

LOCAL NEWS

Old pictures, stories needed for A Place Called Home

The Kings Mountain Herald is getting ready to publish its second "A Place Called Home," in November.

The special publication will be the biggest of the year for the Herald and its sister papers in Cherryville, Belmont and Mount Holly, and we need your help to make it the best.

Last year's section brought raves not only from the readers, but throughout the state as it was judged the Best Special Section in the North Carolina Press Association contest.

The Herald needs readers to provide pictures of the way life used to be in the city and area. The older, the better.

Readers are also urged to contact us with information about interesting characters and subjects for stories. They can be people living, or deceased.

And, if you recall an interesting event that needs to be recorded for future generations, tell us about that too.

The deadline for receiving pictures is Thursday, October 4. Bring them by our office at 824-1 East King Street, mail them to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, or Email gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com.

Pictures will be scanned and returned as quickly as possible.

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First school day goes well

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On Monday morning the doors of schools were flung open to welcome kids back to another year of fun and learning.

Some parents drove their little ones to school. Some older students drove themselves. Others arrived on the big yellow taxi, a Cleveland County School bus.

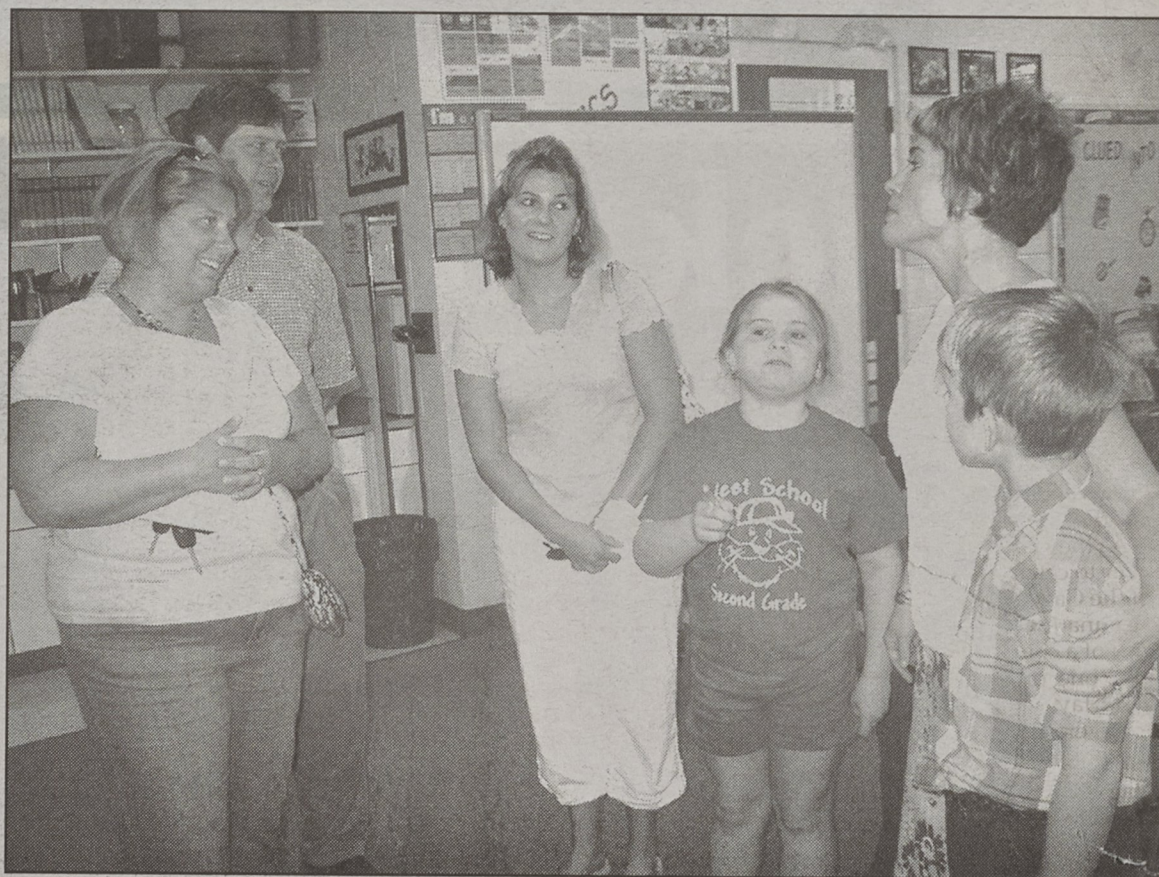
"I think everything went very smoothly for the first day," said East Elementary Principal Jerry Hoyle on Monday afternoon. "We picked up about 20 extra kids, who came in to register today."

Kings Mountain Middle School Principal Stephen Fisher said that they also had a great day. "We had a very good, very calm day," he added. "Most of them, I think, were excited to get back."

At East, Hoyle said, "Most of the students seemed very happy to be back and the parents seemed happiest of all." He didn't notice any Kindergarten parents crying over their child's first day of school, although some tears over their speedy-growth were probably shed. Some, who may have missed the bus or had a hard time getting up after summer break, arrived a little late. But he said attendance was good.

Kings Mountain Intermediate Principal Henry Gilmore III said that they had a "picture perfect" day. "The students were ready for school! The 5th graders had lots of questions about their new school," he said. "We had grade level assemblies this (Monday) morning to share information to place everyone on the same page for success in school."

Kings Mountain High School Principal Ronny Funderburke said that he also thought the first day ran rather smooth. "As always with the first week of school, the cafeteria is crowded and



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West Elementary 1st grade teacher Amy Bailey meets with parents and students during Orientation. Former student Courtney Henderson (third from right), 8, tells Ms. Bailey about her summer. Left to right: Susan and Doug Allen, Lori and Courtney Henderson, Ms. Bailey, and Michael Allen, 6.

we get behind a little bit until the kids and workers get in the routine. But I tell the kids to sit down and eat, even if you will be late because that is important," he said. "We were bussing students every period to the BIT (Business & Industry Technologies) building. I thought for the first day, it went outstanding."

"I feel that the faculty and staff were well prepared," Gilmore said. "The custodians have done an awesome job of making sure the building was ready. Food service was ready to feed the stomach and teachers were well prepared to begin feeding the minds of our students."

Students spent a good part of the first day at the high school getting lockers, getting familiar with homeroom and learning about the classes they will be taking this year. Kids chose their classes for the fall semester last spring. "I walked in several classrooms today and kids were attentive,

working hard and the teachers were working hard," Funderburke said. "I'm excited about the new crop of teachers that have come in this year. We have a quality group of new teachers here."

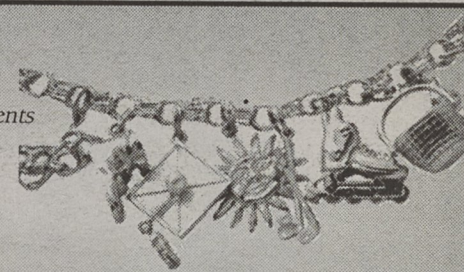
Fisher said that they are excited about the 2007-08 school year, as well. "We're looking forward to this next

school year and excited about the opportunities we have to help develop the future of Kings Mountain," he said. "We have a great staff and look forward to a great year."

With books and bags in tow and no "heelies" (shoes with wheels on the heels) under foot, students are ready for another year.

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