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On hold Sun shines for KMHS graduates

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Property revaluation delayed until 2016

Property revaluation, originally scheduled by county commissioners in 2014, has been delayed until 2016.

Chairman Ronnie Hawkins said the county is still within the eight-year period required by law for revaluation. State law requires local property revaluation to be examined at least every eight years. The last county revaluation was in 2008 and the next one was scheduled in 2012 which county commissioners also put off because of an unstable housing market until 2014.

"We are still in a housing slump," interim county manager David Dear told the county board at last Tuesday's meeting, noting foreclosures or homes sold at lower prices.

County leaders say they are hopeful by the year 2016 that the housing market will improve.

The property tax rate will remain the same - 57 cents per \$100 valuation.

Relay wrap up

Kings Mountain Relay for Life volunteers will wrap up the 2012-2013 campaign for funds to fight cancer Monday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1 in downtown Kings Mountain. The top 10 teams will be recognized and awards will be presented, including the Spirit of Relay awards which honor the teams with most participation.

Fire Chief Frank Burns, who co-chaired the campaign with Tammy White, said that funds will probably hit the \$60,000 mark when all monies are tallied.

As an extra effort to raise funds for Relay for Life the Junior Firemen are sponsoring a BBQ butt sale. All BBQ butts will be pre-sold at \$25 each and orders may be placed by calling Kings Mountain Fire Department, 704-734-0555.

"Kings Mountain citizens have been generous in spite of the sluggish economy and we want to thank everyone who took part in the campaign and enjoyed the recent Relay for Life event in Kings Mountain," said Burns.

"The end of one chapter and the beginning of another," student speakers told a crowded John Gamble Football Stadium of cheering relatives and friends Saturday morning at the Kings Mountain High School 2013 graduating class commencement.

Graduates marched in front of both sides of the stadium bleachers to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" by the 9th grade band to the far end of the field to chairs in front of a stage. The weatherman smiled on the 9 a.m. ceremony but the clouds gave the appearance of showers to come later in the afternoon.

Twenty-nine members of the 260 graduating class graduated as North Carolina Academic Scholars.

"We should count our blessings," said Mike Cerjan, who ranked No. 1 scholastically as valedictorian in the Class of 2013.

"This momentous day is only the beginning," said Matthew Allen, who ranked No. 2 scholastically in the Class of 2013.

Matthew Kyle Shepard, in presenting the Class of 2013, acknowledged parents and teachers who set the bar high. "They went beyond the call of duty to get us to this point," he said.



The rain held off and the sun peeked through the clouds as 260 graduates crossed the stage during Saturday's commencement at KMHS. See more on graduation on pages 5A and 8A.

photo by JIM ZYBLE

Other class officers participated on the program. Phetsadar Kimberly Sourisoud led the pledge of allegiance, Hannah Faye Wytte, SPO president, gave the welcome, Michelle Kim Philavong recognized honor graduates, Jada Alice Mauney presented the class gift, umbrellas for the high school picnic tables, and seniors in the Sym-

phonic Chorale sang "Maybe Someday."

Principal Ronny Funderburke, Assistant Principal Julie Rikard and Supt. Dr. Bruce Boyles announced the students as graduates and presented the diplomas.

Tassels were removed and caps flew.

Mayhew marks a century!

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Tom Mayhew, 100, was still hitting the links twice a week a year ago.

He marked the century birthday Friday, has parked his golf clubs and curtailed some of his activities. He and his wife, Ruth, 95, are in their pews at church every Sunday.

His passion for golf was featured on a 100th birthday cake topped with a miniature golfer and golf cart at a family party Friday at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Judy Mayhew and their son, David. Ruth Gamble Mayhew's daughters, Lois and Howard Blanton and Barbara and Garth Hawkins, and Tom's son, Lee and Pam Mayhew, helped Tom celebrate his birthday. Another family party, along with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, is planned Saturday at the Lee Mayhew home.

