

Watch a movie, set a world record at YMCA pool

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It's the time of year when the mercury is rising and folks young and old are looking for ways to break the heat with a cool dip in the pool.

The Kings Mountain YMCA is answering the call with an array of programs and activities centered around its Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The fun kicks off this Saturday with a welcome event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. sponsored by Arise Church. For \$1 a person (free for YMCA members), there will be hot dogs, pretzels and bottled water to jumpstart the summer swimming season at the popular outdoor pool.

In June, the YMCA is partnering with the Mauney Memorial Library's summer reading program to host a Friday movie night called "Dive In Movies." Starting June 27 and held every other week for five weeks, guests can blend the cooling power of the swimming with the fun of film. Around dusk, organizers will screen a different family-oriented movie alongside the pool's perimeter. The YMCA's "Dive In Movies" will have a different theme for every week, from science and insects to ecology, said Amanda Little, the Y's senior program director. The library's summer reading program, which is themed "Fizz, Boom, Read" this year, and the Y's movie night are both free.

"The pool will be open with lifeguards so you can watch the movie and swim," said Summer Kelly, a library assistant at Mauney Memorial. "There will also be some activities and refreshments."

"We're excited to be working with the library's great summer reading program," Little said. "It's all part of an effort to combat what is called the summer reading slope. It's to provide entertainment, but also meant to be educational."

And on June 20 at the YMCA swimming pool you can be part of a one-of-a-kind event. The Kings Mountain YMCA is joining the other two Ys in Shelby and Boiling Springs and thousands of other pools across the globe to try to set a Guinness record.

From 11 a.m. to noon that day, pools around the world will be coordinating to get in the record books for the "World's Largest Swim Lesson." Local YMCAs are partnering with Safe Kids Cleveland County in the effort to raise water safety awareness and promote swimming skills.

"We're trying to globalize water safety awareness," Little said. "It's a very ambitious project and we hope to have a lot of fun with it."

The pool is adding a few features for extra summer fun. A water basketball hoop is being installed this week, and swimmers can switch gears and play a poolside game of Cornhole. The wading pool is in the last stages of some minor renovations and Little said she expects it to be open for younger water-lovers by June 1.

The YMCA pool is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for members and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for non-members, who can pay \$3 for a day pass. On Saturdays and Sundays it's open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for all groups. Swimmers must be 13 to come alone. Swimmers under 13 must be accompanied by a guardian who is at least 18. The pool's season runs through Labor Day.

In other pool news, the Kings Mountain Country Club's pool is shooting for a Memorial Day opening after extensive plumbing repair and other renovations took the small pool out of commission last summer.

Access to the pool, which is equipped with a lifeguard, is included in family memberships to the club. Or a pool membership for the entire summer can be purchased for \$350.

Day passes for non-members are available to non-members for \$5.

Disaster relief group meets in KM

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When natural disasters strikes, charities are often the first to arrive and provide support to those hit hardest by destructive hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and ice storms. Providing shelter and hot meals for those in desperate need requires toughness, expediency and good training.

That kind of training for the worst was what brought nearly 400 N.C. Baptist Men and Women volunteers to town over the weekend.

Meeting at First Baptist Church all day Friday and Saturday, volunteers took classes and trained in food preparation, chainsaw handiwork, roof repair and emergency administration skills, said Larry Freeze, an organizer with N.C. Baptist Men and Women.

"We can serve 20,000 to 30,000 meals a day out of one mobile kitchen unit," he said, referring to the movable kitchen, which is about the size and shape of a small trailer home. "This group has been assisting in disaster relief since 1988."



Volunteers with the N.C. Baptist Men and Women serve food at the two-day training and workshop event at First Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. About 400 people from around the region met there Saturday to learn about disaster relief aid.

Freeze was busy Saturday and Sunday with cooking food (hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and green beans) for the 400 volunteers, signing people up for workshops making sure training went smoothly.

Depending on the number of hot meals that are needed, a mobile kitchen unit can require from 25 to

75 volunteers, he said. In times of emergency, the N.C. Baptist Men and Women coordinate with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the N.C. Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division.

"A lot of times during a bad time, we're all people have as far shelter and a hot meal," Freeze said, referring

to the importance of having well-trained volunteers. The training sessions are held about four times a year in different parts of the state. "We're grateful to the First Baptist Church for wanting to host this."

