

**SPORTS
THIS WEEK**

FOOTBALL

Thurs., Aug. 26 - Kings Mountain JV at East Gaston, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27 - East Gaston at Kings Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

Thurs., Aug. 26 - Shelby at Kings Mountain, 7 p.m.



Mon., Aug. 30 - King Mountain at Hunter Huss, 6:30
Wed., Sept. 1 - Kings Mountain at Crest, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thurs., Aug. 26 - Burns at Kings Mountain, 3:30
Tues., Aug. 31 - South Point at Kings Mountain, 3:30

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Sat., Aug. 28 - Kings Mountain in Big 8 Tournament at UNC-Greensboro (TBA)
Tues., Aug. 31 - South Point at Kings Mountain, 3:30.

**THE HERALD'S
PREP RANKINGS**

Rank	Record	LW
1 - Shelby	0-0	1
2 - Crest 0-0	2	
3 - K. Mtn.	0-0	4
4 - Burns 0-0	5	
6 - N. Gaston	0-0	6
7 - S. Point	1-0	8
8 - Chase	0-0	9
9 - E. Ruth.	0-0	10
10 - Ashbrook	0-1	2
11 - Forestview	1-0	12
12 - RS Central	0-0	14
13 - Cherryville	0-1	13
14 - E. Gaston	0-1	11
15 - B. City	0-1	15

Last Week's Results

S. Point 55, B. City 7
Providence 28, Ashbrook 13
Forestview 13, E. Gaston 7

This Week's Games

Freedom at Shelby, 8 p.m.
Burns at McDowell, 8 p.m.
Ashbrook at Clover,
E. Gaston at Kings Mtn., 7:30
Huss at Gaffney, 8 p.m.
N. Gaston at B. City, 8 p.m.
Chase at East Ruth., 7:30
Cherryville at Hayesville
S. Point at Lincolnton, 8 p.m.
RS Central at Forestview, 7:30

**PREP
STANDINGS**

Southwestern 3A

	Conf.	All
	W-L	W-L
S. Point	0-0	1-0
Forestview	0-0	1-0
Kings Mtn	0-0	0-0
N. Gaston	0-0	0-0
E. Ruth. 0-0	0-0	
Burns	0-0	0-0
RS Central	0-0	0-0

Last Week's Results

S. Point 55, B. City 7
Forestview 13, E. Gaston 7

This Week's Games

E. Gaston at Kings Mtn.
R-S Central at Forestview
N. Gaston at Bessemer City
Chase at East Rutherford
S. Point at Lincolnton
Burns at McDowell

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	Conf.	All
	W-L	W-L
Ashbrook	0-0	0-1
E. Gaston	0-0	0-1
Hunter Huss	0-0	0-0
Vance	0-0	0-0
Olympic 0-0	0-0	
West Meck	0-0	0-0
North Meck	0-0	0-0

Last Week's Games

Providence 28, Ashbrook 13
Forestview 13, E. Gaston 7

This Week's Games

Ashbrook at Clover
E. Gaston at Kings Mtn.
Hunter Huss at Gaffney
Vance at Butler

S. Piedmont 1A/2A

	Conf.	All
	W-L	W-L
Lincolnton	0-0	1-0
W. Lincoln	0-0	1-0
Cherryville	0-0	0-1
B. City	0-0	0-1
Chase	0-0	0-0
Maiden	0-0	0-0
Shelby	0-0	0-1

Last Week's Results

S. Point 55, Bessemer City 7
Lincolnton 35, Concord 27
W. Lincoln 27, Hibriten 24
Bunker Hill 18, Cherryville 12

This Week's Games

Freedom at Shelby
Newton at Maiden
Chase at E. Rutherford
N. Gaston at B. City
Hayesville at Cherryville
S. Point at Lincolnton

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Mountaineers host East Gaston Friday in 1999 football opener

By GARY STEWART
Editor of the Herald

With an offense minus most of the standouts who led them to three consecutive Southwestern 3A Conference championships and to the state championship game last fall, Kings Mountain's Mountaineers open their football season Friday at 7:30 at home against East Gaston's Warriors.

With not-too-impressive showings in scrimmages last week in jamborees at Gaffney, SC and Burns, Mountaineer coach Ron Massey says some folks may be thinking the Mountaineers are going to be down this year. But, he adds, the purpose of playing top-quality programs in scrimmages and non-conference games should help the Mountaineers improve before SWC play rolls around in October.

"A lot of people will probably look at the two jamborees and look at the scores and think that we're not going to be very good," Massey said. "And, right now, we're not very good. But I feel like we'll get better and will be playing well when we hit the conference. Those two games don't mean anything on our record. They're just helping us in preparation. We've got a lot of gaps to fill and we just have to keep working. We're going to get better." Massey said the Mountaineers didn't focus on their opponents in the preseason tests, but instead focused on themselves and how they could get better each day. He

said there could be some personnel changes - although, not major ones - for Friday's regular season opener.

