

**LOCAL**

**City, schools, businesses to close Monday**

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Kings Mountain City Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day. There will be no garbage collection that day either. The regular schedule will be one day behind for the week of Sept. 5 to 9. Mauney Memorial Library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday Sept. 5. The Patrick Senior Center will be closed on Labor Day.  
Cleveland County Schools and Cleveland County Offices will be closed Sept. 5.  
Labor Day is a state holiday and a bank holiday. Post offices and other federal buildings will also be closed.

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers, according to the US Department of Labor.

The First Labor Day was celebrated in 1882 in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. Oregon was the first state to officially celebrate Labor Day.

**Local volunteers on stand-by**

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Cleveland County Red Cross disaster volunteers may be headed south to help in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

As of Tuesday morning, five volunteers were on stand-by, according to Sandi Bolick, assistant director of the Cleveland County Red Cross.

The national office has not yet told the volunteers when or where they will be deployed. Shelters have been opened in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The local volunteers are part of the Cleveland County Chapter's disaster action team. The DAT team works locally to provide emergency housing and clothing assistance to victims of house fires and to set up shelters during storms and other

disasters.

Volunteers are always needed, however, before being deployed to a major disaster like the one in the Gulf Coast they must undergo local training and work on smaller disasters. Volunteers also are needed to help with safety/first aid classes, blood drives, clerical work and the Armed Force Emergency Services program.

AFES volunteers are a liaison between military families and the armed forces. They notify soldiers of births, deaths and other family emergencies and help bring military personnel home. The activation of local National Guard units has increased their caseload and more volunteers are needed, Bolick said.

Young people age 13 and up are welcome to volunteer in the Red Cross office with clerical functions,

organizing supplies and notifying blood donors of upcoming blood mobiles.

For more information, call 704-487-8594.

The Red Cross will be collecting food and other items for Gulf Coast disaster victims. Drop-off points have not been established yet. Officials ask that the public not bring contributions to the Shelby nor Kings Mountain office due to lack of space.

Useful items include prepared canned foods like pork and beans, meats, fruit and vegetables with either a pull top opening or a manual can opener. Other good contributions are commercially bottled water, sugared powdered drink mixes in plastic bottles, diapers, unscented baby wipes, baby food,

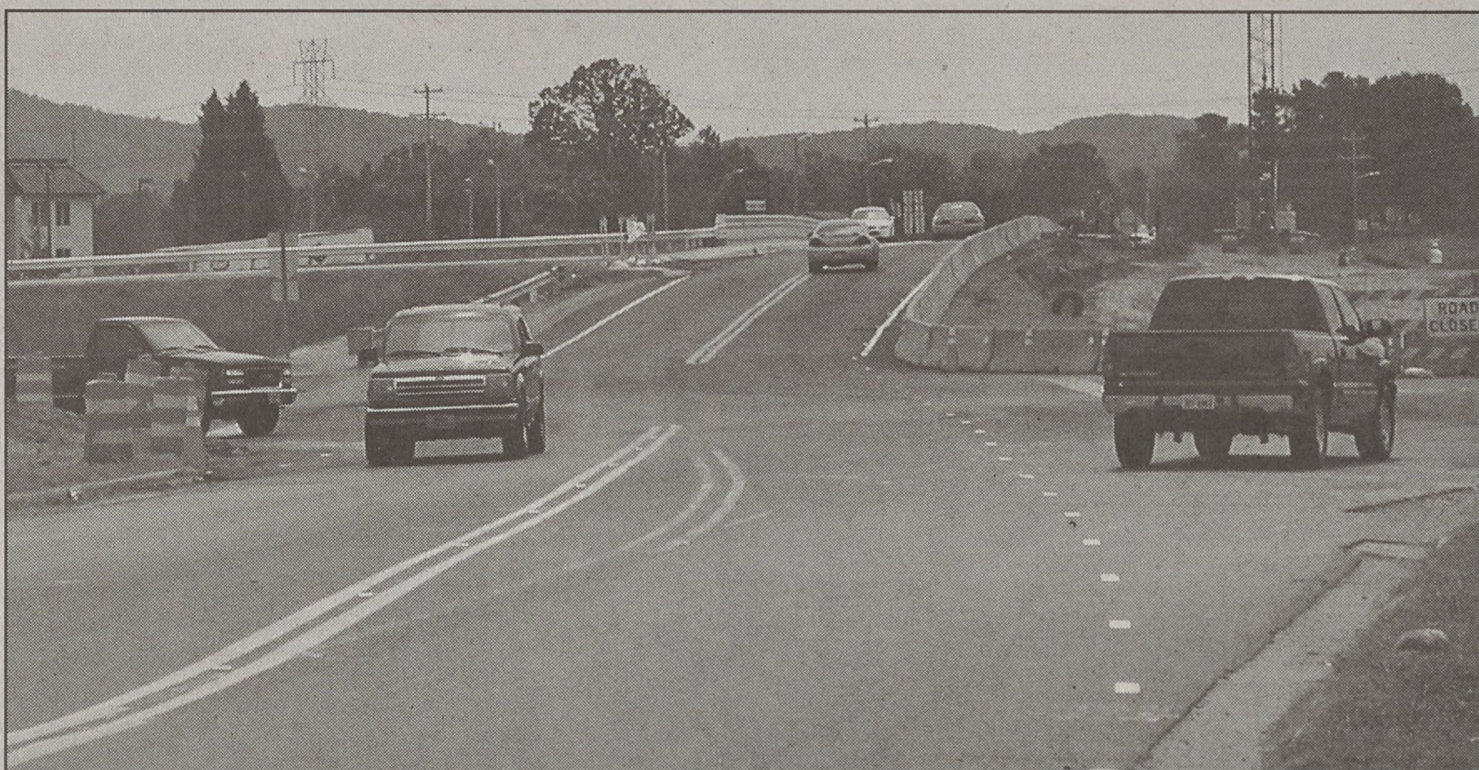
milk and baby bottles, napkins, paper plates and other paper items, personal care supplies like shampoo and soap, flashlights, batteries, plastic bags and duct tape.

