

Motorist appreciates Center Service

My husband and I were traveling on Route 85 earlier this week when our indicator light noted that our vehicle was losing air in a tire. After filling the tire once it continued to lose air and we were faced with finding a place to have the tire repaired or replaced.

One always hears the horror stories of stopping on a major interstate and being ripped off by repair folks. I wanted to tell your community that our experience was entirely different.

We were directed to Center Service in Kings Mountain. As soon as my husband explained the problem we were quickly directed into a bay and the tire was removed and checked. There was a broken key embedded in the tire. The key was removed and the gentlemen at Center Service said it would be simple to repair our existing tire. Within minutes they had repaired, balanced and had the tire back on our vehicle. Their charge for the work was only \$10.

The gentlemen were not only prompt and professional with their work, but gracious and made us feel right at home. We even had the opportunity to meet some other residents of the community while we were waiting. It was such an incredible experience.

If we experience tire troubles again we hope we will be close enough to Kings Mountain to return to Center Service. Your community is fortunate to have such wonderful and professional businessmen.

B.J. Webb
Leesburg, VA

Why shouldn't we expect a winning team?

There are times that require you to speak privately and other times you need to speak publicly. It seems as though all of the concerns that have been brought to the administration and the school board over the last few years concerning our athletic programs, especially the football and basketball programs, are never going to go away. In my opinion, the ones that are going to be affected the most are the kids, our once proud football program, and eventually all of the KMHS athletic programs. Some think the best and only way to correct the situation is for changes to be made in the A.D. and head football coaching positions.

Some will ask does win
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STORM DAMAGE



Betty Jones contributed this picture of some of the damage done by the thunderstorm and heavy winds Friday at the flea market across from Radio Station WKMT on Highway 161 north. Several trees were reported down in the area, including one that damaged a carport and house on Ridge Street, and there were a few brief power outages. Rain continued Monday and Tuesday and is expected to remain in the forecast through Friday.

Everyone should take a minute to thank mother



Abigail Wolford
Staff Writer

This Sunday is Mothers' Day. I hope that everyone will take a moment out of their busy schedules to at least call their mother, even if they cannot go and see her. I cannot go see mine because she is in Ohio.

However, I would like to take a moment to honor her. A lot of what is right in me I got from my mother. For example, my mother always taught me that I could be whoever I wanted to be. She did not tell me I could or could not do things because I was female. Instead, she encouraged me in whatever pursuit I happened upon that week.

When I was in elementary school, my sister, friend, and I began hosting "Pet Olympics" each summer in the backyard, complete with a torch, Olympic music, and the pledge of allegiance. We'd gather all the animals from the neighborhood into the backyard and judge them according to their various abilities. We would often videotape the animals who could not attend (like my friend's goldfish). My mother always graciously allowed us to keep animals all over the house. She even fixed us lunch.

Another time, my same friend, sister, and I organized a protest for the removal of some trees across the street from our house. I was the oldest of the protesters (about ten at the time). My mother not only did not stop us from protesting, she encouraged us to voice our opinions.

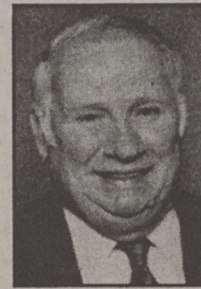
She instilled in me and my sister the importance of speaking up when problems exist. After all, what good is a democracy if the voices of the people are not heard? My mother grew up during the Vietnam War era and saw firsthand the results of a democracy gone sour. She was at Kent State during the shootings, although she was not among the protesters. She was on her way to take a math midterm when the shootings occurred. She cut through the police station a few minutes later and tripped over a body.

My mother also taught me the importance of education. She was from a poor family in eastern Ohio. She and her sisters and brother knew that the only way out of poverty was a good education. She worked hard for her education and graduated from Kent State in 1972.

My mother has taught school for 31 years. For her first 20 years, she taught sixth grade, and for the last 11 she has

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Chicks have right to cluck but I don't have to listen



JIM HEFFNER
Columnist

I have never thought of the Dixie Chicks as country artists. Most of the people who parade around as country singers today are really pop singers. The Dixie Chicks, or Dixie Clucks, have never sounded country to me.

They do, however, have a large following among country music fans, although not as large as they had before the little fat girl in the middle, Natalie Maines, went over to England and denigrated her president just prior to a war.

"We're ashamed George Bush is from Texas," she told an English crowd at one of their concerts.

