

LOCAL

FIRE

From 1A

Three to four former textile plants burn every year in the South, according to Hensley. The longer a building stays unoccupied, the more of a danger it becomes. These buildings typically don't have sprinkler systems. One major fire damage at Minnette.

Portions of the mill were over a century old, making entry dangerous for firefighters. They used an aerial device similar to a tree trimming truck bucket to attack the fire from above. Few firefighters were sent into the building.

"It's a lot safer, plus it puts out a lot more water," Hensley said.

Firefighters used an estimated 600,000 gallons of water on the fire and 4,000 feet of fire hose. Hensley credited trained firefighters and good equipment to controlling the blaze.

"What if" came true and we were ready," he said. "It's all about training."

Hensley advises people living near unused mills to keep an eye on structures and report any suspicious people on the property. The high number of access areas make it hard to keep people out of the structures, he said.

A member of Grover Rescue Squad spotted smoke and reported the fire at 3:04 a.m. The fire also woke several neighbors around that time.

Firefighters from Grover, Kings Mountain, Bethlehem, Number 3, Oak Grove, Antioch, Shelby, Cleveland County and Blakesburg responded.

The mill is owned by Clyde Huffman. He could not be reached by press deadline. No monetary damage estimate has been made yet.

POOL

From 1A

because a neighbor's pool was not completely fenced. Last month the neighbor completed fencing and installed a gate, according to Humphries.

Tuesday Humphries said she was glad the council was taking action, calling it "a long time coming."

According to Putnam, the offending pools would be located by both a search on behalf of the codes department and resident reports. That information also is available on tax records, according to Jean Mayes of the Cleveland County Tax Assessors Office.

Contact Andie Brymer at 739-7496 or abrymer@kingsmountain-herald.com

SPORTS

KM resident going into Cornell Hall of Fame

Laura Woeller (Baker) of Kings Mountain will be inducted into the Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame Friday, October 7 at the 28th annual ceremonies on the Cornell campus.

Eleven new members will bring the Hall of Fame membership to 463.

Seven of the 11, including Woeller, made All-American.

Woeller, a 1995 graduate, was a four-time All-American in women's track and cross country. She earned

the honor on the basis of her performance at the NCAA championships.

She placed 26th at the NCAA cross country championship in 1993; finished fourth and eighth, respectively, in the 3,000 meters at the 1994 and 1995 NCAA indoor track and field championships; and was eighth in the 3,000 at the 1995 outdoor NAAs to earn All-American honors.

Woeller was also an eight-time

Heptagonal champion, winning the individual Heps cross country championship in 1993 and 1994; the indoor Heps 3,000 in 1993 and again in 1995 while also capturing the 5,000 title to earn the meet's MVP award.

She won the 3,000 at the outdoor Heps in '93 and '94 and the 1500-meter crown in '94. She won the 3,000 meters at the indoor ECAC championships to earn All-East honors.

As a freshman, she represented the U.S. at the World Junior Cross Country Championships, where she placed 62nd.

Captain of the 1994 women's cross country team, she was named Cornell Daily Sun Senior Athlete of the Year in 1995. In 1999, she was one of Cornell's cross country selections to the Women's Ivy League Silver Anniversary Honor Roll.

She is a graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School in Fulton, NY.

SPORTS

Football practice begins August 1

Kings Mountain High School will begin varsity and junior varsity football practice on August 1.

For the first 10 days, the varsity will practice from 8-11:30 a.m. and the junior varsity will practice from 5-7:30 p.m.

All persons interested in playing must have a physical form turned in on or before August 1.

For more information, contact Coach David Farquharson at 704-739-KMHS ext. 35.

Optimist Club sets mini-camp

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will hold a football mini-camp Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 14-16, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at City Stadium.

Boys ages 7-18 are eligible to participate. The cost is \$25.

For more information call Jeff Putnam at 739-7102 or 460-6637.

Pop Warner teams registering players

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will be registering players and cheerleaders for Pop Warner football during the month of July.

The first day of practice is August 1 from 6-8 p.m. at City Stadium.

Sign-up locations are:

July 16 - Subway, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 23 - City Stadium, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

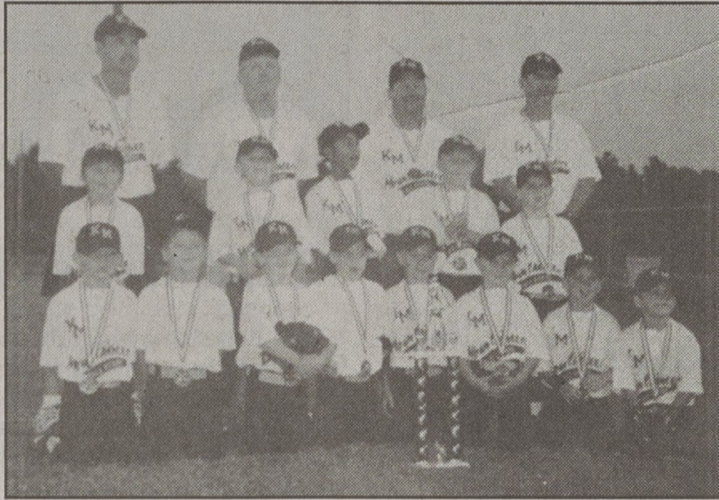
July 30 - City Stadium, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each person must take a birth certificate with raised seal, last year's report card and \$10 registration fee.

For more information call 739-0296 or 739-7102.

State champions to be honored

Kings Mountain High's



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Kings Mountain's 7-year-old All-Star champions played in the double-elimination district tournament in Tryon recently and finished third with a 4-1 record. Front row, left to right, Matthew Absher, Will Wilson, David Gamble, Brian Lysek, Madison Bolin. Colby Crisp, Brandon Hamrick, Zack Hester. Second row, Matthew Weaver, Damon Heath, Omar Petty, Garrett Wilson, John Bell. Back row, coaches Todd Weaver, Johnny Gamble, Jeff Crisp and Shane Absher. Not pictured, players Brandon Walters and Aaron Smith.



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The 8-year-old Kings Mountain all-stars finished second in the recent District 3 Tournament in Bessemer City, earning a spot in the State Tournament this week in Southport. The KM team is coached by Marcus Order, Mike Lysek and Earl Lainhart. Players include Dre Harper, Austin Stewart, Cameron Ramsey, Brian Lysek, Brandon Bell, Robbie Lysek, Logan Stevens, Chad Johnson Jr., Tanner Orders, Chase Hester, Jacob Lainhart, Trent Reeves, Coty Bullard and Jacob Sneed.

women's softball team, which recently won the State 3A Championship, will be honored Monday, August 8 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Christian Ministry Center.

Tickets are \$10 and include a steak dinner

catered by Linwood Restaurant.

Proceeds will go toward purchasing rings for the players.

Tickets may be purchased from the school office or by calling Coach Suzanne Grayson at 704-482-5284.

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Golfers

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