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## PATRIOT JACK'S

### Old Herald home to house new outfitter's shop

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff writer

Dee Properties of Kings Mountain has purchased the former Kings Mountain Herald log building at Canterbury and East King Street.

Phil and Sandie Dee are leasing the 15,200 square foot building to Patriot Jack's Outfitters and Kings Mountain resident John Herndon will manage the business, a first Outfitters store for this area for men, women and children.

The sale transaction, which included the building and 2.89 acres of land, was completed with the building owner, Doug Horne of Horne Properties of Knoxville, TN, last Wednesday. Tax valuation of the property totals \$395,000. The new owners did not disclose cost of their investment.

Patriot Jack's Outfitters will feature top-name merchandise by Carhartt, Under Armor, Oakley, Mountain Hardwear, Pointer, and 5.11 brands. Boots for all ages and in all

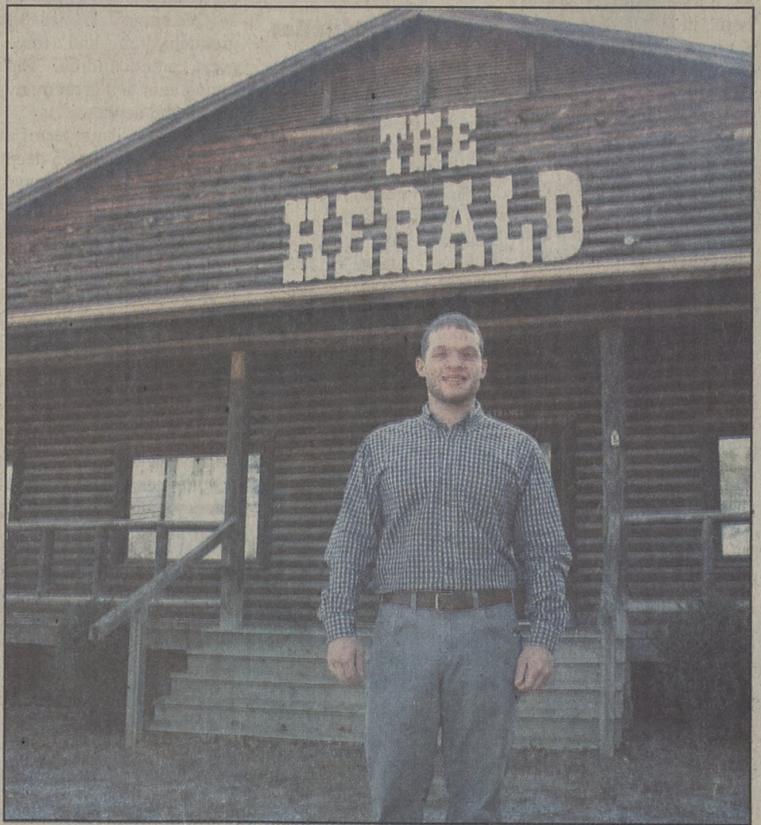
sizes will include name brands Rocky, Georgia, Danner, Wolverine, and Ariat.

"Kings Mountain's heritage (the Patriots who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain) will fit perfectly with the old-fashioned decor of this building and the rustic logs will blend with its historical character," said Mrs. Dee, who said the name comes appropriately from Patriot and after their 6-year-old son, Jack.

"I am excited," said Outfitters manager Herndon, 24, formerly of Grover and son of Bill and Susan Herndon of Kings Mountain. A 2008 civil engineering graduate from UNCC, he was a designer for AI Moretz Engineering and most recently worked for Jerry McGinnis Architect of Shelby.

The Dees and their sons, Nolan, 12, and Jack, 6, moved from Columbia, SC to Kings Mountain 1-1/2 years ago and quickly became active in the community, opening their real estate office and joining First Presbyterian Church. They plan to decorate the lobby

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New manager John Herndon stands in front of the old Herald log cabin; the new home of Patriot Jack's Outfitters.

### Chief: 'good news for the new year'



LIB STEWART photo  
KMPD Chief Melvin Proctor, left, technician Matthew Dull and KMPD secretary Marty Blanton observe new equipment being installed in the Communications Room of the Police Department. Police have received a \$300,000 grant for a CAD upgrade.

### KMPD gets \$300K grant to upgrade CAD system

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
staff writer

A \$300,000 upgrade of the Computer-Aided Dispatch System (CAD) is expected to be in operation at the Kings Mountain Police Department in June, the result of federal funds finally approved and following six years of lobbying by Police Chief Melvin Proctor and reams of paperwork completed by him and his staff.

"The 911 amount listed on your telephone bill each month goes into a wireless fund and Kings Mountain people have helped each time they pay telephone bills with the success of this big project," said Proctor. He said for years no funds could become available without portion of costs paid by the city.

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### KM man charged with first murder of 2010

Shamar Javon Byers, 30, of 111 School St., was charged with murder Monday in the death of 42-year-old John Allen Pettis.

Cleveland County Sheriff's officers said that Pettis was fatally shot in the neck around 9 p.m. Sunday in the driveway of a residence in the Long Branch community of Grover.

The first homicide of New Year 2010 happened after an apparent argument between the

two men, according to investigating officers who said neither Byers or Pettis lived in the neighborhood of the murder scene.

Byers was jailed without bond.

### Bundle up KM!

Bundle up Kings Mountain!

This cold snap continues to hang on and weather forecasters are predicting light snow for the Piedmont Thursday or Friday and that could include Cleveland County.

The cold air is causing a lot of problems in other

areas of the country. Take precautions.

All of us face a chilly week. Students waiting for school buses are facing frigid temperatures.

The last cold snap like this one was back in January 1977, according to forecasters.

### Making a difference

## Community makes season bright, keeps kids warm

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

The community has come together this year to make the season bright and the cold temperatures a little easier to bear.

Generosity and compassion were seen in the Kings Mountain Police Department's toy room which was filled with enough treasures to assist 58 families this Christmas. The love of a neighbor was also witnessed in the dozens of coats and monetary donations given to kids at East Elementary.

Roger Goins, of Roger's BBQ, decided several months ago to start raising money and collecting coats for East students. Working with city councilman Mike Butler in collection efforts, they were able to help the school keep over 30 families warm this winter.

"East has received 49 coats and they continue coming in," said Kim Brand, Communities in Schools site director at East.

With the money they collected, the school has also been able to purchase over 25 more. Goins has visited East several times over the past few months, carrying a bundle of coats or cash when he comes.

"Because of these gentle-



ROGER GOINS

men and many community members our children will be warm this winter," Brand said. "Without a doubt these are very difficult times we live in but this community never ceases to amaze me."

Goins said that he was more than happy to help and may make the coat drive an annual project. "The kids need to be warm," he said.

In October, Butler predicted we might be facing a frigid winter with the cold and rainy spells the city had faced in the fall. This week, weather forecasters are predicting "colder than normal" temperatures to last through Friday, with a chance of frozen precipitation Thursday night. Many of the coats have arrived just in time.

Several individuals and businesses have contributed to the drive for East children.

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