Boy did she underestimate her country music fan base. They have destroyed the Clucks' albums by the thousands. Country music radio stations have removed them from their play lists.

Maines made a half-hearted attempt to apologize, but it didn't go over, and the reason it didn't go over is that people recognized her insincerity, and they began to realize she is just like those Hollywood geniuses who think they know how this country should be run.

The Dixie Clucks are right up there with Mike Farrell, Sean Penn Ed Asner, Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon.

The other night, when they opened their concert tour in Greenville, S.C., they displayed their snotty new attitude, with a "show your freedom" T-shirt, worn by the chubby Maines, as well as subtitles they ran on a video accompanying their performance.

Examples of the subtitles: Seek the Truth, Freedom and Shut Up!

Fat girl said, in introducing one of her songs, "After the last two months, this song makes a whole lot of sense to me." Then she sang the lyric: "You don't like the truth coming out of my mouth."

The Clucks, it seems have gone over fully to the left of the spectrum. They displayed videos of abortion rights demonstration, gay rights demonstrations and all kind of lame brain liberal messages.

When they finished up their concert a large message appeared on the video screen: "We are changing the way we do business."

I guess that means they are cutting off their remaining

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LOOK BACK

Mr. Allison retired as KM principal in '84

From the May 10, 1984 edition of The Herald:

Connie A. Allison, principal of North Elementary School since 1978 and an educator for 44 years, will retire in September. Mr. Allison joined Kings Mountain School System 24 years ago when he came to Davidson High School as principal.

J. Ollie Harris won nomination to his seventh term in the North Carolina Senate and Joyce Falls Cashion of Kings Mountain was second high vote-getter in the 13-candidate race for three seats on the Cleveland County Commissioners in Tuesday's primary.

Darlene Ruff, daughter of Abraham and June Ruff of Kings Mountain, received her Secretarial Science diploma from King's College in Charlotte.

WBTB's new anchor Bob Inman will visit Kings Mountain for his "Hometown Carolina" feature Thursday.

Frank Hamrick was elected Commander of Post 155, American Legion, in its annual Post balloting for officers last week. Hamrick defeated Rick Moore.

Edna Childers was honored Friday during National Hospital Week as "One of the Caring Kind" at Kings Mountain Hospital. Mrs. Childers has worked at Kings Mountain Hospital for 30 years.

Rick Moore of Kings Mountain scored his first hole-in-one Saturday at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Calvin Stephens took the only first place for Kings Mountain in the Southwestern 3A Conference track meet Friday at Gamble Stadium. Stephens won the discus with a throw of 134 feet, one-half inch.

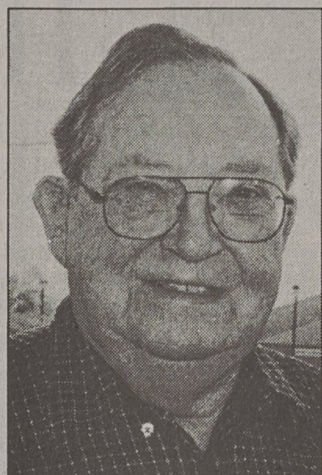
Cynthia K. Robinson of Kings Mountain, a senior medical student at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, has been awarded a 1984-85 house officer appointment at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.

Kings Mountain runners John Foster took first place and Jimmy Barrett was second in the 15-18 year old division in the annual York Observer Road Race Saturday at Tega Cay, SC.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
THE HERALD

What is the most important environmental issue facing the world today?



"I guess what's coming out of the smoke from the coal-burning power plants."

Paul Szyborski
Kings Mountain



"Having clean water is a big issue."

Donna Bumgardner
Kings Mountain



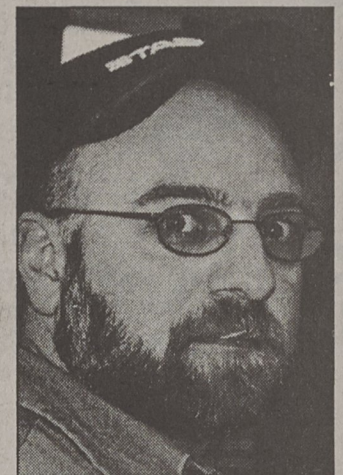
"Pollution. So many people don't care what they throw away or about their cars."

Mary Ellen Davis
Kings Mountain



"Water pollution because they say there's no pure water except in one state."

Bob Henson
Kings Mountain



Losing all the trees."

Tom Butler
Kings Mountain