To learn more about N.C. Baptist Men and Women, visit www.baptistsonmission.org/Home.

Five year old struck, killed by falling tree

Five-year-old Jaylin Chase (JJ) Baisden of Ayers Road in Grover was struck and killed Saturday by a tree he and another child had been playing with, according to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office. The incident took place Saturday afternoon at 118 Kim Drive in Grover. Cleveland County EMS arrived on the scene and found the juvenile unresponsive. They transported him to Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby where he died later of internal head and neck injuries. Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman said two boys, ages 5 and 6, had been playing with a rotted tree in a yard. Cleveland County sheriff's deputies and investigators said the youths were pushing the upright tree when it fell into another tree. Investigators said the boys allegedly continued to play with and push onto the tree and it fell from the leaning position and struck the younger child in the head. The incident was determined to be the result of an accident, according to a news release from the Sheriff's Office.

Baisden, Eddie and Karen Hargett, and great-grandson of Margie and James Van Dyke, all of Kings Mountain, and Dorothy Kinser of South Carolina and nephew of Nichole and Krystal Baisden of Kings Mountain and Jamie Baisden of Grover and his cousins and best friends, Ethan, Desirae, Donovan, Danya and Kalyana.

"You always knew "fat fat" loved you because he made sure each time he saw you he let you know with a hug and kiss. He was all boy, loved playing outside and video games. He was a great bay-blades player cause his step-brother, Jacob Hargett, taught him," according to family members who added in his obituary, "If you were sad, he would do his very best to make you feel better. He was a wonderful little boy whose smile could light up a room. If you had known him his whole life or for a brief moment you fell in love with him."

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at Love Valley Baptist Church in Kings Mountain with Pastor Barry Philbeck officiating the service. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Fellowship Independent Baptist Church cemetery in Shelby.

"J. J." was the son of Jake Hargett and Jennifer Baisden and brother of Aubree and Devin Baisden. He was the grandson of Pam



Life of Worship Church on Cherokee Street in Kings Mountain hosts food giveaway.

Small church with a big heart

Life of Worship Ministry on Cherokee Street is a small church with a big heart. A food giveaway at the church Friday drew a crowd of over 200 people who were not asked their names or any questions but were greeted with smiles by volunteers who distributed food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. "This is our third food giveaway and the crowds come," says Teresa McKinney, administrative assistant at the church.

The church pastor, Rev. Ricky Beatty, says it's a positive outreach program for the community and a project the small congregation of about 40 people began over a year ago. Additionally, the church operates a food pantry and clothing closet, and serves a hot meal to anyone who will come on

fourth Wednesdays each month from 11 a.m.-12:30. The food pantry and clothing closet are open on first, second and third Wednesdays of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sheila Leonard, who heads up the food pantry and clothing closet, says the program would not survive

See CHURCH, 8A

TP's files suit against City

TP's Resurrection Company, a restaurant and lounge outside the city limits, has filed suit against the City of Kings Mountain after the city disconnected its power and gas for 14 days last year, according to a civil action filed March 24.

The business is seeking \$10,000 in compensation for loss of food products and patronage.

Robinson Elliott & Smith, of Charlotte, attorneys for the city, have filed a motion to transfer the matter to Superior Court for a jury trial. Yelton, Farfour & Fite of Shelby are attorneys for the plaintiff.

The restaurant and lounge opened in the summer of 2013 in the former Town & Country BBQ owned by Kelly Bunch. The power and gas were disconnected at 1553 S. Battleground Avenue on Feb. 3, 2013. The city maintained TP's failed to comply with state building code provisions. TP's contends they received a certified letter Feb. 4, 2013 after

the disconnection had already taken place and that all permits needed for operation of the restaurant were obtained by Kelly Bunch before the end of 2012.

The city denies negligence and is asking the court to dismiss the complaint with prejudice, according to court papers filed in Cleveland County Civil Court.

TP's Resurrection Co. was twice turned down in its request to be annexed into the city limits. Company officials appeared before both the planning and zoning department and city council. The company had expressed a desire to also be able to offer beer and wine in the establishment.

TP's Resurrection Company alleges the city was negligent because it failed to notify the restaurant of its alleged non-compliance and because it didn't investigate to see whether permits were obtained. The city allegedly did not take reasonable action to correct the disconnection, the lawsuit states.

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