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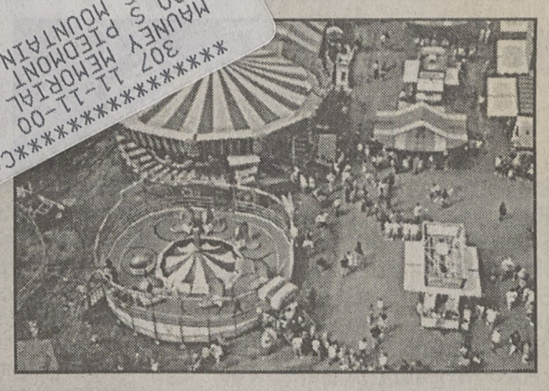

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SPORTS

Heather Causby performs with the KMHS cheerleaders at halftime of Friday's KM-Crest game at Gamble Stadium.

KM Mountaineers open conference play Friday

Kings Mountain's Mountaineers, 2-2-1 after last week's loss to Crest, travel to Forestview Friday for a 7:30 p.m. Southwestern 3a Conference matchup with the surprising Jaguars. 1B

Cross country teams looking to the future

Kings Mountain High's cross country teams are filled with young players, giving Coach Robert Golembeski high hopes for producing championship teams in the future. 4B

POLICE

KM students suspended in separate incidents

Several Kings Mountain High School and Middle School students were suspended from school last week in separate incidents of fighting and carrying a pocket knife to school. 5B

LIFESTYLES

Festivals, fair offer lot of fun and thrills

Several fairs and festivals are slated for the area this week and next, including the Cleveland County Fair, Renaissance Festival, and Cotton Ginning Days. In addition, Kings Mountain is gearing for a big Mountaineer Days celebration October 13-16 featuring a lot of entertainment, including world renown jazz musicians Calvin and Jett Edwards. Pages 5-8A

COMMUNITY

City Council gives money to finish gazebo

Kings Mountain City Council voted Tuesday night to contribute $18,000 to finish work on the gazebo in the new downtown park on Gold Street. The gazebo is scheduled for completion in time for Mountaineer Days. 3A

Fire Prevention Week set in Kings Mountain

October 3-9 is National Fire Prevention Week. One of the ways Kings Mountain firemen educate the public on fire safety is through programs for children in the schools. 5A

A heart to help

KM folks trucking aid to east coast

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Even though flood waters in eastern North Carolina have slowly started to recede, help is still desperately needed in the wake of Hurricane Floyd's devastation. With damage estimates from Floyd's waters topping $1 billion, people allowed to return to where their homes once were are finding heartache and loss. Answering the call that's going out from relief agencies Down East, folks all over the rest of North Carolina and beyond are pitching in with goods, time , and money to aid flood victims.

Folks in Cleveland County and Kings Mountain have been rolling up their sleeves and working hard to help our fellow Tar Heels. From students to corporations, the full spectrum of Cleveland citizenry is involved in the massive effort to restore normalcy to those whose lives have been shattered by Floyd's floods.

The American Red Cross in Shelby is still taking donations of cash for the flood victims. According to Claudia Rose of the Red Cross in Shelby, their office has collected about

See Flood, 3A

Kings Mountain area residents are responding generously to pleas for food, supplies and financial contributions to eastern North Carolina families who have been displaced because of Hurricane Floyd. Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns (right) hands another box of goods to firefighter Bill Ware at the trailer park at City Hall (top picture), and Vicki Homesley gives a donation to Ware and Burns in lower photo. A trailer is still parked at the KM Fire Department for anyone wishing to donate.

ALAN HODGE/ THE HERALD

White urges supervision of consultants

But his motion to Council dies for lack of a second

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Councilman Gene White's proposal that City Council request City Manager Jimmy Maney to evaluate the performance of every city consultant to determine if the city should solicit proposals from other consultants on city-financed projects fell on deaf ears Tuesday night when his motion died for lack of a second.

In a lengthy discussion, White spoke in general of all city consultants, including the gas, electrical, and engineering consultants and the city attorney, but he particularly stressed that any consultants doing business with the city should not be allowed to do business with other clients that may border on a conflict of interest.

White urged a "tightening up" of the oversight of all consultants, particularly the city's consulting engineer "since they have the largest share of city projects."

White pointed out that the consulting engineer was paid $114,000 during the past fiscal year for engineering services.

"I want projects organized and carried out in the most cost effective way possible, with a minimum of change orders and that sort of thing," he said. "We need oversight of the whole process."

White said after the meeting that the ideal situation would be to hire a city engineer "whose goal is to protect one hundred percent the interest of the citizens of Kings Mountain," but that's probably not going to happen. "So the next best alternative is to have rigid oversight of the consultants that we do have in place.

"What that simply means is that they perform their duties for which they're being paid in a most cost effective way possible - in other words, the best job for the money," he said.

White said he knows of no conflicts of interest, but said that occasionally the city's engineering consultant represents other clients in city business.

"That may or may not be harmless," he said, "but conflict of interest, either apparent or real, pretty much comes out the same to me. If somebody's going to represent the city I don't want them representing other interests, but the other council members either didn't agree with me or I failed to explain it adequately."

See White, 3A

Candidate forum Tuesday at B.N. Barnes Auditorium

A forum for all Kings Mountain City Council and school Board candidates will be held Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The forum is sponsored by Kings Mountain Citizens for Effective Government. Jay Rhodes will be the moderator.

Candidates will be in the lobby of the auditorium from 6-7 p.m. to talk to the public. People with questions for the candidates should submit them to the committee from 6-6:30 p.m. in the lobby.

Senior Center seeks county funds

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Supporters of the proposed new $1.2 million Senior Center in Kings Mountain will go before the County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night asking for a $150,000 pledge which would put the project within $75,000 of its goal.

Carl Elliott, President of Research Development, who Tuesday was given an extra month's extension to his original four-month agreement with the City of Kings Mountain to coordinate the fund-raising effort, will speak to the Commissioners along with the four co-chairs of the project, Stella Putnam, Charles Mauney, Jim Belt and Johnny Harris.

Elliott recently coordinated the successful $630,000 fund-raising effort for a new children's wing at Mauney Memorial Library. Construction is well under way on that project and should be completed by the end of the year.

Although pledges have slacked off recently, Elliott said he hopes to have the Senior Center fund-raising wrapped up by the end of October and feels it will be tremendously successful.

"I feel very good," he said. "The response has been really tremendous from the community. It's been a very broad support from business, individuals, professional groups, and families. It's been a very good overall community effort, and I think it's definitely going to be something everybody's going to be proud of. It's going to be a beautiful facility."

The Senior Center has operated out of the old Southern Railroad depot for several years. It had its beginning in the Kings Mountain Community Center.

The new facility will be built on East King Street near the Gaston County line.

Elliott said $980,000 has been committed thus far. The County Commissioners committed $100,000 to the library project, and he said he's confident they will support the Senior Center project. Their pledge would be payable over a three-year period.

After the pledges are secured, Elliott said an architect will be hired to do the detailed drawings, and then the project will be bid out for construction within 60 days.

Elliott reported that the Kings Mountain Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs are jointly sponsoring a special fund-raising project which they hope will raise enough funds to build one of the rooms inside the center. Individuals, businesses, civic clubs and other organizations are urged to have rooms named in honor or in memory of loved ones.

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Kevin Champion (left) and Jim Belt look over landscaping plans for the new Kings Mountain Senior Center. Champion and Belt were on the seven acre lot at Highway 74 and Canterbury Road last week as crews began clearing the land.

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