

# Kings Mountain Auction celebrates new location in old Spectrum plant



A crowd gathers to cut the ribbon of Kings Mountain Auction's newest location inside the old Spectrum Dyed Yarn plant.

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Jason Falls, owner of Kings Mountain Auction, welcomed a crowd to his new auction house inside the former Spectrum Dyed Yarn plant at 11 a.m. Thursday. The two-and-a-half-year-old business has grown into its third location, occupying 15,000-square-feet of the old plant - plenty of room for the dealers, wares and crowds that continue to grow in numbers.

More than 2,200 families from 20 different states have attended a Kings Mountain Auction, hosted by licensed auctioneer Jason

Falls.

Annual sales at the auction house have ballooned in excess of a half-million dollars. And the young business has raised more than \$12,000 for local non-profits.

Kings Mountain Auction started in a 3,000-square-foot facility. It moved into a 7,000-square-foot home on York Road that could seat up to 300 guests before it found its new home that will let them accommodate up to 400 buyers.

"We provide a fun, family-friendly place

for people to be able to buy and sell items. All are welcome," Falls told the crowd at a ribbon cutting for the auction's new home Thursday.

On average, he said, they sell one item every 20 seconds and 99 percent of the items offered for auction are sold.

Kings Mountain Auction sells everything from groceries to antiques. Grocery auctions are held on the first Monday of every month. On July 23, KMA will hold a furniture sale with new and used furniture.

Auctions are held every Monday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. Auctions tend to run until 11 or 12 o'clock. The longest auction they held, Falls said, lasted eight hours.

Falls plans to begin holding car auctions soon. Concessions at auctions are provided by Town & Country BBQ.

Kings Mountain Auctions can be found online on Facebook and AuctionZip.

## Boy Scouts dive into Florida Adventure

Six Boy Scouts from Troop 92, sponsored by First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, spent part of their summer vacation at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, a facility in the Florida Keys that is owned and operated by Boy Scouts of America. Sea Base is on Lower Matecumbe Key in Islamorada. These high adventure programs provide Boy Scouts a unique opportunity to explore, experience, and enjoy the great outdoors.

The scouts attending for their SCUBA certification were: Austin Anthony, Gregory Grabert, Kyle Carroll, Jordan Bullins, Nicholas Matola, and Ryan Perkins. They were accompanied by Thomas Matola and Michael Bullins, both assistant Scout Masters with Troop 92.

After completion of a

swim review, scouts were issued dive equipment and then began courses that were divided into academic knowledge development (conducted in a classroom), confined-water skills development (conducted in custom built Scuba training pools), and finally four open water skill dives and five pleasure dives. All of the scouts earned SCUBA certification and completed the AWARE Coral Reef Conservation course from the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI), a world renowned and recognized agency.

While mastering the skills you must know to be a safe diver, they explored the diverse eco-system of the fabulous Florida Keys, the only living coral reef system in the continental US. They

had the opportunity to explore different habitats and reef structures, like Alligator and Davis Reef, where they saw numerous varieties of fish, eels, sea horses, and conch shells. The visibility in the summer ranges from 40 feet to over 100 feet depending on the weather.

The scouts also visited Key West, where they had their picture taken at the Southern Most Point, enjoyed the fabulous sunset, and dined at Margaritaville. At the end of their voyage, they enjoyed a tropical luau, where scouts performed skits, dined on exotic foods, and shared fellowship.

All of the boys agreed that it was a memorable experience and they had a lot of fun and were never bored.



Front row, left to right: Austin Anthony, Ryan Perkins, Jordan Bullins, and Gregory Grabert. Back row, left to right: Mike Bullins, Nicholas Matola, Kyle Carroll, and Thomas Matola.

## Car Wash Benefit July 14

Safe Harbor Community Church will sponsor a car wash Saturday, July 14, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kmart. All

proceeds go to Roger and Kathy Payne for medical expenses. The public is invited.

## Barrett retires after 27 years on Patrol

First Sgt. J.R. Barrett, formerly of Kings Mountain, retired with a ceremony in Raleigh May 22 from the North Carolina Highway Patrol after 27 years of service.

He began his service as a Trooper serving 11 years in Lexington and three years in Concord. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1999 and served in Statesville, Lexington, Concord and Salisbury

before advancing to the rank of First Sergeant in 2008. He has served the last four years in Raleigh.

Lt. A. H. Batchelor welcomed the crowd and Capt. J. L. Babb led the invocation.

FSgt. Barrett was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Lt. Col. W. R. Scott; a State of North Carolina Certificate of Retirement by Capt. J. L. Babb; a Highway Patrol Plaque by

Maj. J. A. Harris, and received gifts from his inspections unit.

His wife, Amy Barrett, was recognized with a Spouse Certificate.

Barrett is the son of the late James Richard Barrett and Ann Allison of Kings Mountain. He is the father of Ashley Barrett and Trey Barrett.



FIRST SGT. J.R. BARRETT

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