

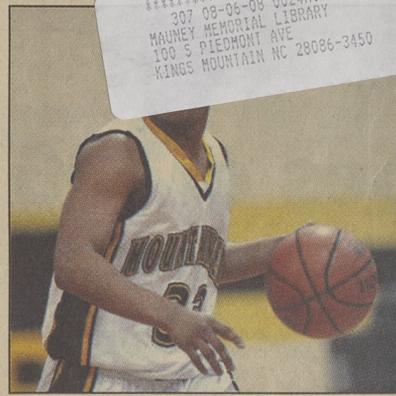
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A double dose of good news

Parker Hannifin expansion will add 100 jobs

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Parker Hannifin Corp. has announced a \$10 million expansion to its Kings Mountain facility and will bring the headquarters for its hydraulic gear pump division here.

The company will expand its manufacturing space by 47,000 square feet and its office space by 16,000 square feet. The expansion will bring approximately 100 jobs to the Kings Mountain area.

The facility on Canterbury Road just inside the Gaston County line began operation in 1983 as Commercial Intertech. It was acquired by Parker Hannifin in April 2000 and has steadily expanded manufacturing and jobs at the site.

The facility produces hydraulic gear pumps which power mobile and stationary equipment in a broad range of markets including mining, agriculture, construction and forestry.

Marc Bolick, Project Administrator with Gaston County EDC, said Kings Mountain deserves a lot. See Expansion, 10A

Telerox to bring 450 jobs to planned facility

Telerox, a worldwide provider of customer care services, announced Monday that it will build a 60,000 square foot facility at the Cleveland County Industrial Park near Kings Mountain that will eventually bring 450 jobs to the area.

Norm Bresemann, senior vice president of Support Services, made the announcement at a press conference at the

Cleveland Chamber attended by numerous state, county and local officials.

The building should be completed by May 2007 and operation is expected to begin in the first or second quarter of this year.

The facility will be located in Kings Mountain's ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) and will purchase utilities from the city.

Telerox announced it would begin hiring soon and will be looking for associates with excellent customer service skills and the ability to identify and respond to the emotional needs of callers. Telerox is also interested in receiving information from technology experts, health care and contact center management professionals and support per- See Telerox, 10A

M.L. King tribute Monday

"Keeping the Dream Alive" - A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held on January 15 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at the Joy Performance Center in downtown Kings Mountain. The event focuses on a writing competition in which participants have submitted an essay on how Rev. King's "I have a Dream" speech has influenced their lives.

Kings Mountain High School teachers reviewed the essays and narrowed down the list to six finalists who will read their writings for a chance to be in the top three winners. Three winners will be chosen by a panel of judges. All participants will receive a plaque. First place will receive \$100, second place \$75, and third place \$50.

The essay reading will be interspersed with performances by area choirs and lyrical dance groups including Adams Chapel AME Zion Church Choir and Lyrical Dance Team, The International Gates of Dance, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Choir, Soloist Shana Adams, Key Note Speaker Reverend James Robinson and Master of Ceremonies Donna Huie-Brooks.

Lester Williams will deliver the "I Have a Dream" speech.

10-year-old mauled by three dogs

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Ten-year-old Anthony Davis of Gastonia was attacked by three domesticated dogs on Sunday afternoon while walking along Mountain Side Drive in Kings Mountain with four of his friends.

Two pit bulls and one English bulldog charged at the children. Three of the kids were able to escape. Davis was not. The three dogs bit him repeatedly all over his body, producing serious lacerations. Sam Lockridge with Cleveland County Animal Control said the boy suffered "over 96 multiple puncture wounds." Lockridge was informed that it was an unprovoked attack.

The mother of Davis' friend was able to get the boy away from the dogs and she quickly called 911. Davis was transported at first to Gaston Memorial. See Dogs, 5A

HAPPY GATEWAY TRAILS



EMILY WALKER / HERALD

Representatives of Chemetall Foote Corp. stand with Gateway Trails Vice President Shirley Brutko on land that overlooks the future destined sights of the Gateway Trail. The proposed future trail will cut through the hills in the background and will run along the outer perimeter of Chemetall Foote property. They look ahead to the mountain range bordering Cleveland and Gaston Counties, where the new Boulder's access will lead to the final destination at the National Military Park and SC State Park. Left to right: President of Chemetall Ron France, Dave Douglas, Brutko, Ralph Hawk, and Tim Casom.

