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ANSWERING COUNTRY'S CALL



Chelsea Kelly, Jennifer Kelly, and Forrest Kelly hold up signs in appreciation to their family members that will be part of the deployment.

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Ceremony at KM Patrick Center sends Guard Unit to Fort Bragg

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Amid remarks from various officials, family member hugs and a song, members of the 505th Engineering Battalion were honored during a deployment ceremony Tuesday at the Patrick Center in Kings Mountain.

Soldiers from 505th companies in Kings Mountain and Forest City, who will be deployed as part of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, will be initially headed to Fort Bragg before performing their duties for the operations. Another ceremony was scheduled in North Wilkesboro for soldiers from there and Taylorsville.

While it has been used for state duties, this is the first time since 1940's the battalion has been mobilized by the federal government.

The deployment will leave between 500 to 550 soldiers behind, Capt. Maury Williams said.

Williams said he did not know where the soldiers

would be going after Fort Bragg, but it could be disclosed in the next two weeks.

At Fort Bragg, National Guard Public Affairs Officer Robert Carver said soldiers will be there to be processed before their tours of duty.

Instead of engineering jobs, Carver said soldiers will work with providing security.

Overseas deployment would be a possibility but not likely, Carver said.

During the ceremony, speakers talked about the President's war on terrorism, serving the country and being away from families and jobs.

State Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Brian Beatty said the guard has a proud tradition that continues.

"You are carrying on that tradition," he said to the soldiers sitting in the middle of the room Tuesday.

And while Beatty spoke of a continuing tradition, one thing has stopped, according to one National Guard official.

See Guard, 3A



National Guard troops come out of Tuesday's ceremony at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain. Local and state officials, and their families, honored the men and women who are being called into active duty.

Primary elections set Tuesday

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain and Cleveland County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, September 10 for primary elections.

The primaries, originally scheduled for May, were delayed because of redistricting lawsuits. The general election is Tuesday, November 5.

Although there are no city elections locally, there are some political offices available on the county, state and national level.

One race that has drawn some interest is the Cleveland County Sheriff's race. In the Democratic primary, incumbent Sheriff Dan Crawford, who is completing his second term, is opposed by former Deputy Raymond C. Hamrick. On the Republican side, Mike Drake of Shelby is opposed by R.D. "Richard" Hill of Grover.

The winners will square off in December.

Two seats are available on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Willie McIntosh is being opposed in the Democratic Primary by Freddie Ellis of Lawndale and Kenneth A. Ledford of Polkville.

On the Republican side, Jerry Lee Self, who was recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Charlie Harry, is running along with John R. McBrayer of Shelby. Because two seats are available, both GOP candidates will move on to run again in December against the top two Democratic vote-getters.

A shuffling of the legislative districts resulted in incumbent Debbie Clary of Cleveland County being moved into the new House District 110 where she will oppose Joe Carpenter of Gaston County in the Republican primary. That race is actually for the House seat because no Democrats filed.

Other area legislative races won't come off until November because of no opposition in the primaries.

In District 111, Andy Dedmon, the incumbent Democrat, will battle Kings Mountain resident Tim Moore, former chairman of the Cleveland County Republican Party.

In the District 46 House race, Republican John Weatherly has no opposition and will automatically advance to the general election.

See Primaries, 3A

Council votes 4-3 for new lake study

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

During its work session Tuesday, the Kings Mountain City Council approved moving forward with a study for a new lake.

After discussing the various steps involved with a study, Councilman Dean Spears made a motion to go ahead with it and spend \$20,000 for the study.

Council approved the motion 4-3 with Gene

White, Clavon Kelly and Jim Guyton opposing.

Earlier a vote was taken on Jim Guyton's motion to table the proposal for 120 days and that failed by a vote of 3-4.

The city has also sought money from a N.C. Rural Center grant.

While the Council approved the new lake study, other things such as expanding the city's water

See Lake, 3A

9/11 memorial service next Wednesday night

The City of Kings Mountain will host a 9/11 memorial service on Wednesday, September 11 at 8 p.m. in the "amphitheater" behind City Hall.

Rev. Ken Gilliken, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, will be the speaker. Mayor Rick Murphrey and other city and church leaders will also participate.

A bagpipe band from Charlotte will present special music.

Mayor Murphrey said the service is not only to remember those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, but also to support people who have served the country in the past and present.

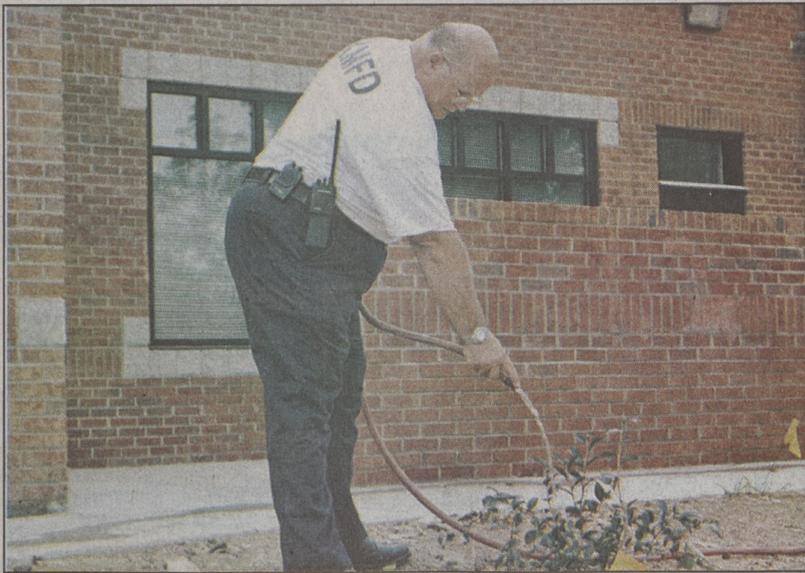
"It makes it very special now that our hometown National Guard Unit has been called into active duty," Mayor Murphrey said. "We want to make sure that they know we are supporting them."

Murphrey said other speakers will be added to the lineup before next Wednesday's service.

"At this time we don't have it all together," he said. "We're looking for someone who was either directly related to 9-11 or in the military service."

"But the important thing is that we're not going to forget those who lost their lives," he said. "We're a

See Service, 3A



Kings Mountain Firefighter Bobby King waters shrubs outside the new Kings Mountain Fire Department station on Shelby Road.

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Firemen move into new station

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

The Kings Mountain Fire Department's new sub station is almost ready for use and is expected to have its grand opening at the end of the month, according to department officials.

Fire Chief Frank Burns said the building is expected to be staffed this week.

Last week, fire personnel were at the building doing things such as watering shrubbery and assembling beds.

The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, See Firemen, 3A



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