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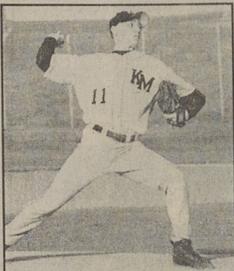
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Inside the Herald



INSIDE SPORTS



Kings Mountain High School pitcher Matt Biddix has signed a scholarship with North Greenville College. 9A

KM's Rickenbacker joins Loyola staff



Kings Mountain native Priscilla Rickenbacker has been named assistant women's basketball coach at Loyola University Chicago. 9A

PEOPLE

Locks of Love from KM girl

Kings Mountain's McKenzie Bolin may be a young child, but she has a mature heart. She is donating some of her long, beautiful hair for wigs for cancer victims. 5A

KM people come to man's rescue

An elderly traveler who ran into some problems following a car wreck in Kings Mountain last week found the kindness of some good Samaritans in the Historical City. 5A

LIFESTYLES

Good ole BBQ is hard to beat

Good barbecue is hard to beat. It just may be the State Food of North Carolina. 1B

CITY

City to self-insure worker's comp

In a special meeting Monday at City Hall, Kings Mountain Council voted to self-insure its worker's compensation benefits. It is projected to save money over the long haul. 2A

P&Z Board favors residential zoning

The Planning and Zoning Board accepted a recommendation from residents of Gold and Mountain Streets to rezone their community for single-family residences only, and will pass the proposal on to City Council for action. 5A

Opinion

4A

Another merger suit may be coming

Civil Rights suit may hinge on next week's judges rulings

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

A Kings Mountain couple is

considering a personal Civil Rights lawsuit against the Cleveland County Commissioners if the forced merger of Kings Mountain, Cleveland County and Shelby City Schools is upheld.

Otis and Joann Cole, who live in the Northwoods Community of Kings Mountain - in Gaston County but also inside the Kings Mountain city limits - say moving their younger daughter,

Shonda, to Bessemer City High School would jeopardize her chances of earning a college athletic scholarship.

Miss Cole, a rising sophomore at Kings Mountain High School, is a standout volleyball player at KMHS and in Junior Olympics who has already drawn the attention of college recruiters.

Since Bessemer City does not field a women's volleyball

team, the Coles feel the move would cause irreparable harm to their daughter.

The Coles also have another daughter, Cherlyn, who may be affected by the merger. She is also a standout athlete and is a rising senior.

But, athletics is not the only reason the Coles do not want their children leaving Kings Mountain High. They have lived in the same house for 15

years, and according to Mrs. Cole, at the time of the purchase the family was not told by anyone that they were not in the Kings Mountain School District. Mrs. Cole said attending Bessemer City would also cause a hardship in case of an emergency, because the parents could be at KMHS in a matter of minutes.

See Suit, 3A

WATERMELON MAN



Even though he's only three and a half years old, Robbie Bryson was helping his dad Robert Bryson man Mike Criminger's produce truck on King Street. With plenty of produce available, business was booming.

ALAN HODGE / THE HERALD

County Commissioners put KM's ETJ plans on hold

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

The City of Kings Mountain will have to wait a while longer on its plans to gain a two-mile extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from Cleveland County. That's the message Steve Killian, Kings Mountain director of planning and economic development got from county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night.

The area that Kings Mountain wants under its control is the Highway 29 Industrial Corridor. The strip runs from about 2,000 feet east of Dixon School Road down to Town and Country Barbecue. The

area already has water and sewer provided by the city at either end, with plans to take the pipes through the center.

Instead of giving immediate approval to Kings Mountain's plans, commissioners said they needed to see a recent map of the area. The endorsement given by the prior board of commissioners was based on a 1997 map. The current commissioners had not seen a newer drawing. Even though Killian had a fresh map for presentation, commissioners asked that a public hearing in the matter be held July 11 in their chambers.

"We believe the transition will not be a difficult one," Killian said.

"We've done substantial justice to the plan out there."

Commissioner chairman Jim Crawley cautioned Killian about what type of development would blend in with industries already in the proposed ETJ.

"I'm not against mining," Crawley said. "But there are already some companies out there that can't stand dust, vibration, and dynamite."

Crawley cited Eaton and Mayflower as two such firms.

Comparison between current county and Kings Mountain zoning regulations in the ETJ corridor are

See ETJ, 7A

City Council prepares for curbside collection

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain City Council is moving toward beginning curbside garbage collection shortly after the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1.

In a special meeting Monday at noon, Council voided a contract with Carolina Environment Systems Inc. for the purchase of a \$76,477 automated refuse truck, and will probably come back later and purchase a truck with a "mechanical arm" which is more suitable for curbside pickup. Councilman Bob Hayes voted against the motion.

Council approved the purchase of approximately 4,000 refuse collection containers at a cost of \$37.40 each through a "piggyback" arrangement with the city of Hartford,

Connecticut. Hayes and Clavon Kelly voted against the motion.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said the containers would probably be delivered to residences the second week of July.

Council also began going over proposed changes in the Code of Ordinances which deal with collection of garbage, trash, weeds and junk. The amended ordinance will probably be officially adopted at the regular Council meeting on June 27. Maney said the ordinance has to be rewritten to comply with curbside pickup versus the current backyard pickup.

The new ordinance will likely give the Public Works Director the authorization to impose penalties for violations of the policy.

See Council, 3A



Edith Crow of 514 W. Mountain Street was seen tending her backyard garden recently. Besides corn, Crow also had a bumper crop of beans.

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