

What makes you the best candidate?



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To a man, seven of the eight candidates for two contested seats on city council said that unemployment is the No. 1 big issue facing Kings Mountain at a candidate forum Monday night sponsored by the Cleveland County Chapter of the NAACP at Bynum Chapel AME Zion

Church.

Incumbent mayor Rick Murphrey and at-large candidates Brian Cloninger, Bobby Horne, Keith Miller, Butch Pearson, Jerry Mullinax, and Curtis Pressley fielded 10 questions from Willie McIntosh, president of the county chapter

NAACP, on various topics. Although the attendance was light, the candidates said they enjoyed connecting with the voters and sharing their ideas.

Gilbert (Pee Wee) Hamrick, candidate for mayor, was absent. Brenda Lipscomb, Political ac-

tion chair, gave the welcome. Phil Hager gave the invocation and closing prayer, Julie Brooks, secretary of the NAACP chapter, led the pledge and Jerry Hayes was timekeeper. Candidates had 1-2 minutes to give

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3 zoning debates face city council

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Three controversial zoning issues will take center stage at Tuesday night's meeting of Kings Mountain City Council.

By unanimous vote last Tuesday, the Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board—after a marathon nearly five-hour-long meeting—sent a recommendation to city council to rezone Mike Brown's Raven Drive property to light industrial for an RV campground.

The council will also decide Tuesday at 6 p.m. whether to take the board's recommendation in a 5-4 vote to approve a new zoning amendment that regulates recreational vehicles parks and campgrounds. Chairman Doug Lawing cast the tie vote last week. Those approving were Keith Miller, Christy McCleary, Phil Dee and Ed Richardson. Those voting "no" were Lamar Fletcher, Jim Potter, Tommy Hall and Ernest Rome. John Houze left the room early in the discussion.

Brown and 40 supporters stood in support of the rezoning and against the amendment Brown contended would thwart his plans to develop the old Park Yarn/Glen Raven Mills site.

Planning board members said that the new ordinance is needed because it sets minimum standards which are protection for both the city and property owners and similar to the poli-

See ZONING, 7A

Homecoming Queen 2011



GARY STEWART/HERALD

Priscilla Jordan was crowned 2011 Kings Mountain High School homecoming queen during halftime of Friday's football game at John Gamble Stadium. Priscilla is the daughter of Jonathan Spires and Candice Perlov. BELOW, Priscilla Jordan is surprised to learn that she was voted Homecoming Queen while other court members, l-r, Kylee Wideman, Ariana Wingo, Morgan Robinson and Caroline Baker applaud.



'Pleasant Memories' coming to downtown

KM Mural Commission gets 'all clear' for 4th city mural on monoliths behind Wells Fargo

Three red brick monoliths that rest at the back of the driveway between Wells Fargo (Wachovia bank) and Allen Tate Realtors will soon don a bright new look. The Kings Mountain Mural Commission has received city approval for downtown's fourth mural to be painted on the sides of the brick structures that face Battleground Avenue.

The mural entitled "Pleasant Memories" will be painted by Rutherford County artist Clive Haynes, who painted the popular murals that can be seen downtown today.

"This is a wonderful achievement for Kings Mountain," said Shirley Brutko, a

See MURAL, 7A



KYRA TURNER/HERALD

Shirley Brutko and muralist Clive Haynes stand at the monoliths that will soon be painted with the city's fourth mural.

City set to bring sewer to 18 homes

Eighteen single family homes on Center Street and Galilee Church Road should be hooked up to the city sewer system in about five months.

During the September council meeting Mayor Rick Murphrey was authorized by city council to ink the agreement for a Community Development Block Grant of \$600,000 with the N.C. Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance. Council at next Tuesday's meeting is expected to adopt the policy for implementation of the project which does not require matching funds from the city. The money comes from the state's 2010 contingency infrastructure funds.

At last month's meeting council tentatively awarded the engineering contract to Joel E. Wood & Associates and the administrative contract to Steve Austin for the project.

The new project consists of the installation of 4,270 linear feet of 8-inch sewer lines and connections to 18 homes in the Center Street and Galilee Church Road neighborhoods. Each sub-area has nine households in need of municipal sewer service.

City nixes 2-term limit

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The two-term limit for members serving on the city planning board and the Moss Lake advisory committee is no more.

City council at its September meeting changed the policy which has been in place since Nov. 25, 2008.

In other business, council

• Set four public hearings Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. to consider voluntary contiguous annexation petition from T5@Kings Mountain, Lots 25 and 199 and Parcels 10982 & 56145; zoning ordinance text amendment for recreational vehicle parks or campsites; request from

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Survivor lunch

Breast Cancer survivors, lunch is on the Tavern

Cherokee Street Tavern in Kings Mountain will host a free luncheon Thursday, Oct. 20, from 12 noon-2 p.m. for breast cancer survivors.

"We care and that's why we're treating these special people to lunch," says owner Robert Bolin acknowledging that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the American Cancer Society is placing special emphasis on fighting breast cancer with prevention, early detection and checkups.

In order for the restaurant to get the names of survivors, Bolin asks survivors to call Cherokee Street Tavern, Kings Mountain City Hall, Suzy B's, Hometown Hardware, and One Life Nutrition with the names of people planning to attend.

Dr. Forrest Thompson, chief medical oncologist at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, and other speakers will be on hand for the program.

"Tell your friends who are breast cancer survivors that they are our guests," says Bolin.

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Mountaineers slam Wildcats 53-28 in Homecoming game



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