The following items should not be sent: unmarked goods, perishables, carbonated drinks, glass containers and damaged supplies.

Monetary contributions may be made on line at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Kings Mountain's electric department is on stand-by. Director Nick Hendricks said crews closer to the storm ravaged area are being sent first.

Volunteers from the North Carolina Baptist Men were slated to arrive in Mississippi on Wednesday with feeding, recovery, shower, laundry and generator units. That teams also includes a chaplain and ham radio operator.



A new bridge is now open on N.C. 161 over Interstate 85 in Kings Mountain. Temporary entrance ramps were also opened this week.

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**Kidnap charges dropped**

Kidnapping charges have been dropped against two out-of-state men.

Dedric Omar Williams, 27, of 106 C Skinner Circle, Fort Walden Beach, Florida and Derrick Lamont Best, 30, of 2165 Risher St., Gifford, S.C. were arrested last week and charged with kidnapping a Kings Mountain woman.

However, Friday those charges were dropped, according to KMPD Capt. Derek Johnson. The evidence was not strong enough to bring a case to trial, officials say.

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**Hayes marched with penguins**

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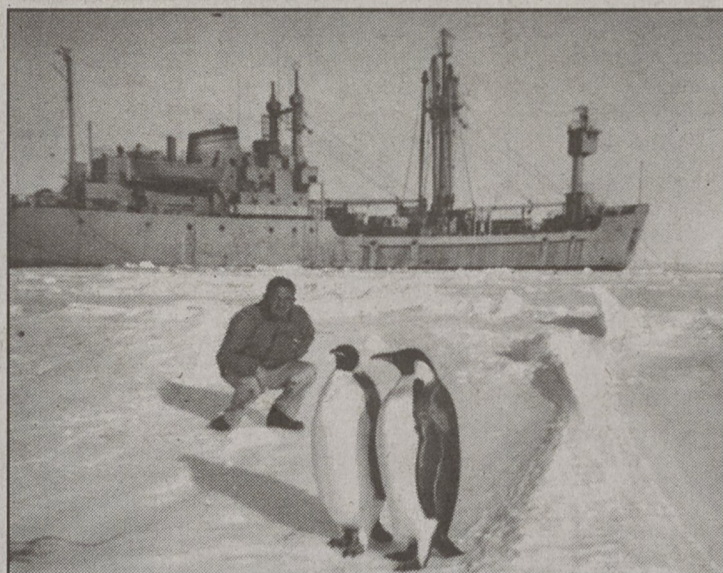
A Kings Mountain man had his own march with the penguins 44 years before the now popular movie by that same name.

H.P. Hayes was serving in the U.S. Navy as a chief electrician when he was sent to Antarctica. His crew sailed to the southern-most continent on the USS Mizar. They delivered generators and other supplies to a New Zealand base on McMurdo Sound.

Hayes and his fellow soldiers were captivated by the penguins.

"They're so friendly," he said. "All the guys had fun playing with them."

When the soldiers played football, they had to rope off the field to keep the penguins from joining in.



U.S. Navy Chief Electrician H.P. Hayes enjoyed getting to know Emperor penguins while stationed in Antarctica in 1961.

Hayes said he saw thousands of Emperor penguins. That type of penguin stands waist high to most adult

humans. He did not see any of the smaller varieties.

The penguins reminded him of soldiers, lining up

and marching. According to Hayes, when penguins fall down they do so in a way that appears clumsy to humans but actually helps them use their bodies in a sled-like fashion.

Hayes said Friday he was going to see "March of the Penguins" that day.

The film which is sweeping the country chronicles the yearly mating and nesting migration Emperor penguins make to inland Antarctica.

Directed by Frenchman Luc Jacquet, the film is rated G and last 80 minutes. It was produced by Warner Independent Pictures and National Geographic. Morgan Freeman serves as narrator.

Critic Roger Ebert gives the film three-and-one-half stars.

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**GAS From 1A**

Around Kings Mountain regular-grade gas is averaging \$2.65 a gallon. Mid-grade is going for \$2.74 and high-test, \$2.85.

The range for regular-grade is \$2.54 to \$2.69. Mid-grade is ranging from \$2.64 to \$2.79. High-test is going

for \$2.74 to \$2.89 a gallon. Drivers shouldn't look for a price break anytime soon, according to Roderick Bailey, traffic safety manager with AAA Carolinas.

Holiday travelers typically see gas prices rise when Labor Day approaches, but this year will be worse than most. Paired with the usual holiday increase, damage from Hurricane Katrina has

damaged refineries in the Gulf Coast.

Twenty-five percent of fuel used in the United States comes from those refineries, Bailey said.

"That's going to be an immediate blow to the U.S.," he said.

Even before the catastrophic hurricane, gas prices were on the rise.

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