Club, Premier Federal Credit Union; and, for food, Big E's BBQ, KFC, Kings Mountain High School, Linwood Restaurant, Subway, the Cup & Saucer Tea Room; and, for floral decorations, Carolina Roses.

For more information call 704-739-4755.

BUILDING PERMITS

The City of Kings Mountain issued the following building permits during the month of January. Each section lists permit type, address of project, contractor or homeowner, value of project (v), fees due (d) and/or fees paid (p).

Electrical permit residential

Electrical, 132 Yarbro Rd. (trailer park), Martin Electric of Cleveland County, \$500 (v), \$50 (p).

Electrical, 120 Cloninger St., Martins Electric, \$1,000 (v), \$53 (p).

Electrical, 909 Grace St., Electrical and Plumbing Services, \$350 (v), \$53 (p).

Electrical, 811 W. Gold St. (Dixie Mobile Home), Martin Electric of Cleveland County, \$550 (v), \$50 (p).

Electrical, 1004 Second St., King's Quality Service Inc., \$800 (v), \$50 (p).

Fence permit residential

Fence, 703 Groves St., homeowner, \$1,250 (v), \$30 (p).

Mechanical permit commercial

Mechanical, 415 N. Piedmont Ave., C&C Heating, Cooling and Insulation, \$0 (v), \$56 (p).

Mechanical permit residential

Mechanical, 304 N. Waterson St., Curry Heating & Cooling, \$3,650 (v), \$59 (p).

Mechanical, 214 Fulton Dr., Scott's Residential Services, \$5,000 (v), \$65 (p).

Mechanical, 911 Grace St., C&C Heating, Cooling and Insulation, \$500 (v), \$50 (p).

Mechanical, 205 Drew Ct., C&C Heating, Cooling and Insulation, \$3,900 (v), \$59 (p).

Mechanical, 6211 Adele Ln., C&C Heating, Cooling and Insulation, \$200 (v), \$50 (p).

Mechanical, 802 Rhodes Ave., M&T Plumbing, \$1,100 (v), \$53 (p).

Mechanical, 422 N. Battleground Ave., homeowner, \$75 (v), \$50 (p).

Mechanical, 1023 Mountain Crest Dr., C&C Heating, Cooling and Insulation, \$0 (v), \$56 (p).

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Council appoints four to steering committee

City Council Wednesday appointed four people to a steering committee to serve with other county leaders to develop a comprehensive transportation plan that would replace other thoroughfare plans here and in the county.

Mayor Rick Murphrey said that a coordinated plan would help with funding for transportation projects and for certain types of infrastructure such as sidewalks, turn lanes, and greenways at or in affected development.

The new committee includes Public Works Director Jackie Barnette, Police Chief Melvin Proctor, Planning Director Steve Killian and Planning and Zoning member Dave Allen.

Murphrey said the committee will be instrumental, along with county members, in guiding NCDOT in their development of a transportation plan that would affect not only Kings Mountain but also the rest of the county.

David from NCDOT has been in Kings Mountain for several meetings with the Chamber of Commerce transportation committee.

City Council meets Tuesday

The February meeting of Kings Mountain City Council will be held Tuesday night, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited.

Womens auxiliary meeting March 15

The public is invited to a Womens Auxiliary Recruitment meeting to be held at the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department 6:30 p.m. until on March 15th. RSVP by calling 704-913-2302.

Spaghetti supper

El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Rd., will sponsor a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27, 5-7:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Relay for Life. Adult plates are \$8 each and child plates are \$4. For tickets or more information, call Lois

Blanton at 704-734-1876.

El Bethel Relay breakfast March 13

El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Rd., will host a country style breakfast March 13 to raise money for Relay for Life. A breakfast with country ham, sausage, bacon, eggs, grits, homemade biscuits, jams and jellies, juice and coffee will be served from 6:30-10 a.m. at the church, sponsored by El Bethel UMC's Relay for Life team.

Country Breakfast Saturday

Grace United Methodist Church, 829 Cleveland Ave. (Hwy. 161) will serve a country-style buffet breakfast, all you can eat, Saturday, Feb. 20, from 6 a.m.-10 a.m. Donations are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 7-12, \$5 for seniors 60 and over, children 6 and under free. Proceeds are earmarked for the church building fund.