Chemetall Foote donates land for KM link to parks

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The dream of a Gateway Trail, that will one day pave the way for a person to traverse by foot or by cycle from downtown Kings Mountain to the city's namesake at the National Military Park in South Carolina, is becoming a reality. Chemetall Foote President and Chief Financial Officer Ron France signed a memorandum of understanding to provide about 27 acres of their land, in strips of 50 feet wide, to Gateway Trails, Inc. on Wednesday afternoon to be used for the trail. It will provide about 4-5 miles of the trail, said vice president of Gateway Trails Shirley Brutko.

The agreement will lead to a final conserva-

tion easement in perpetuity, meaning that Gateway Trails will be the permanent owners of the property, once the funds are raised for the project to go forward. "This is a great step for us," Brutko said. "I am elated."

"We are excited about the trail for the local community and hope we can help contribute to seeing it through to completion," France said. "We hope this will spark more local interest because it is a good opportunity for all."

Cleveland County will own 90 percent of the trail and will cover all of the liability insurance. Kings Mountain will own the other 10 percent and will provide police protection and other amenities.

"We're getting ready to do a master plan with the help of North Carolina Mountain Region. See Gateway, 10A

Church/community leader Bill Grissom succumbs to cancer

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The sky was Carolina Blue but there was a lot of orange and black and gold memories inside First Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon at a memorial service honoring the distinguished life of Bill Grissom, who died Friday following a year battle with cancer.

A transplanted South Carolinian, Grissom adopted Kings Mountain as his hometown when he married Claudia Goforth. For the past 40-plus years he made a tremendous impact in the community through his involvement in business, civic activities, church life and as a volunteer youth baseball and football coach and supporter of Kings Mountain High School athletics.

Grissom was a born and bred Clemson Tiger, but loved the Kings Mountain Mountaineers just as much.

For 39 years - until last season when his declining health prevented it - he filmed KMHS football games.

He was involved in every activity at First Presbyterian Church, and was a two-term City Councilman representing Ward 5.

"He was totally involved in the community," recalled former mayor John Henry Moss. "He always considered anything that he thought was good for Kings Mountain. He was a fine young man. Every community needs many, many more like him."

Grissom's longtime friend and fellow church member Ronnie Hawkins remembers him as a friend to all.

"He always seemed kind of relaxed," he said. "He didn't get upset about things."

Another trademark of Grissom's, which Rev. Lee Thomas brought out during the service, was Bill's insistence that



BILL GRISSOM

church members be aware of things happening in the church.

"Bill would always make the announcements," Hawkins said. "He would always say 'please, please, please read your bulletin. Stay on top of things because there's a lot going on.'"

"Bill always seemed to have a smile on his face," Hawkins added. "He's going to be missed and I'm sure those who were involved in sports will miss him a great deal. This is Kings Mountain's loss."

Ronnie Wilson, personnel director for Cleveland County Schools, met Grissom in 1983 when he came to KMHS as principal.

"I really loved Bill and his family," Wilson said. "Bill and I had a good relationship in terms of jovial talking about the Clemson Tigers and his fondness for them. He was a diehard Mountaineer fan from the time I met him until his death."

One who was probably most closely involved with Bill in sports was his son-in-law, Steve Wilson. He was Bill's sidekick on the film crew for the past 14 years.

"When Sondra and I got engaged Bill pulled me to the side and said he had something. See Grissom, 4A



CAROLINE DOVER

Dover ready for a KM makeover New Mountaineer Partnership Executive Director on the job

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M. Caroline Dover is ready to makeover downtown Kings Mountain as the new executive director for Mountaineer Partnership, Inc., a position previously held by C. Morgan Edwards.

She brings a fresh approach to the organization with the hope and vivacious courage of a 24 year old, whose every vision can see a brighter tomorrow for downtown Kings Mountain. Her main goal is to reinvigorate the city while preserving its history, an objective in which she refuses to fail.

Her first day on the job, she set

out creating the organization's website at www.mtnpartnership.com. This little stop on the world-wide-web provides information about the non-profit organization, how to contact them with thoughts for a new downtown, links to other historic preservation and revitalization groups, a calendar of events, and coming soon: a list of down-

town businesses, available properties and a newsletter.

A Spartanburg, SC native, Dover graduated from the College of Charleston in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in Historic Preservation and Community Planning. For about a year, she worked as the manager of the Woodstock Downtown. See Dover, 5A