

BRIEFS

KM Optimist Club sets football sign-ups

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will register players and cheerleaders on Saturday, July 24 and Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at City Stadium.

All boys and girls ages 7-12 who live in Kings Mountain, Bessemer City and Grover are eligible. Those registering must take their latest report card and a birth certificate.

Anyone interested in coaching cheerleading or football should also attend on the above dates.

VFW 9811 wins 9-10 year-old title

The VFW Post 9811 9-10 year old Minor League baseball team wrapped up a perfect 13-0 season by going unbeaten in both the regular season and tournament.

Eight team members batted over .300. They were Trey Robinson .791, Ryan Leach .647, Kevin Bell .514, Will Stroupe .485, Jarred Henderson .333, Alex McDaniel .333, Brian Kies .300, and Aaron Haynes .300.

Yellow Jacket Gala July 17 at BC High

The 1999 Yellow Jacket Gala Event will be held at 6 p.m. July 17 at the Bessemer City High School lobby.

A steak dinner for two with all the trimmings will be served. There will be special cash prizes, door prizes from area business, and special recognition.

All proceeds will go to the BCHS athletic program. This year the program has been awarded a matching grant from the Gaston County Parks and Recreation to light and place permanent seating at the girls softball field. The project cost is \$25,000 and public support is needed.

For more information, contact Bob Hovis at 629-2390, Carol Clemmer at 629-2209, or Rick Grahl at 629-4415.

Hunting course set July 17 near Shelby

The Kings Mountain Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host an untraditional turkey shoot lifelike hunting course July 17 from 7 a.m.-12 noon on Johnson Road behind Copeland on Highway 74, Shelby (look for signs).

There will be limited, unlimited and smooth bore classes. Take shells for unlimited class.

For more information call Mike Beam at 445-8233, Duane Collins at 734-4809, or Brian Summey at 480-0847.

Sheriff's Office arrests Grover man

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department arrested Earnest Troy Kelly Jr., 24, Thursday and charged him with failing to register as a criminal sexual offender.

According to Sgt. Bobby Steen of the Sheriff's Department, Kelly registered with the office on May 13 and gave a Kings Mountain address.



The VFW team won the 9-10 year-old Minor League championship with a 13-0 record. Team members are, front row, left to right, Joseph Maner, Alex McDaniel, Zach Massey, Ryan Leach, Brian Kies, Aaron Haynes. Second row, Jeffery Robinson, Trey Robinson, Kevin Bell, Will Stroupe, Troy Pennington, Jaron Moss, Jarryd Henderson. Back, coaches Chester Haynes, Ray Robinson and Rick Stroupe.



The Orioles compiled a 14-0 record to win the regular season and tournament championships in the Coach Pitch League. Front row, Cody Austin, Kyle Bell, Hogan Sellers, Eric Chipkitis, Brian Doucet. Second row, Craig Bell, Matthew Campbell, Brantley Blalock, Nick Saldo, Tyler Dixon, Rai Robinson, Stephen Butler, Cory Dills, Rodney Sellers. Back row, Greg Dixon, Todd Blalock.

The Sheriff's Department claims he moved to 106-1 Kim Drive, Grover, and did not notify authorities of the address change within 10 days, as required by law.

Kelly was jailed under a \$10,000 secured bond.

Erika Melton makes UNCC Chancellor's List

Erika Randall Melton, a senior at UNC Charlotte, made the Chancellor's List for the spring quarter.

Erika is majoring in elementary education and will start her student teaching in August at West Elementary. She will receive her degree in December.

Erika is married to Kevin Melton and they have a three-year-old son, Zachary. She is the daughter of Jean and Merrill Randall.

Local students make UNCC Chancellors list

The following students from this area have been named to the Chancellor's list at the

University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

To qualify for the chancellor's list, a student must complete at least 12 semester hour with grades of A, B or C and achieve a quality point average of at least 3.8 out of 4.0.

Kings Mountain - Matthew Joel Cristea, Debbie Susan Kimrey, Leslie B. Davis, John C. Sizemore, Jeremy Clay Parker, Erika Randall Melton.

Grover - Carrie R. Hardin. Mooresboro - Gina Goode. Lawndale - David Russell Lawson, Sherry Allen Blanton.

Scruggs scholarship offered at Gaston College

Applications are being accepted for the Pauline Scruggs Memorial Scholarship at Gaston College. The scholarship is open to those who have lived or worked in Gaston County for a year or longer. Two students

will be selected to receive awards of \$600 each to be used for the fall semester at Gaston College.

Applications are available in the Gaston College Financial Aid office or by calling 922-6226. Deadline for applying is July 16.

KM Hospital gets Duke Endowment

The Duke Endowment awarded \$6,025 to Kings Mountain Hospital as part of an award of more than \$4 million to 206 hospitals and children's homes in North and South Carolina in its annual grants to eligible agencies in the Carolinas.

Hospital grants are based on the amount of unpaid care they provide to patients. Grants to children's home provide general operating support.

Pvt. Wallace completes Marne basic training

Marine Pvt. Christopher D. Wallace, son of Tammy H. Williams of Grover, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Wallace successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Wallace and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. Wallace spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Wallace and other recruits also received instruction in the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Marines ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as Marines for the first time since boot camp began.

Wallace is a 1996 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

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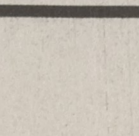
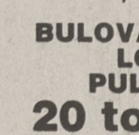
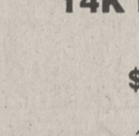
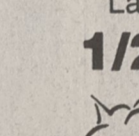
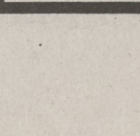
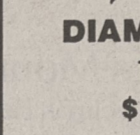
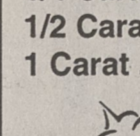
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