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'Music, Muskets, and Merriment'

Gateway Fest has something for everyone

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"Music, Muskets & Merriment", the theme of this Saturday's big Gateway Festival, gets underway at 8 a.m. with a 5K race beginning at Patriots Park, only the start of fun events and

entertainment for the whole family.

A Gateway Festival Time line is on page 7A of today's Herald, a calendar of activities which gives you the time and schedule of all events. The festival is free to the public and all venues are open until 5 p.m. with a free

Gateway shuttle that will run continuously all day.

"Park your car and enjoy the shuttle to and from Patriots Park," says the City of Kings Mountain Director of Events Ellis Noell. The Shuttle will take festivalgoers from Patriots Park to activities at Southern Arts

Depot, Gateway Trail, the Historical Museum and a special departure from the Museum to Kings Mountain National Military Park.

A new addition to the fun this year is a Pumpkin Roll down Railroad Ave. near Hometown Hardware. The popular Cute Critters beauty pageant will return at 10:45 a.m. at Patriots Park. Who will win the top prize for the cutest pet and will the pumpkins survive for a pumpkin pie?

Another fun event is the pie baking contest and good cooks should turn in their entries for "Farm to Table" to Cathy Noell at 10 a.m. at the information booth.

Also new this year is the "Ready Animator" available for public play at Joy Performance Center, home of the new play, "Liberty Mountain". From bluegrass



Revolutionary reenactors will be on hand to give demonstrations all day during the festival.

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gospel to Celtic and new grass music will be provided by five bands in concert including Timberidge, Log Cabin String Band, Three-score10, Dirty Grass Soul and Angela Easterling & the Beguilers that will entertain

festival crowds. More bluegrass music will be at the Commons at the Museum and at the Gateway Trail.

Young dancers from Dance Magic will open the

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Homecoming Royalty



Tevin Robertson (left) was named Homecoming King, and Mackenzie Smith, shown with her father Marvin Smith, was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime of Friday's Kings Mountain-Draughn football game at John Gamble Stadium.

Photo by GARY STEWART

Senior Center getting big upgrades

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Organizers behind the Monday morning groundbreaking of the expansion of the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center obviously got a bigger crowd for the ceremonies than they expected. By five minutes before 10 a.m., volunteers were busy pulling more chairs from inside to the sunny back lot to make room for the more than 60 who showed up.

Such a turnout is fitting for the senior center, which is going from big to bigger in the coming months with an expanded game room, computer room and exercise facility. Both the game room — which is getting an additional pool table — and the

computer room will be doubling in size to match the increased interest in the popular destination for many of the area's residents who are 55 and older.

Shortly after 10 a.m. Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey and members of the city council took up golden shovels to take part in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the addition, which is to be named the Dover Foundation Annex. The Kings Mountain Senior Center was renamed the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center after making the East King St. address its new home in 2001.

"Our seniors are an important cornerstone in Kings Mountain's quality of life," said Murphrey, adding a

thank you to the city's business leaders and generous individuals who make the addition possible. "They have earned the right to have a place they can call their own."

For Monty Thornburg, the center's longtime director, the success and expansion of the center are natural functions of an aging population. He spoke of the explosion in numbers of the 55 and over demographic in America and the need for this community to answer that need.

"We're the only municipality in North Carolina that has its own Department of Aging," he told the crowd, which included members of the Cleveland County Board

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West Elementary is Blue Ribbon School

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has named West Elementary School one of only five North Carolina public schools as 2014 National Blue Ribbon Schools.

West Elementary is among 287 public and 50 private schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvement in closing the achievement gap, according to Duncan.

West Elementary is one of two schools in the state honored as an Exemplary High Performing School.

"Parents and community members are supportive of our mission and are united with us to provide the best educational experience for their children," says Heather Pagan, Principal of West Elementary. "Together we know that children are our future and we can make a difference one child at a time."

"The students and staff at West Elementary exemplify classroom excellence," says



Heather Pagan
Principal, West Elementary

Dr. Stephen Fisher, Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools. "The everyday work ethic, creativity, and rigorous expectations are to be attributed for achieving this esteemed recognition."

For the past 32 years, this prestigious award has been bestowed to just under 7,900 of the nation's most successful schools. Schools selected model excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement and parental involvement.

The school will be honored at a Nov. 10-11

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Shelby Children's Clinic opens in Kings Mountain

Parents now have another option in primary care locations for their children. Shelby Children's Clinic has opened a location in Kings Mountain.

The community is invited to an open house at the new location on Wednesday, October 15, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. and meet the physicians. Christopher Cerjan, MD and Morkor Newman, MD.

The new clinic is located at 2202 Carolinas Place, Kings Mountain, which is beside Ingles on Highway 74 Business.

Services available at that location include pediatric and adolescent medicine, newborn care, physicals, immunizations, prevention and management of chronic illnesses. The Kings Mountain office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 980-487-2950 for more information.

Fall Festival Oct. 15

There's something for everyone at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club Fall Festival Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The 111th annual festival draws festivalgoers to a bazaar, arts and crafts, a showcase of table appointments from the city's garden clubs and a home-cooked lunch and dinner featuring

ham and turkey with all the trimmings. Adult tickets for the meal are \$10 and children under 12 pay \$6. The club dining room opens at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The evening meal is from 5:30-7 p.m.

"The fall festival is the highlight of our year and the

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NAACP to host political forums

The Cleveland County Branch of the NAACP will sponsor two political forums next week at the Cleveland County Administration Building (Commissioners Chambers) at 311 E. Marion Street in Shelby.

Tuesday evening the forum will feature the race in the US Congress District 10 between the incumbent Patrick McHenry and Tate McQueen and the NC State Senate District 46 race between the incumbent Warren Daniel and Emily B. Church.

Thursday evening, Oct. 16, the forum will feature the race for District Attorney 27-B between Mike Wayne Miller and John Bridges, the sheriff's race between the incumbent Alan Norman and Carl W. Jensen and the race for county coroner between Robert S. Morgan and Tott D. Griffin. The forums begin at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited.



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