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This Week

Thursday

12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club meets at The Ramada Limited
 1:30- 6 p.m. - Red Cross Bloodmobile, Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

6:30 p.m.- Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club meets at Central United Methodist Church.

Friday

7:30 p.m. - High School football, Kings Mountain at R-S Central

Tuesday

7 p.m. - Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board meets at City Hall
 7 p.m. - Cleveland County Commissioners meet at Country Administration Building, Shelby.

Wednesday

11:30 -7 p.m. - Fall festival and floral fair at Kings Mountain Woman's Club, West Mountain Street. Lunch 11:30-1:30, dinner 5:30-7.

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1B Kings Mountain's Mountaineers defeat Burns 31-6 in opening Southwestern 3A Conference football game

1B Kings Mountain High's girls volleyball team has its eyes on the state championship.

7B Get ready for some good food and deals at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club will hold its annual Fall Festival and Floral Fair Wednesday, Oct. 21

Deaths

Bud Ware, 62
 Kings Mountain

Dexter Lovelace, 41
 Grover

Thomas Eskew
 West Union, SC

Jack Randall, 78
 Kings Mountain

Ray Short, 59
 Kings Mountain

Frances Murphy, 93
 Sarasota, FL

John Hawkins, 84
 Shelby

3A

George Runyans, 83
 Blacksburg, SC

Blanche Franklin, 83
 Kings Mountain

Roberta Whitaker, 80
 Kings Mountain

Nancy Collins, 87
 Kings Mountain

5A

Student wants schools smoke free

School Board says it will receive more input from staff, community before making a decision

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of the Herald

Although the consensus of the Kings Mountain Board of Education seems to be that it hates breathing cigarette smoke too, members seem to feel it will be very difficult to enforce a policy to completely ban smoking at school facilities. KMHS student Amanda Johnsonbaugh appeared before

the Board at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Central Office and asked the board to adopt a system-wide no smoking policy for everyone, including a smoking ban at open air stadiums.

The board's existing policy, adopted in 1993, prohibits smoking and use of tobacco products by students during the school day, but allows smoking by employees in designated areas.

Smoking is also allowed by anyone in open air stadiums.

Johnsonbaugh, who earlier wrote the board asking for a smoke-free school system, quoted statistics on second hand smoke and pointed out that schools "are for children" and the system should be "setting a good example" for them.

"Smokers claim they have a right to smoke," she said. "But I also have a right to breathe

clean air."

Johnsonbaugh said she used to play in the KMHS band and noted that it was difficult to play an instrument at the football stadium while breathing second-hand smoke from people sitting nearby. Also, she said her mother and her best friend suffer from asthma, and even second-hand smoke from designated smoking areas can bring on an asthma attack for them.

"Kings Mountain Schools need to set an example for other school systems to look up to," she told the Board.

All of the Board members commended Johnsonbaugh for taking a stand, but agreed that the matter should be tabled until Dr. Bob McRae can look at policies from other systems, and also to give other citizens a

See Smoke, 6-A

"I'm no hero...I was just doing my job." - Jamie Black Kings Mountain fireman pulls woman from burning house

By Alan Hodge

Though he's being called a hero for pulling a woman from her burning home last Tuesday, Kings Mountain firefighter Jamie Black insists he was just doing his job. Responding to a call the evening of October 6, Black and other firemen arrived to find the home of Toni Lawson at 904 First St. ablaze.

"When we got there, the front of the house was fully involved," Black said. "Two other firefighters and myself attacked the fire."

Entering the home, Black found Lawson in the kitchen.

"She was laying face down on the floor," Black recalled. "I picked her up and carried her out the back door where some EMTs took over. I went back in the house to make sure no one else was in there."

When questioned about what was going through his mind at the time of the rescue, Black was matter-of-fact in his answer. "It all happened so fast that I really didn't have time to think about it," Black said. "It's times like that when our training takes over and you just do your job. I'm no hero, I just happened to be the one who found her. Any firefighter would have done the same thing."

Don't think that the seriousness of what they do doesn't go through the minds of firemen.

See Fire, 6A



JAMIE BLACK

Alternative school renamed Davidson School

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of the Herald

Kings Mountain's Parker Street Alternative School was officially renamed Davidson School by the Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The Board unanimously approved the request which had been on the table since the Davidson School Alumni Association first approached the board two months ago.

Although no one from the Board ever disagreed with the request, it is tradition that the Board wait two months before making such a decision to give the community an opportunity for input.

Margaret Leach, representing the Davidson Alumni Association, said she was grateful for the decision.

"We can truly identify with Alex Haley and know how he must have felt," she said. "We want our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren for many generations in the future to be able to trace their educational roots back to Davidson."

The school was founded in 1888, and in 1925 was named Davidson School in honor of its principal, Rev. R.J. Davidson.

After integration in the mid-sixties, Davidson School ceased to exist and its students were assigned to different schools in the Kings Mountain District. The facility housed the Administrative Offices until three years ago when they were moved to the renovated Central School on East Ridge Street.

Two years ago, when the Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County systems began a joint effort to provide an alternative school for students from all across the county, the Davidson facility was picked as the site. Because the building is located on Parker Street and a name was needed on grant forms, the name Parker Street School came into being.

See Davidson, 6-A

Park notes 218th anniversary of battle



218TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION AT KINGS MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD-Revolutionary War reenactors climb Kings Mountain for wreath laying ceremony at monument honoring those who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

By Alan Hodge

Kings Mountain National Military Park saw dignitaries, history buffs, and Revolutionary War reenactors clad in buckskin and knee breeches gather October 7 for ceremonies marking the 218th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. One of the pivotal battles of the American Revolution, Kings Mountain saw patriots defeat loyalist forces led by Major Patrick Ferguson in a fight which has been called the turning point of the war in the South.

Activities at the park got under way around 3 P.M. when reenactors representing the Overmountain Men arrived after completing a 14 day 300 mile march. Retracing the original route taken by patriot forces to Kings Mountain from Dunn's Meadow in Abingdon, Virginia,

the marchers were clad in 18th century backwoodsman garb and carried flintlock muskets. Several of the reenactors were actual descendants of men who had made the march in 1780.

On their trek along the Overmountain Victory Trail as the route is called, marchers made as few concessions to modern traffic as possible. Allen Ray of Marion, N.C. led the twenty or so men and women who participated in the march. Along their path, the marchers had encamped in places like Piney Flats, Tennessee, and Quaker Meadows near Morganton.

"We walk where it's safe to," Allen said as he cradled his musket. "We cover about half of the original trail that the patriots followed."

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See Battle, 6-A

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