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HOMEFRONT

Ad deadline is Friday at 1 p.m.

Because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 4, it will be necessary for The Herald to change its advertising deadline for next week's paper. All advertisements must be received by 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1.

The Herald office will be closed on Labor Day and will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Herald still needs hometown pictures

The Herald is in need of old photographs for inclusion in its upcoming special section "A Place Called Home."

The section which is expected to be one of the best ever printed by the paper will hit the streets this fall.

The photos are needed by September 1.

We are especially interested in pictures showing places, people and events in Kings Mountain from the Revolutionary War period until the present time. The older the picture the better!

Pictures may be - but are not limited to - buildings and streets around town, old homes, churches, schools and school groups, parades, textile mills, country stores, and interesting people of the community, past and present.

Pictures will be scanned as they are brought in and promptly returned to the owner.

Fund raisers set at National Guard

Fund raisers are being held Friday, Sept. 8 and Sat., Sept. 9 at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory to benefit soldiers and families of B Company, 505th Engineer Combat Battalion.

A barbecue supper will be held on Friday from 4-8 p.m. The price is \$7 per plate. Tickets are available prior to the event. Orders of 10 or more plates can be delivered. For tickets call Regina Ruff at 734-1264 or 957-4607.

On Saturday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. breakfast biscuits, coffee, donuts and baked items will be sold and a car wash will be held. A minimum \$5 donation is requested for the car wash.

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City to continue to help fund MPI

But downtown partnership must submit report of how it spends taxpayer money

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Kings Mountain City Council voted 5-1 Tuesday night to continue its Services Agreement with Mountaineer Partnership, Inc., but with an amendment that requires MPI to submit a yearly report on how it spends city money.

Attorney for MPI, Joni Smith, asked for a few changes to be

made to the proposed 3-year contract. Instead of "contract," it would be referred to as "services agreement" and within the agreement where the wording states that the city "may" allocate funds of up to \$30,000 to MPI, that "may" be changed to "shall" as was stated in the last 3-year agreement. Councilman Keith Miller agreed to the terms requested by Smith, but said there might be another addi-

tion needed as proposed by Interim City Manager Marilyn Sellers. She requested that in the "Services Agreement" the words under item 4 require MPI to submit to the City Manager for the City, on or before the first day of March of each fiscal year, and whenever requested by the City Manager, a report reflecting the assets and liabilities, cash flow, income statements and expendi-

tures of MPI. Smith objected to the amendment, saying it would sound like MPI was a department of the city, when in reality it is an independent organization that provides services to the city.

Councilman Houston Corn said, "Well, I think if we're going to be giving funds to support you, then we should be able to see how those

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BACK TO SCHOOL



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Shirley Smith, second grade teacher at East Elementary, works with Makayla Wilson

After 5 LIVE! tonight at downtown gazebo

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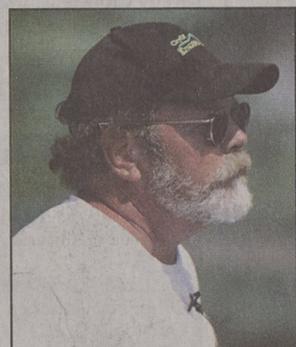
Downtown Kings Mountain will be rocking for the second time on Thursday, August 31, from 6-9 pm for After 5, LIVE! at the Gazebo in Patriots Park.

"We noticed that a lot of people showed up later during our first After 5, LIVE!," said Kings Mountain Business

& Professionals Association President Kristi Anthony. "So we changed times to hopefully accommodate a larger crowd."

The first event held on Thursday, July 27, attracted about 100 people to the Gazebo for relaxation, drinks, food, music and fun. KMBPA and Summit Place Assisted Living sponsored these first two events with the intentions of infusing more life into downtown.

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ELLIS NOELL

Noell first in line to promote KM

ELIZABETH STEWART

Herald Correspondent

The crowds are coming to Kings Mountain for 15 or more events each year and Ellis Noell is at the front of the action and loving every minute.

Noell, Director of Public Relations and Special Events for the City of Kings Mountain, was a one man show when he was hired in 2000 but hundreds of volunteers over the years have added to the suc-

cess. In his job he wears many hats.

"We are already scheduling events for 2007 and it takes a lot of planning and also assistance from virtually every department in the city to plan, produce and execute events for the public's enjoyment," said Noell.

Working a live audience makes every day a new challenge, says Noell, who has plenty of experience behind the camera as a former film director for television com-

mercials for several Charlotte television stations and before moving to Kings Mountain owned Odyssey, a film and video production company.

His first experience in Kings Mountain shooting corporate videos was at Eaton Corporation of America where he produced a new X200 film for the company and videos for trade shows. "That got me hooked on Kings Mountain and I pitched city officials to do a

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Grover could release annexation rights to KM on Indian MC property

Public hearing set September 25

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Grover Town Council met Monday night, August 28, to set a date of September 25, 2006, for a Special Council Meeting and Public Hearing to determine whether or not Grover will allow Kings Mountain to annex property, that lies closer to Grover than Kings Mountain, for the new Indian Motorcycle Company. "It is required by law that we release the rights for annexation to them," said Mayor Robert Sides. "This is to get two businesses in the county so I feel comfortable holding that hearing."

Grover will not hold a public hearing on zoning within the town, as was previously discussed. Members from the county Planning Board and County Commissioner Jerry Self were present at the meeting and told the Council that the county adopted a conditional use permit, to provide individual case exceptions on certain zoning regulations. A conditional use permit may authorize uses not routinely allowed on a particular site. The permit requires a public hearing and if approval is granted, are usually subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions by the developer. Approval of a conditional use permit is not a change in zoning for the entire district.

"It's very similar to the rezoning process," said Planning Board Director Bill McCarter. "A conditional use permit rezones the specific property to a new zoning district." If a person wishes to obtain a conditional use permit, they would have to submit a site plan to document their proposed land

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Fire Department ready in case Ernesto hits here

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The Kings Mountain Fire Department is getting ready for Tropical Storm Ernesto that is expected to hit North Carolina by Thursday night. "We have to make sure that all of the generators are operational and ready to run," said KM Fire Engineer Rusty Bridges.

"We will also be assisting the Red Cross to make sure that the shelters are operational," said KM Fire Chf. Frank Burns. "We have to be ready if it comes." Other departments, hospitals, and police are also preparing for what may be a bad storm.

According to weather.com, as of Tuesday evening, the projected north-easterly path for Ernesto could put most of Florida, the eastern half of Georgia, all of South Carolina and North Carolina in jeopardy. The storm, which started out as a category 1 hurricane is not expected to regain its hurricane status, but still packs a punch with torrential rains, wind gusts exceeding 40 mph, and possible tornado activity.