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## Rick Hord Publisher of Herald

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Rick Hord of Kings Mountain has been named Publisher of The Herald and its sister publications in North Carolina - the Cherryville Eagle and BannerNews of Belmont and Mount Holly.



HORD

Hord is a native of Kings Mountain and a graduate of Kings Mountain High

School and Gardner-Webb University. He served over two decades in advertising sales and business development with the Charlotte Observer.

His wife, Melody, works as merchandiser for Gaston Country Club. Hord says they are the "proud parents of three - Winnie, Charlie and Otis of the four-legged nature."

Hord, who played baseball at Kings Mountain High and GWU, said his most memorable sporting moments were when he caddied for PGA great Arnold Palmer on two occasions, and when he took in a Red Sox game at Fenway Park with his father, Harold Hord.

"I'm humbled to have the opportunity to serve as the publisher, but more importantly to be a part of a team of professionals whose purpose and passion is to present to the readers the ultimate hometown newspaper," Hord said.

"Republic Newspapers is proud to have a person with Rick's newspaper experience at the helm of our North Carolina newspapers," said Nick W. Drewry, President of Republic Newspapers. "Rick's many years with the Charlotte Observer will help him as he settles into his new position in Kings Mountain. It's also exciting to us that we have a new Publisher who is a long time resident of Kings Mountain. He already knows the people and the culture of the area. That will be a big plus for Rick and will ease his adjustment into the staff and position. We look forward to some new and exciting things to happen in the Kings Mountain Herald, Cherryville Eagle and BannerNews in the coming months. Rick will be a big part of those things."

## Keeping a positive outlook

### Butch Phillips has faced numerous transplants, other surgeries

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A double lung transplant, two liver transplants, cataract surgery, kidney failure and a trucking accident haven't taken away William "Butch" Phillips' positive attitude. Phillips has Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, a genetic disorder. Typically when the disease first shows up in adulthood it only damages the lungs, however, Phillips' case was unique in that it also caused liver damage. This most often

occurs when the disease shows symptoms in infancy.

Phillips had a successful double lung transplant in 1996. The liver damage was discovered in 2003. In August 2004 Phillips received a new liver.

His wife Michelle says that surgery was "ten times" worse than a lung transplant. Tests in December of that year revealed Phillips' bile ducts had closed making him sicker. In March, 2005 he was placed back on a waiting list for a second liver transplant. In June he underwent the surgery, however, the duct problem

returned.

Michelle Phillips says her husband was literally passing away. A surgeon took her aside and told her about plasmoferesis. The procedure, which was designed to slow down scarring of liver tissue, was new and so far unsuccessful. Doctors had called across the country looking for other options but found none.

Knowing the procedure was her husband's only chance, Phillips told doctors to go ahead. This time plasmoferesis worked.

See Phillips, 8A

### WANT TO HELP?

Kings Mountain AmVets is holding a fund raiser Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. to help the Phillips family with medical expenses. There will be a buffet and bands. Boston butts will be available for \$25 and plates are \$8. There will be a poker run and half-and-half drawing.

The organization is asking local businesses to donate items for prizes. Checks may be made to "The William Phillips Foundation." For more information, call 704-739-0799.

## Local citizens help victims of hurricane

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Kings Mountain area citizens continue to come to the aid of victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Kings Mountain fire fighters and police collected \$1,265 Saturday from motorists at major intersections. That, along with the \$900 collected at last week's Kings Mountain High football game, will be contributed to the Red Cross.

Bottled water, baby food, diapers, plastic dinnerware, insect repellent, sun screen, cleaning products, flashlights, toys, pet food, generators, duct tape, tarps, chain saws and sugared, powdered drink mixes in plastic containers may be dropped off at fire departments. These items will be sent to Laurel, Mississippi. Kings Mountain and Shelby fire departments sent a truck load of items on Monday.

Tonia Crocker, a Kings Mountain resident and firefighter in Gastonia, is leading an effort to fill shoe boxes with hygiene items for hurricane victims. Crocker and others will pack the boxes Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Kings Mountain's Fire Station 2 on Shelby Road.

Donations may be dropped off Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers are welcome.

Suggested items include travel size soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, hand sanitizer, tampons, deodorant, razors and shaving cream.

For more information, call Crocker at 704-300-1270.

The YMCA continues to collect supplies for hurricane relief at its Kings Mountain location. Non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and paper products are needed. Clothing is not needed in the disaster relief effort but it can be donated for the YMCA's We Build People yard sale fund raiser. That program provides scholarships for YMCA programs.

The Red Cross is collecting non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, baby supplies and paper products at Harris-Teeter

See Citizens, 8A



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Terrie Armstrong, above, of Family Worship Center labels a box bound for hurricane victims. Martha Shriner, top right, a participant at Life Enrichment Center, holds Jethro, a stuffed doll to be sent to hurricane victim.

## KM family opens home to hurricane victims



Cindy Bartholomae sits with her children Michael Bartholomae, left, Theresa Owens and Jamie Bartholomae in the Adams' family living room.

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A Kings Mountain family opened its home to friends who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

As reports of flooding in New Orleans worsened, Tim and Jackie Adams kept trying to reach the Bartholomae family. Tim Adams, assistant police chief in Gastonia, had met Jimmy Bartholomae, a Sheriff's captain in St. Bernard's Parish, during an FBI training academy several years earlier. The

two families had vacationed together and stayed in contact.

The Bartholomae family, Louisiana natives, had endured several hurricanes. Both Cindy, a nurse, and Jimmy worked regardless of the weather. Cindy had planned to take her children to the large hospital where she was employed. She bought air mattresses and instant foods. They thought the eight-story building would be safe.

Then, she heard television news reports. The grave look on the anchor's face convinced Cindy this hurricane would be different.

See Family, 8A

## 9/11 remembered with service at City Hall

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The City of Kings Mountain held a 9/11 remembrance service Friday at noon in front of City Hall.

Rev. Ken Gillikin of Resurrection Lutheran Church based the invocation on Deuteronomy 4, which tells the people to remember.

"Today that is why we're here, so not to forget," he said.

Gillikin prayed for those who sacrificed their lives and those who grieve. He also remembered those displaced by Hurricane

Katrina.

Police Chief Melvin Proctor and Fire Chief Frank Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rick Murphrey called Sept. 11, 2001 a horrible day "which changed our life in America and across the globe."

He remembered those who are serving in the 505th National Guard Unit based in Kings Mountain and soldiers already in the Middle East.

"Our prayers will be with them. They are our heroes," Murphrey said. "We support our troops, always will."

He called those serving "dedicated, honorable,

courageous and professional."

Murphrey also praised local emergency responders.

"You risk your life every day to perform your job," he said. "You heed that call of duty."

Several Kings Mountain firefighters and police officers and staff were at the service.

The service closed with Firefighter Bill Ware ringing the department's bell.

Following fire service tradition, Ware struck the bell four sets of five rings. These represent the first alarm, the last alarm and all in between.



Kings Mountain firefighter Bill Ware rings the department's bell at the end of a 9-11 service at City Hall. Other firemen are reflected in the glass doors.

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