Kings Mountain returns only three starters off last year's offense which re-wrote the school record book. The school's and county's all-time leading rusher, Anthony Hillman, returns for his senior season but only one of his offensive linemen, senior Laymond Caldwell, started on last year's 14-2 Western championship team. The only other returning starter is Hillman's running mate, senior Joe Williamson.

Defensively, the Mountaineers return six starters, but the recent knee injury to defensive end Bryan Thornburg will cause some reshuffling of personnel. In addition to being one of the team's top defensive players, Thornburg was also handling the punting chores.

"We'll wait until late in the week to get the final word on him, but it looks like he'll be out for awhile," Massey said. "That sets us back on defense and in the kicking game."

Williamson will probably handle the punting duties until Thornburg returns.

Despite their losses to Dorman in the Gaffney Jamboree Friday, and Freedom in the Cleveland County Jamboree Saturday at Burns, Massey said the team is "finding out some things."

"We got a lot of work in scrimmages," he said. "We played some good competition, which is what we wanted to do

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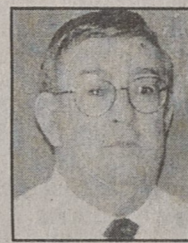
Kings Mountain quarterback Matt Ash (center) bootlegs around right end for a good gain in Wednesday's scrimmage with Mooresville at KM's John Gamble Stadium. The Mountaineers open their season at home Friday at 7:30 against East Gaston's Warriors.

Pre-game ceremony set

Short cuts from the world of sports:

■ Kings Mountain High School will honor two long-time supporters prior to Friday night's season opener with East Gaston's Warriors at John Gamble Stadium.

Clock operator Delbert Dixon and P.A. announcer



Gary Stewart

Perry Champion, both of whom have been permanent fixtures in the press box for many years, are hanging it up and will be presented plaques of appreciation by the school.

Dixon has been Kings Mountain's only clock operator, beginning his duties in 1960 when the school got its first scoreboard at old City Stadium. Prior to that he helped Sonny Peeler film games.

See Gary, 2B

Strike up the Band!

KM band braves summer heat to get ready for performances

By HEATHER BARR
Of The Herald Staff

While the weather has been a bit too hot to trot, the Kings Mountain band has marched on. They have braved the heat every afternoon since three weeks before school began to learn their routines. This year they have been especially working hard because of the early football game schedule start.

"The students are really putting in a lot of effort. It has been brutal, everyday after practice we come inside soaked from the heat," Chris Cole, Kings Mountain High School's band director, said.

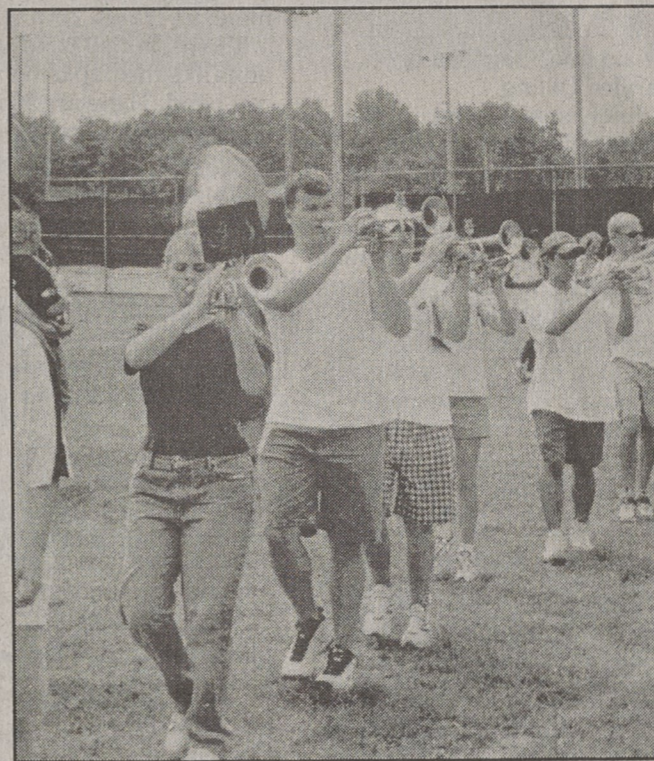
This year the band begins its debut on August 27 at its first home game. The pre-game show will begin with a patriotic opening with the Alma Mater, Star Spangled Banner and the

school song. Fan-Fair, and an original by Matt Putnam will be performed during half-time.

