

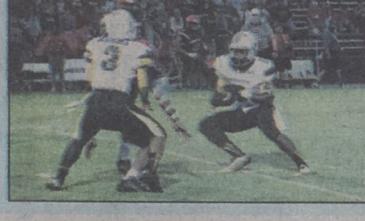
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Anti-casino group may send delegation to D.C.

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Opponents of a proposed Native American casino may soon be taking their case to Washington, D.C., where they're hoping to get an audience with Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials over the matter.

Members of the Kings Mountain Awareness Group met Saturday at a church near downtown to share updates about their cause

and discuss how it can continue to reach out to members of the community in what it sees as an important fight to preserve the way of life in Kings Mountain and the surrounding area.

Adam and Cynthia Forcade, the two chief spokespersons for the group, said they've requested a meeting with federal officials as the Catawba Indian tribe's application for putting nearby land in trust is pending. They intend to



Cynthia Forcade talks about the legal process of a Native American tribe putting land into trust for the purposes of building a casino.

The group met Saturday to discuss how it could reach out to more people in the community and to officials in the nation's capital.

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Former county manager David Dear: casino "positives far outweigh negatives"



This artist's rendering shows the proposed Catawba Indian Nation resort and casino that would be built in Kings Mountain.

(Ed. note – It has been a year and the fate of a proposed casino/resort in Kings Mountain is still undecided by the US Bureau of Indian Affairs. David Dear, former county manager and a leader in the Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership, says he enthusiastically awaits the announcement of the project. "The facts speak for themselves, the positives far outweigh the negatives.")

By DAVID DEAR

During my 37 years of experience in the local government business, I have never



had the opportunity to participate in a project that has the potential to positively impact a community and region the way the proposed Catawba Indian Resort can.

This project is so large

and far reaching in scope that it will energize our entire regional economy.

The Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership and its member organizations have been extremely successful in the last 10 years at bringing new businesses and industrial plants to Cleveland County.

Recent unemployment data suggests that for the first time in recent history, Cleveland County unemployment closely resembles our state unemployment levels at approximately 6.5%. Even with all our successes, the unemployed and underemployed population in our area re-

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'Liberty Mountain' tickets on sale now

Tickets went on sale Monday at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre box office on a first come, first served basis for the new historical drama, "Liberty Mountain" based on the 1780 Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain, by playwright Robert Inman. Only a seat reservation guarantees a seat. The performances are expected to sell out.

The play dates are Oct. 4, 10 and 11 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 and 12 at 3 p.m. at Joy Performance Center, 202 S. Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15 for all seats with \$2 discounts for groups of 10 or more. Season ticket packages are available for further discounts and additional benefits. Reservations are suggested.

Present season ticket holders (KMLT and GSCT)

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Town Hall meeting Sept. 23

Board of Education member Danny Blanton and parent Robert Queen will conduct a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. at the old Piedmont School, now the Lawndale Community Center in Lawndale.

"We invite anyone and everyone with any concerns about education to attend this informal meeting," said Blanton. He said some concerns have surfaced from parents and the group will air and address them and those attending will be given opportunity to speak.

Queen will serve as moderator of the meeting.

Tuesday's town hall meeting is the second meeting about community concerns and schools in recent months. Neither of the meetings was called by the Board of Education.

Blanton suggested at the initial town hall meeting that a suggestion box be placed at each school for any staffer to make suggestions about school improvements and/or complaints. He said the board of education has not acted on his recommendation and no report /minutes of the first meeting were on the agenda of the school board.

Moss Lake repairs / Smart Meters on today's agenda

Kings Mountain City Council will meet Wednesday, today, at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building.

Councilmen will be asked to approve a budget amendment for \$175,000 to make emergency repairs at Moss Lake Dam.

They will also hear an update on the Smart Meter billing policy.

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\$10,000 prize goes to Steve and Eileen Sanders

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Hundreds of donors to the Kings Mountain Historical Museum came together Saturday evening to dine on good food, bid on a number of valuable items in both silent and traditional auctions, and of course to find out which lucky ticket-holder was the winner of the \$10,000 grand prize.

That lucky donor is Steve Sanders, who museum officials described as surprised and very happy upon hearing the news a little later that night. Sanders and his wife Eileen weren't present for the dinner and drawing, and museum representatives said it was their first time buying a ticket for the annual reverse raffle.

"He was elated," said David Dilling, a member of the board of directors for the museum. "In fact, he and his wife went to high school with me. So I called him personally because I wanted it to seem credible."



Photo by DON CRAWFORD
Steve Sanders and his wife, Eileen, celebrate at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum Tuesday as winners of \$10,000 in the Museum's big raffle/fundraiser that was held Saturday night. For the first time, the museum's goal of 300 tickets sold at \$100 each was raised for benefit of programs that will benefit the public. Sanders bought a ticket last Thursday after reading a story about the event in The Herald.

By night's end the annual raffle awarded scores of smaller door prizes to other ticket holders, who learned of their fate over a dinner of roast beef, shrimp, chicken, croissants, fruit

and other delectables.

This was also the first year the museum's biggest fundraiser of the year sold all of the available

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