RACE

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under control, lowering energy prices, fighting bad trade deals and investing in our worker training programs," McHenry said. "Our working families are doing their best to work through bad conditions and I want to ensure that the federal government is a help, not a hindrance, to them."

McHenry also pledged to continue fighting the Washington political establishment, which is continuing to drive up the national debt. "Washington's reckless spending is making it harder to create jobs and it's endangering the future of our nation," he said. "I voted against Barack Obama's so-called stimulus, the misguided government bailout, and the President's big spending budget. I'm proud of my voting record."

"I have done what I said I would do," McHenry added. "I have fought for the interest of the people of Western North Carolina. I look forward to a meaningful discussion of the issues during the campaign. I intend to win this election and continue to fight for Western North Carolina values."

Since taking office in 2005, McHenry has carried every county in the district in every subsequent primary and general election. A former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, McHenry has received numerous awards during his tenure in Congress from conservative advocacy organizations and taxpayer groups for his outspoken support of limited government, low taxes and conservative principles.

Primary filing ends May 26 at noon. The primary election is May 4. The general election is Nov. 2.

ROBBERY

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1420 Second St., charging him with armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

A few hours later, after further investigation, police rounded up two more suspects. Twenty-four-year-old Stephen Edward Mills, Brandon's older brother, of 219 N. Carpenter St., was charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery and aiding and abetting armed robbery. Kylie Ann Dorman, 22, also of 1420 Second St.,

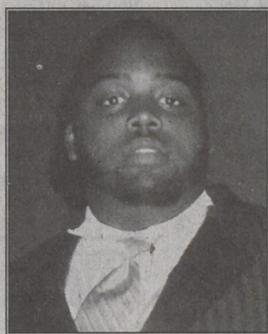
was charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery and obstruction of justice.

Police said that no injuries were sustained in the robbery and the dollar that

was stolen has been recovered. This one dollar heist may prove much more costly to the suspects now awaiting trial.

Happy Birthday Desman

Feb. 16, 1990 - Feb. 14, 2009



In honor of Desman's birthday we have started the Desman Thompson Scholarship Fund at Kings Mountain High School.

Love, Mother, Father, Ron, Deon, Devin, and LaDavia

If you would like to make a donation to the fund please contact Lee Bell at Kings Mountain High School.

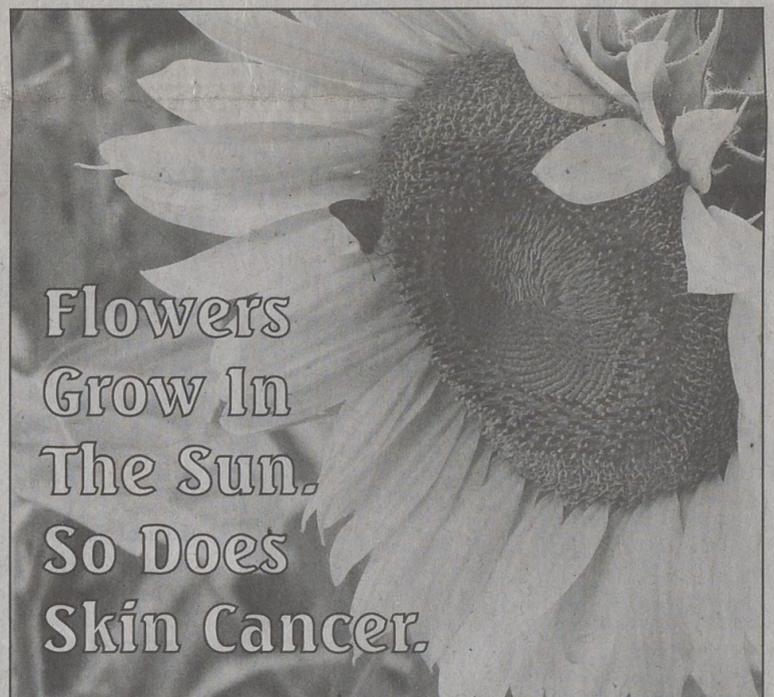
SNOW

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back yard.

The 10-day National Weather Forecast for Kings Mountain calls for mostly sunny skies with afternoon highs in the 50s on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, showers next Monday and temperatures in the 50's through Feb. 25.

But beware. The Farmers Almanac, reportedly, is calling for 14 more storms before the advent of Spring 2010.



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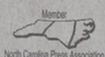
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