### SPORTS BRIEFS

### July 4 tourney held at KMCC

Sam McGinnis, Bruce McMillion, Michael McHale and Andy Neisler shot a 13under-par 59 Monday to win the July 4th Mixed Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Four teams tied for second place with 61s, with second and third places decided by a playoff.

Gary Howze, Rusty Cloninger, Becky Johnson and Sue Hartwyk took second, and Jerry Broadwell, Steve Edsall, Charlie Johnson and Doris Cloninger were third.

Tied for fourth were Josh Etters, Jim Hanford, Drew Neisler and George Thomasson; and Lane

Echols, Jack Acheson, Sylvia Neisler and Peggy Jackson. Lane Echols and Sylvia Neisler won closest to the pin contests.

### Robinsons win July 4 tournament

Miles and Greg Robinson shot a nine-hole score of 26 to win the age 2-8 division in the July 4 junior golf tournament at Kings Mountain Country Club Monday.

Hunter and Tony Cooke finished second with a 27.

Tanner and Curt Collins won the 9-10 division with a 28. Haley and Shane Adams and Morgan and Dave Robinson tied for second with 30s.

Jake Allen and Billy Hill won the age 11-15 division with a 40. Andy Allen and Bruce McMillion were sec-

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ond at 41.

### **KM** Optimist sets football sign-ups

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will be holding registration for football and cheerleading on July 17, 24 and 31 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at City Stadium.

Parents are urged to join the Optimist Booster Club when they register their children.

Registration is open for boys and girls between the ages of 7-13. All persons registering must take a certified birth certificate, copy of last year's report card (showing all four quarters) and a physical completed by August 1, 2004.

Registration is \$50 per child, with a discount for siblings.

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Stanley Parker of Shelby decorated himself with American flags as he showed his patriotism Saturday night at the Kings Mountain Fourth of July celebration. Below, Mayor Rick Murphrey sits atop a hill mounted on a horse as he displays the American flag with the original 13 colonies.

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Saturday night.

According to Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, the event attracted city residents along with families from Shelby, Gastonia, Clover and Blacksburg, S.C. Murphrey said he also talked to people from Nebraska and Ohio who were in the area and decided to attend the fireworks show. One couple had heard about it and held their departure till Sunday.

"They were all so complimentary," Murphrey said.

Dressed as a patriot, Murphrey rode quarter horse Newman through the crowds. While holding a Continental flag, he took the horse for a fast ride as Lee Greenwood's "I'm Proud To Be An American" played.

Kings Mountain's 505th National Guard unit hoisted a 15 by 25 foot American flag from a crane. Guardsmen also brought a pan and humvie to the city's walking track. The equipment was a hit with kids.

Lines formed for RO's barbecue, candy apples, cotton candy, Polish sausage, pizza, funnel cakes and patriotic hats.

Dressed as an Over The Mountain Man, Dale Putnam shot a musket, readying the crowd for a fireworks show produced by Scott Neisler.

Taps was played as five fire works, attached to parachutes, floated through the air before extinguishing and landing. These honored fallen soldiers.

As more pyrotechnics lighted the sky, the voices of two recently deceased American

icons played over the public address system. Former President Ronald Reagan called the country a city on a hill and Ray Charles sung his rendition of "America."

The celebration cost the city \$9,000. Fox Distributing of Shelby donated \$1,000 in additional money, according to City Events Director Ellis Noell.

There were a few minor traffic accidents after the event but no injuries, Noell said.

### Optimist football camp at City Stadium

The Kings Mountain Optimist Club will hold its second annual football camp

July 15-17 from 9 a.m-12 noon at City Stadium. Registration is \$25 per

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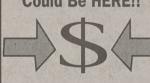
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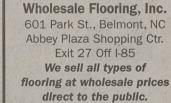
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