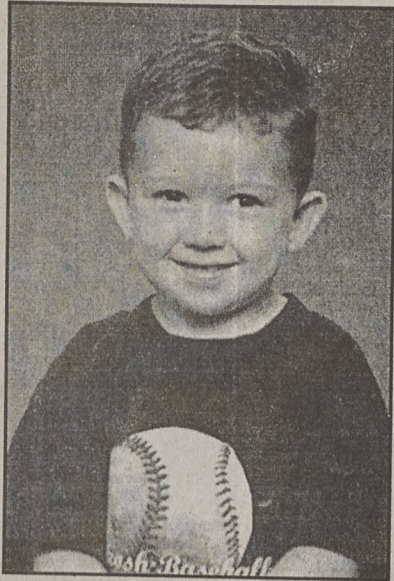


BRIEFS



ZACHARY MELTON

Zachary Melton celebrates birthday

Zachary George Melton, son of Kevin and Erika Melton of Kings Mountain, was four years old August 7. He celebrated August 5 with a hot dog supper with a Scooby Doo theme. Children enjoyed ice cream and cake, and a baseball pinata full of candy.

Guests included Morgan and Nathan Sheppard, Magan Surber, Taylor Day, Amy Day, Abbey and Brenn Kates, Travis and Karly Kistler, Kristi Martin, Jon-Michael Hamrick, Josh Huskins, Cody Carpenter, and other family and friends.

Grandparents are Merrill and Jean Randall and John and Deborah Melton.

Great-grandparents are George and Mary Melton, Howard Randall, Jean Wharmby, and Clint and Ruby Day.

Artwork sought for Kings Mountain show

Area artists are invited to display their works at Kings Mountain City Hall September 14 through October 13 at the "Over the Mountain Sports Art Show." The event is sponsored by the Cleveland County Arts Council.

The event will kickoff at a special reception at City Hall on September 14, from 7-8:30 p.m. The show will be delivered September 6 as part of the "Good 4 You Festival" in downtown Kings Mountain.

All types of artwork with a sports theme are welcome. This can include original paintings, drawings, sculpture, fiber, art prints and photos. Creativity is encouraged and themes can include anything even remotely related to sports. Just a few of the subjects can be fishing, hiking, birding, skiing, etc. Four hundred dollars in prize money will also be awarded.

For more information, call the Cleveland County Arts Council at 484-2787, or Shirley Brutko at the Cleveland County Chamber office at 739-4577.



ZACHARY HUMPHRIES

Zachary Humphries born on July 30, 2000

Mr. and Mrs. John Humphries announce the birth of their son, Zachary Johnathon, Sunday, July 30, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Zachary has an older sister, Mikayla, who is four years old. His mother is the former Kristy Braswell of Gastonia.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Braswell of Gastonia and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Humphries of Kings Mountain. His great-grandmother is Mae Humphries of Kings Mountain.

Late great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Styers and Thomas Humphries of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Braswell and Mr. and Mrs. Jancer Sams of Gastonia.

Food distribution at KM Senior Center

The Kings Mountain Senior Center will give out USDA commodities at the center on Tuesday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m.

Only those persons ages 60 and older who preregister on August 29, 30 and 31 from 9-11 a.m. are eligible to receive food. Preregistration can be completed by calling the center at 734-0447.

When calling, give your name, address, social security number, telephone number, exact income, and number of people in the household.

Stewart to preside at Legion Convention

American Legion Auxiliary National President Lib Stewart of Kings Mountain will preside over the 80th annual American Legion Auxiliary Convention, September 2-7 at the Midwest Express Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

More than 2,000 delegates from the Auxiliary are expected to attend.

Homecoming Sunday at Victory Baptist

Homecoming will be held Sunday, August 27 at Victory Baptist Church, 106 S. Battleground Road, Kings Mountain.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m.

A covered dish meal will be served immediately following the worship service.

Kings Mountain Park to host encampment

Kings Mountain National Military Park will be hosting an encampment of Overmountain Men Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27.

The group will conduct demonstrations of 18th century military weapons and other camp life activities throughout the weekend. The group will also conduct impromptu interpretive talks about the battle of Kings Mountain and the forces that defeated Major Patrick Ferguson on October 7, 1780.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening, the commander of the Company of Overmountain Men, Grant Hardin, will present a dramatic presentation entitled "A Visit from John Sevier."