The Mayhews are all neighbors on Peninsula Avenue at Moss Lake.

Mayhew, active all his life, says activity has contributed to his longevity.

"I didn't start playing golf until after I

retired in 1975," he said in an interview with Herald Sports Editor Gary Stewart four years ago. "Up until then I thought all I ever wanted to do was fish. I started with the seniors in 1980 or 1981. I got really interested in it then and I quit fishing."

Mayhew says he's never been an outstanding golfer. But most people who know him would agree that playing golf twice a week at almost age 99 is not just outstanding, it's amazing.

He has accomplished something very few golfers have, though. In the 90's he had a hole-in-one on #6 at Royster Golf Course at Shelby City Park. In February, 1999 he had an eagle two on the par four 14th hole at Woodbridge.

His athletic ability hasn't been limited

See MAYHEW, 5A



Summer reading kicks off Friday

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The Mauney Memorial Library's summer reading program kicks off Friday morning and this year's calendar of events tells us it's about more than books and story time.

There's also a dash of magic, singing, local history, zombies and even some live snakes thrown into the mix.

With over 800 folks signed up already, the library staff — which has lined up dozens of programs, special events and guest speakers — says they're excited about the opportunity to keep young minds active and engaged while school is out.

"They turn their brains off," said Library Director Sharon Stack. "It's a phenomenon sometimes called summer slide or summer reading loss."

The annual summer reading program is also designed to capture local citizens — young and old — who may not be regular visitors or be aware of the library's many offerings, including computer and foreign language courses and a host of e-reading possibilities.

"If I can reach out to the non-typical reader that would be a good thing," said Christy Conner, the Children's Librarian.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. Friday at the Central United Methodist Church with a performance by the Pint Size Polkas led by Mike Schneider.

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. the summer program hosts events for kids aged 6-11. There's juggling, magic and comedy, an educational play about the dangers of

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Resilient cop up for any challenge

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Lisa Proctor remembers the day when a co-worker at a PPG plant took hold of her shirt collar and tried to give her some important advice.

"She looked me in the eyes and said 'you're too smart to do this for the rest of your life. Take a good look at me. How old do you think I am?' She looked to be about 20 years older than she actually was."

It wasn't long after that that Proctor, just a few years out of Crest High School at the time, found herself in law enforcement training at Isothermal Community College in Spindale, earning great grades and making easy work of the rigorous physical demands of police school. "Nobody in my family had ever been in law enforcement. No friends in it either," she said.

Now, twenty years later, she's a seasoned detective sergeant with the Kings Mountain Police Department with an office wall full of awards, 2 citations and memories of a career chosen wisely.



Detective Lisa Proctor

If all police work is dangerous, Proctor's particular niche in law enforcement likely poses the most threats and contains the most unknowns. As a detective who spends most of her time working narcotics cases, she

See PROCTOR, 5A

Landmark 'Grill' closes

Danny and Hilda Kiser put a "closed" sign on the family restaurant Saturday and locked the door at 247 S. Battleground after 33 years in the downtown location as Fred Kiser's Restaurant, ending a 57-year career for Danny, who started in the food business with his father at age 11 at the old Silver Villa.

"I worked for my Dad at the old Silver Villa at age 11 as a car hop," recalled Danny. After working for a number of years in the textile industry he went back to work with Fred Kiser who retired in the 1990s because of declining health; he died five years ago. He said his father started cooking and serving

meals in 1966 in the old Silver Villa, a white building on East King Street, and in 1971 purchased what was then the Burger Barn from Clyde Whetstone and Jim McGinnis and operated in that location from 1971-80. Since 1980 Kiser Restaurant has been a popular business at 247 S. Battleground Avenue. Danny and Hilda Kiser have worked together at the downtown location for the past 21 years, serving breakfast and lunch to hungry customers.

"We will miss our customers, good friends all, but it's time," said Danny.

In retirement Kiser says he plans to enjoy hunting trips with his good friend Jackie Hughes.



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