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Big July 4th Celebration Set At Deal Park

The Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone to come spend July 4th enjoying an action-packed enjoyable "Independence Day" Celebration.

A schedule of events for the Day is in today's Herald. (Char-coaled hamburgers and boiled corn will be on hand for those who want to leave the kitchen alone on July 4th). "Come have lunch with us," said a spokesman.

To be eligible for the Special Drawings, special tickets will be given with any single purchase of \$1.00 or more at the concession stands.

"Come join the fun, who knows you may win a ride in the 7 stories high, 60 feet wide, WLOS Thirteen Balloon with Bill Norwood," said Parks & Recreation Director Mike Napoli.

MORNING FESTIVITIES DEAL POOL

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Channel 13 Balloon Rides with Mr. Bill Norwood (rides by special drawing only)

10:00 a.m. - Diving Contest.
*Circus World Ticket Drawing.

*Drawing for Balloon Rides.

10:30 a.m. - Watermelon Carry. *Carowinds ticket drawing. *Drawing for Balloon Rides.

11:00 a.m. - Cannonball - "Big Splash." *Circus World Ticket Drawing.

12:00 Noon - Special "Inner Tube Race". *Biltmore House Ticket Drawing.

1:00 p.m. - Penny Drive.

1:15 p.m. - Hobo Water Race.

1:30 p.m. - Message From Commissioners/Atlanta Braves.

Ticket Drawing.

2:00-3:00 p.m. - Crowning of Miss Dixie Youth 1980.

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Public Swimming.

2:30 p.m. - Water Slide - Front Lawn - Community Center.

FIELD EVENTS
LOCATION: DEAL ST.
ISLAND AREA

2:00 p.m. - Pie Eating Contest.

*Circus World Ticket Drawing.

2:30 p.m. - Hole in the Barrell

- Old Little Field. *Biltmore

House & Garden Ticket Drawing.

3:00 p.m. - Watermelon

Eating Contest.

3:30 p.m. - Greased Pig Chase.

4:00 p.m. - Horseshoe Pit-

ching Contest.

4:30 p.m. - Dixie Youth Games.

5:00 p.m. - The Fantastic "Chicken Chase."

5:15 p.m. - The "Bunny Ambush" Rabbit Chase - Girls Only.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - North Carolina Free Style Cloggers

- Old Tennis Courts. *Biltmore

House & Garden Ticket Drawing.

6:30 p.m. - NRPA Ken-L-

Ration Kids Dog Show - Ribbons.

RELAY RACES

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - 3-legged

races and sack races. (1) Mom &

Child (Age 5-8, 9-12). (2) Dad &

Child (Age 5-8, 9-12). (3) Mon &

Dad.

8:30 p.m. - Water Balloon

Toss - Any couple, any age.

9:00 p.m. - Egg toss. *Biltmore

House & Garden Ticket Drawing.

10:00 p.m. - Fire Works Extravaganza!!!

SPECIAL EVENTS

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Champion-

ship Putt Golf Tournaments.

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Open

Air Flea Market. Kiddie Rides

all day. Parking lot - next to Lit-

tle League Field.

*Special drawing tickets are

available at concession stands,

with purchases of \$1.00 or more

at a single purchase.

Revitalization Committee Named Improving The Town

W.S. (Corky) Fulton, III, manager of Fulton's Department Store in downtown Kings Mountain, will co-chair with Mayor John Henry Moss the newly-formed Business Revitalization Committee.

Fulton sees the co-chairmanship as a challenge and says he is excited about working with other young and energetic men of the business community in gearing up a promotion to, not only encourage Kings Mountain area citizens to spend their shopping dollars at home, but to im-

prove existing businesses and to help build new ones.

"Merchants need to be aware of what each firm has to offer the public and I hope this committee will provide the necessary citizen input to organize and recruit new businesses," said Fulton. One aim of the committee will be to find the means to help small merchants finance improvements and build new buildings, said Fulton.

Mayor Moss says he envisions what he terms "total development of the business community" to reach out and bring into the community those things which may not be readily attainable now. Fulton says he will be pointing out to his committee that he had already determined via a survey of his own that 75 different services are available in the immediate downtown area to the community.

After organizational plans are complete, Fulton said a survey will be made of the business needs of Kings Mountain area merchants and one of the questions asked on the survey will be, "what do you want to see in the way of improvements in the Kings Mountain business community?" "If we get some

criticism from this survey that will be one helpful tool in making our plans," said Fulton.

"There are a lot of negative attitudes now," Fulton continued, "and fact is that our industry is growing at a faster rate than other cities around us but retail sales are moving at a much slower rate. There's a real need for improving the image of the retail shopping district," he continued.

Mayor Moss concurred with Fulton and pledged his 100 percent support in "seeing this project to completion."

"Kings Mountain is in a quite enviable position to attract industry," said the Mayor, and the next 50 years in this area will see some of the results of your planning today."

"We aren't going to see a change overnight," said Fulton, but he said that a working committee of citizens who want to become involved can reap results.

