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Crossing guard injured by car

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of The Herald

The sun was shining in the eyes of the motorist who hit East School crossing guard Pressley Anderson Friday morning.

The sun was shining on Anderson. Anderson, a 56-year-old Kings Mountain man who is one of the most popular figures in town, was directing a school bus into the road at the intersection of Linwood Road and Church Street shortly before 8 a.m. when a vehicle traveling eastbound on Linwood Road struck him. The driver,

Adrian Miranda of Gastonia, was charged with reckless driving by First Sgt. David Allen of the State Highway Patrol.

Fortunately, only seconds before Anderson had directed a group of East students across the street but there were no students in the immediate area when the accident took place.

Anderson suffered numerous head and face lacerations, and numerous cuts on his right elbow. He spent most of the day in the emergency room at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in



GARY STEWART / HERALD
 Pressley Anderson recovering from injuries sustained when hit by a car.

See Guard, 2A

Manager search under way

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
 Staff Writer

Now that Jimmy Maney has decided to retire from his position as City Manager, the time has come to start looking for someone to replace him. Mayor Rick Murphrey said that he has been thinking about and discussing the type of person that he would like for the job with other city leaders.

"We're looking for someone with good personnel skills, utility experience, someone with city manager experience who will work well with the city staff," said Murphrey. "The person will need to go out in the community and be a part of the community also."

Kings Mountain would actually be an ideal place for someone to work and live. The community is small, the schools are good, and the people are friendly, he said. Also, the city itself is doing very well financially.

"The city of Kings Mountain is in great financial shape," said Murphrey. "The person will be coming into a good situation. We're positioned for future growth."

Murphrey said that Kings Mountain has a good preventive maintenance system and a replacement system that has a set cycle for replacing equipment. This makes a safe working environment that will attract people to Kings Mountain.

The new City Manager will be responsible for approximately 170 full-time city employees. The city has a \$26 million budget, as well as utility services, which means that the new City Manager will need to have utility experience also.

How does the City Council go about finding a person with these characteristics?

"The first step is to put together advertising for trade publications and newspapers. We have constructed our advertisement," said Mayor Rick Murphrey.

According to Murphrey, the advertisement has already been put together. Now it needs

See Manager, 3A

Ledford requests recount

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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The race for County Commissioner continues over a week after the election took place. On Tuesday morning, Democrat Kenneth A. Ledford called for a recount of the votes to take place at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday in the basement of the Cleveland County Board of Elections office.

The first County Commissioner seat has already been filled by Democrat Willie B. McIntosh, Jr. However, the second seat is still undecided. In the initial count, Republican Jerry Lee Self won, but the race between Self and Ledford was so close that Ledford called for a recount of the votes.

"There was a difference of some 167 votes, which is less than one percent, so it's within my rights to ask for a recount," said Ledford of his reasons for calling for a recount. "I'm hoping that out of over 23,000 votes there will be some that sway in my direction."

The main reason he has decided to go ahead with the recount is that there were some errors in counting the votes in some precincts in Cleveland County, said Ledford.

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GARY STEWART / HERALD
 Rev. Ken Gilliken treats wooden fence at the Kids Playground at Jake Early Sports Complex during a community clean-up project Saturday morning.

Rain adds to water levels, no major problems in town

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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Where thunder, lightning, and a good amount of rain occur, usually problems follow; however, Kings Mountain did not experience many problems at all with this week's heavy rains.

"We've had some problems with flooding and a few car wrecks but nothing major," said Melvin Proctor, Kings Mountain

police chief. He said that most of the calls about streets flooding were the result of leaves clogging gutters. The problems were fixed quickly just by simply raking the leaves out of the gutter, he said.

"We've had a small problem with leaves getting into the catch basins and stopping them up," said Jackie Barnette, Kings Mountain public works director, "But we haven't had any major

problems yet."

By Tuesday afternoon, approximately ten roads had been reported for flooding, including King Street and York Road, said Proctor. The public works department was quick to respond to the problems, though, preventing them from becoming major concerns, said Proctor.

See Rain, 2A

Council approves buying fire truck

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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Kings Mountain City Council met on Tuesday night to accept a bid for the financing of the new fire truck.

The Council has accepted the bid of BB&T Governmental Finance to finance the purchase of the 2003 Pierce Dash Fire Truck from the Triad Fire, Inc. with a 3.43 percent interest rate.

"The new truck will give us better equipment and help us respond faster to calls," said Frank Burns, Kings Mountain fire chief. "I'm

See Truck, 3A

KINGS MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

Brad Anderson always had desire to work with youth

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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Twenty-four year old Brad Anderson is the new Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Anderson, the son of Glenn and Jackie Anderson, grew up in Arden, NC, although his family is originally from the north. He still has several relatives that live in Ohio and in the Pittsburgh area.

He started his college career at Appalachian State, before transferring to Erskine after a



BRAD ANDERSON

year. He graduated from Erskine in 2000 with a degree in Christian education but stayed to get his master's in theological studies, which he graduated with in May.

"I grew up in the church and had a wonderful church family," he said of his calling to the ministry. "I've always felt the desire to work with youth. One reason I transferred to Erskine was to focus on that."

The job at Boyce Memorial is his first full-time job out of graduate school, he said.

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Veterans Day

Rain forces observance inside KM's Joy Theater

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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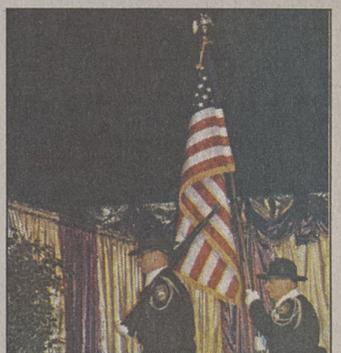
"We are here today to honor the men and women who have served their country. They all sacrificed to preserve our freedom," said Mayor Rick Murphrey at the Veteran's Day ceremony on Monday.

Because of the rain, the parade was cancelled and the ceremony was held at the Joy Performance Center instead of at the Mountain Rest Cemetery. Many veterans and city officials attended. Jack Icord, the District Commander of the American Legion, gave the keynote address.

"Veterans should be proud of their service," said Icord.

The veterans defended freedoms that few others

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 The color guard presents the flag at Veteran's Day ceremony.



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