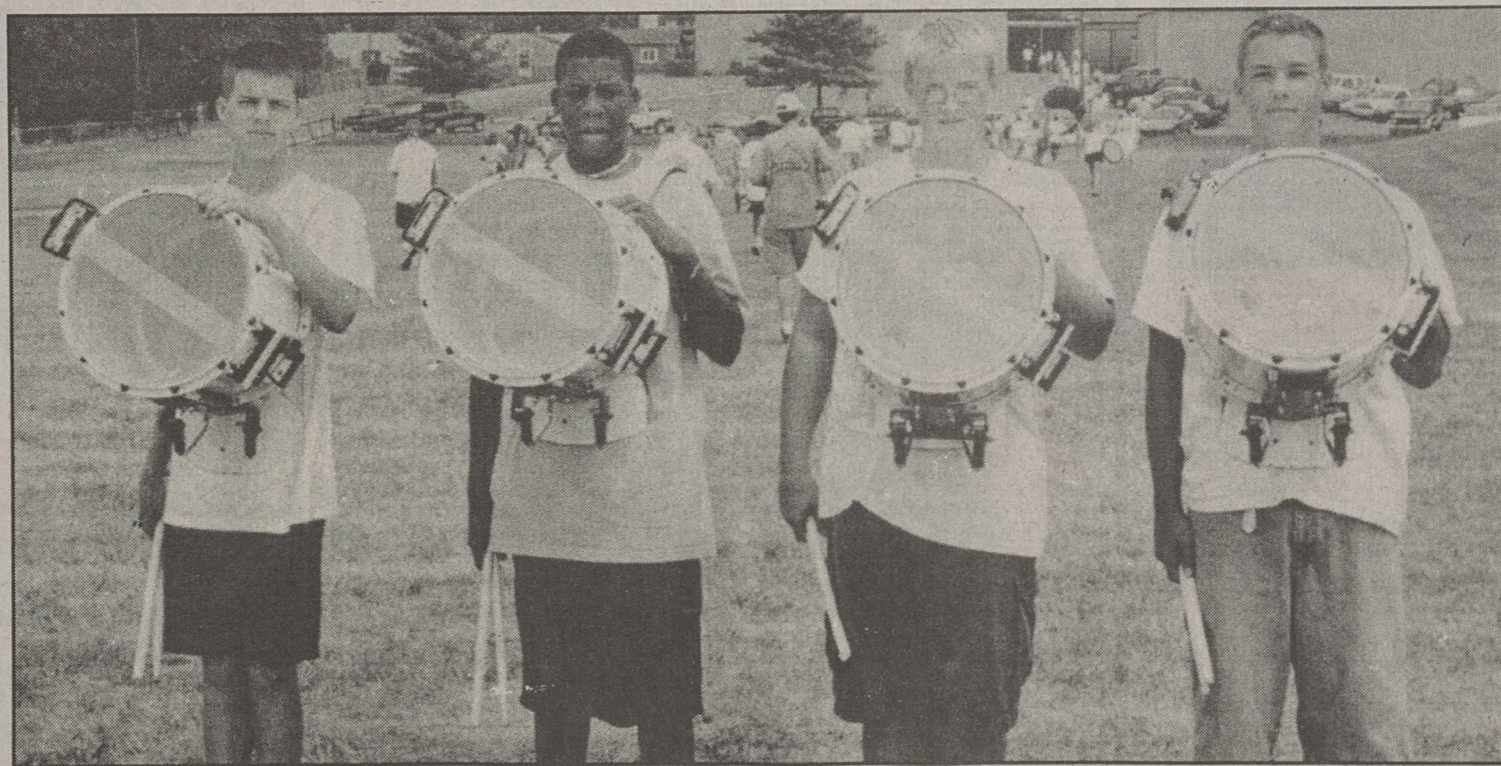
This year's theme of music will be called "Celebration of the Millennium" with different pieces and different drill routines. Six new sousaphones have been purchased for the new year. Currently there are three players that will shine their bright gold on the field. They will add a dark, lower sound to the band.

Another spotlight to look for will be the snazzy attire of the drum section. A boy, J Chapman and a girl, Marylee Dilling make up the section this year and they have chosen to wear formal wear. Chapman will wear a black tuxedo and Dilling will wear a black formal dress.

See Band, 2B



The trumpet section is working very hard this year to get all their material down in a short time period before the football season.



The snare drum section of the band stands relaxing after an hour of band practice under the hot sun. From left to right are Jeremy Owen, Charles Accor, Dillon Ingle and Billy Fralick.

Mountaineer cheerleaders hope to stand above the rest

By HEATHER BARR
Of The Herald Staff

Standing tall over the crowd is where the Kings Mountain High cheerleaders hope their stunts will be this year. They have learned even more stunts to make the season very exciting. While smiling and keeping poses, the cheerleaders must still keep focused or otherwise they could endanger themselves.

They are in safe hands with their new varsity coach Sherri Grigg. Grigg originally had taught junior varsity, but because of changes was promoted to do varsity. She knows that routines and stunts are hard work and practices the girls in doing both everyday.

"It has been a lot of work and a lot of fun. We started putting together stunts at the end of July. It has been a bit difficult because of balancing schedules getting everyone together, but when we do come together everyone works very well together," said Grigg. This year the cheerleaders have had a busy schedule preparing for an early football season and for the mall jamboree at the Shelby Mall.

To prepare the girls, they have gotten some guidance by going to cheerleading camp at Appalachian State during the summer. The camp taught the girls new stunts, cheers and dance moves. They received hands on instructional help to learn how to properly do new stunts.

"We have learned some great new stunts at camp like the Liberty and twist cradles," said Lauren Causby, one of the squad captains.

They are encouraged by coach Grigg to exercise and take some form of weight training to condition themselves for cheerleading season.

They performed for the first time this year at the academic

See Cheer, 8B