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Heat fuels more calls for help

The heat wave boosted more calls to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry for assistance last weekend as power bills went out from the city.

"We are usually busy from the 15th to the 25th of every month because people need help with utilities," said Crisis Center Director Rebecca Lineberger.

The hotter-than-usual month almost certainly boosted sales for electric suppliers because of the need for air-conditioning and fans to supply the cooling temperatures.

Lineberger expressed appreciation to individuals, churches and the City of Kings Mountain for their generosity. Twice a year a Caring and Sharing program is advertised in the monthly utility bills that go out to Kings Mountain customers of the city and citizens are invited to contribute as little as one dollar to the Crisis Ministry. "We use those dollars to help people pay their utility bills," said Lineberger. The Crisis Center also helps families with staple food items and other needs.

The city budgets \$10,000 a year to the Crisis Ministry and at next Tuesday night's 6 p.m. council meeting Mayor Rick Murphrey and City Council will make the official check presentation.

The mayor said the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry helps many families in these tough economic times.

City race Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for Twin Pinks Enduro, a big race for benefit of breast cancer research, to begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 18 at Kings Mountain Gateway Trail, 807 S. Battleground Avenue.

Ellis Noell, the city of Kings Mountain's events coordinator, said the race raises awareness of breast cancer and reflects the tough battle for women (and men) diagnosed with breast cancer who are running their own Enduro every day.

Twin Pinks is a lap race on a closed course (criterium), climbing the two peaks on the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail on a mix of smooth gravel and asphalt. Each lap will be over two miles. There will be a 1 lap sprint, a 4 lap endurance race and a 1 lap run run/walk that will close the day's activities. Cancer survivors may want to join the fun walk to add emphasis to the event for which all funds are earmarked for research into the insidious disease. Awards will be presented in two competitive races.

All participants will receive a T-shirt. Register on line at www.sportoften.com/events or email Noell at ellisa@cityofkm.com or call Noell at 704-730-2103.

More sponsors are being added but current sponsors, in addition to the City of Kings Mountain, are Ultra, Kings Mountain Family YMCA, Run for Your Life, Kings Mountain Gateway Trail and Patriot Jack's Outfitters.

Back to school



East Elementary second grade teacher Shirley Smith encourages Hannah Spencer as she colors a picture at open house Tuesday night.

School bells chimed today for fall term

By ELIZABETH STEWART
staff writer

School buses rolled today and bells rang for the opening of the 2010-2011 fall term of Cleveland County Schools.

More than 16,000 students returned to the books along with a 2200 member staff, including 1400 certified staff, including 1150 teachers.

Teachers were back at work this week readying the classroom for students. Kids were enjoying the last days of summer vacation. Most were ready to see their friends Wednesday, make new friends and

FIRST DAY, 7A



photos by EMILY WEAVER
Johnny "Dalton" Ledbetter sits at the new desk he will occupy this year in Kindergarten at East.

New faces at KM schools

New faces and even a few familiar ones can be found in new offices at schools in the Kings Mountain area this year.

Amy Moss, a former teacher at East Elementary, is the new assistant principal at East and West elementary schools.

Julie Rikard, who most recently worked in Gaston County Schools, is joining the staff at Kings Mountain Middle School as a new assistant principal.

Another Julie Rikard will be returning to Kings Mountain High

School this year to continue leading curriculum and instruction as an assistant principal. She began her teaching career at KMHS as an English teacher. After a number of years teaching, she served as the media specialist at KMHS and then KMMS, where she also worked as a technology facilitator. She joined the high school administration last year.

Michael Morehead also joined the Mountaineer administrative team in early 2010 and will return this year as assistant principal.

SCHOOLS, 7A



LIB STEWART photo
Wesley Anthony, Eric Israel and Craig Gunter, left to right, of ALCOM Services Inc., install data (wireless) wiring at Bethware Elementary School. Improvements have been made at various school plants, including security entrances, as Cleveland County schools open for the fall term today.

Bank account breach or con game of theft?

Has your bank account been breached or your confidence?

Cleveland County Sheriff's detectives have been contacted by concerned citizens regarding unsolicited phone calls from callers claiming to be representatives of the State Employee's Credit Union.

"In these instances, the callers informed the potential victim that their account's status has been changed or the account's security has been breached," according to authorities. "The potential victim was subsequently requested to provide personal and account information to the caller in an alleged effort to verify the account and update its security."

But detectives caution those who share that information are susceptible to identity theft.

"The personal and account information could have been used by the caller or other parties to access bank accounts, make fraudulent purchases, receive services fraudulently, or even acquire credit cards under the assumed name," warn detectives.

DETECTIVES, 2A

SEX EDUCATION CCS changes curriculum to conform with state standards

by ELIZABETH STEWART
staff writer

Kings Mountain Middle and High School students will be among other students in the county schools participating in a modified health education curriculum this new school year. School board members heard the first reading of the policy Monday night.

Director of Secondary Instruction John Goforth told the board that the Reproductive and Health Safety program at both middle and high schools is being modified to reflect the NCSCS (NC Standard Course of Study) and the additional requirements of the Reproductive Health and Safety Act of 2009 commonly referred to as House Bill 88, the Healthy Youth Act of 2009 passed by the North Carolina General Assembly.

"We have been working with Cleveland County Health Department health educators and the teaching staff to revise the curriculum to comply with the legislation passed by the General Assembly," Goforth said, adding that the revised curriculum is research based and peer reviewed. The new portion of the curriculum would

SEX ED, 7A

Powering up

Duke breaks ground for new KM facility

Kings Mountain Generation Support Facility broke ground last Thursday for a 188,000 sq. ft. training center at Cleveland County Business Park.

Duke Energy announced in 2009 the selection of the 30-acre site to house centralized work groups that provide support for the Duke Energy generation department.

The new facility, a multi-use support center for Duke Energy power plants in the Carolinas, will include training rooms, an auditorium, and employee meeting rooms. The nuclear in-processing group will be one of the first tenants of the facility in July 2011. In-processing includes activities that prepare work-

DUKE, 5A



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