Fulton said he will suggest that renovations and new buildings follow a uniformity of theme and structure and that he will work toward assisting merchants to afford the cost of remodeling and building new structures.

Twenty-five Kings Mountain business citizens will serve on the committee and include in addition to the co-chairmen Jim Porter, Gary Stewart, Pat Cheshire, Sr., Grady Howard, Steve Crosby, Larry Beasley, James Adams, Wilson Griffin, James Ware, Lynn Grayson, Sonora Perdue, Mike Brown, Doyle Campbell, Jack Crawford, Allen Propst, Ronald Franks, David Faunce, Dr. Terry Sellers, Mack Lefever, Mickey Corry, Rev. J.C. Goare, and Commissioners Humes Houston and Bill Grissom.

Said the Mayor in announcing the appointments, "This is a large committee which will be broken down into subcommittees charged with the responsibility of encouraging the building, renovation and the promotion of the general business community in a long-range dedicated effort. This committee will use various methods and efforts to encourage citizens to work together to enhance the community shopping area for all our citizens best interest for an inviting place to live and shop. I am highly excited about working with this dedicated group of young men and women."



MOTHER AND SON GRADUATE - Frances and Dale Caveny, above, look over their school records following graduation from Cleveland Technical College. Mrs. Caveny, who returned to school at age 36, received the outstanding student award in education and Dale won honors in the automotive program.

Pageant Is Slated

The curtain will go up July 18-19 in B.N. Barnes Auditorium on the city's first annual Afro-American Dream Epiphany Pageant.

At least two dozen contestants are rehearsing each Thursday evening at KM Community Center for the competition which will feature talented young men and women performing a variety of skills. Prizes and scholarships will go to the winners.

Mrs. Emma Blalock, general chairman, said that considerable interest in the pageant is evidenced by the response of contestants and she invites local businessmen and industry to sponsor a pageant entry. Call 739-2459 or 739-3698 to sponsor a contestant.

The show will be presented at 8 p.m. on July 18 and 19, said Mrs. Blalock.

KIWANIS PICNIC

In lieu of a program and regular meeting Thursday night, members of the KM Kiwanis Club will gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ledford on Scotland Drive for a family picnic.

Big Day For Cavenys

It was a proud day on June 13th when Frances Ruppe Caveny, 39, and her 19-year-old son, Floyd Jr., graduated from Cleveland Technical College, and with honors.

Mrs. Caveny, who quit school at age 13 to go to work as a waitress, has never regretted the hard work of the past two years. She received her Associate in General Education degree and her son was graduated from the special program in auto body repair.

Sam Caveny, who is general superintendent at Kings Mountain Mica Co. and their younger son, Dennis, 17, rising KMSHS senior, were the proudest families in the audience on Commencement Night.

Frances Caveny admitted to being afraid that the course load would be too much but after two years and three months of classes, she is ready to enter the business world and will join Masters Funeral Home as a trainee for a funeral director position.

Floyd, who is affectionately

called "Dale" by his friends, is also excited about job prospects and both are eager to put their knowledge to work for them.

Mrs. Caveny dropped out of school in the eighth grade to take on a full-time job as a babysitter and then subsequently became a waitress. She met her husband at a square dance and they were married 21 years ago on May 30th when Frances was age 16 and Sam Caveny was 21.

Mrs. Caveny enrolled at Tech in the High School program in 1977, studied for two quarters and then completed successfully the GED testing and enrolled in January 1978 in the general education program. Dale graduated from KMSHS in 1978 and began his course in auto body repair in the fall of 1978. At times both Mother and Son were studying day and night.

For her first English composition, Frances Caveny brought home an "A" for a story on her hobby, designing 18 inch Holly Hobby dolls. She also used the dolls in a visual aids project and brought home another "A." Mrs. Caveny is active in Bethany Baptist Church at Grover where Mrs. Caveny teaches a Junior High Sunday School class and Dale is a Junior Usher and is active in the Young People's Class.

Auxiliary Opens Billy Putnam Fund

The American Legion Auxiliary opened a Billy Putnam Fund account this week at First Union National Bank and citizens wishing to donate to the special veteran's fund may forward contributions to Mrs. Arlene Barrett, treasurer, 202 Park Drive.

Members of the Auxiliary voted at a recent meeting to give assistance to the family of Billy and Marcia Putnam who have

experienced financial problems since Mr. Putnam became ill with leukemia and has been unable to return to his construction job. Medical bills for their young sons, both of whom are afflicted with cerebral palsy, have also drained the family budget.

Several fund-raising events are planned by the Auxiliary during the next several months to aid the project.

Caveny and Dale said English was their best subjects.

Dennis Caveny shares his family's love for gardening and travel. He recently returned from a fabulous trip to France with members of his French class. Mrs. Caveny says Dennis may have been bit by the travel bug and may decide to go to work for an airlines company after high school graduation.

The Cavenys, who live in the Bethlehem Community, enjoy doing things as a family. According to proud Mama, she was encouraged to return to school by her husband and sons. It's hard for a woman of 36 to return to books, high school and college.

Frances Caveny encourages older adults to "never stop learning. It's the best years of your life."

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