The presentation will center on the life of John Sevier and the late summer of 1780 when Major Ferguson issued his proclamation to the people across the mountains to cease their resistance to the British Crown.

Kings Mountain National Military Park is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, call Chris Revels at 864-936-7921.

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stantial amount." The suit says that conduct on the part of the defendants was "extreme and outrageous."

The damages sought by Hayes are: \$10,000 against the City of Kings Mountain for compensatory damages, \$10,000 against Jimmy Maney as punitive damages, and \$10,000 against the city as punitive damages. The suit also asks for "appropriate equitable relief, including but not limited to reinstatement of his position with the defendant City of Kings Mountain, benefits and other equitable relief to which the plaintiff may be entitled."

Other relief sought by the suit includes reimbursement of attorney fees, expert witness fees, a trial by jury, and any other costs connected with the suit.

"He believes he has a valid case and will pursue it vigorously," Hayes' attorney Deaton said. "I can't comment further at this time."



A huge Maple tree in the front yard of Hilda Goforth of the El Bethel Community split into and came crashing down during Friday afternoon's storm.

Violent storm hits KM

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Flashbacks of Hurricane Hugo came to many Cleveland County residents Friday afternoon when a brief but violent storm swept across the area. Building up steam as it developed in the North Carolina mountains, the storm roared down on the Piedmont region like a runaway locomotive.

"The winds were really whipping around," said Kings Mountain amateur meteorologist Kenneth Kitzmiller. "I estimated their speed at 60 miles per hour."

At his backyard weather station, Kitzmiller said he measured just .25 inches of rain from the blow.

"I was disappointed in the amount of rain," Kitzmiller said. "The wind made things look like it was raining more than it actually was."

The storm was caused by an upper level disturbance from an area of lower pressure that went upward over the Tennessee and Ohio valleys. Evaporating precipitation in the disturbance set up the winds.

Like most citizens of Kings Mountain and surrounding counties, Kitzmiller had a cleanup job to do after the storm passed.

"My yard was full of little limbs," he said. "I also had three heavy flower pots and some lawn furniture blown over."

Kings Mountain police and fire fighters had relatively few problems with the storm. Police reported no special incidents with the weather. Fire department Lt. Bill Ware said his men mostly dealt with downed power lines and limbs on trees. No fires were reported caused by the winds.

Cleveland County as a whole took a number of hits from the

storm. Emergency Management director Beau Lovelace said damage was moderate, but widespread.

"There were a lot of totaled outbuildings and sheds across the county," Lovelace reported. "There were also a lot of trees downed and across roadways."

According to Lovelace, crews from several rescue squad and fire departments teamed up with the DOT to clear roadways.

"It was a wicked storm," Lovelace said.

Power outages were another byproduct of Friday's action. Both Gaston and Cleveland counties had quite a few homes without power until Saturday morning. Kings Mountain Hospital had to go on generator

power for about 45 minutes. According to Duke Power, there were 12,400 outages in Gastonia, 4,200 in Shelby, and 70,000 in Charlotte.

Kings Mountain had 1,500 customers without power from the storm, but most were back on line within a few hours.

"Our whole crew came in and worked very hard to restore power," said Kings Mountain electric department director Nick Hendricks. "The fact that more lines weren't down is due to our tree trimming work."

Hendricks also said the worst hit part of town was in the area around the Winn-Dixie and Kings Mountain Country Club.

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NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR BRIDGE NO. 14 ON NC 161 OVER I-85/US 29

Project 8:18012101 B-3437 Cleveland County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on September 12, 2000 between the hours of 4 PM and 7 PM in the Kings Mountain City Hall, 101 West Gold Street, Kings Mountain.

Interested individuals may attend this informal workshop at their convenience during the above stated hours. Department of Transportation representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project.

The purpose of this workshop is to present information, answer questions, and receive comments regarding this project. Information received from the public will be used in conjunction with the environmental document being developed for this project.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Drew Joyner, P.E., P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, NC 27611, phone (919) 733-7844 ext. 269.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop to comply with the American Disabilities Act. To receive special services, please contact Mr. Joyner at the above address or phone number or fax (919) 733-9794 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.
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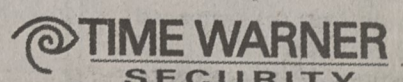
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