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Geno Segers, star of Disney's "Pair of Kings", came to talk to the students at East Elementary Friday morning about opportunities. **Read more, 1C.**

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### PROGRESS

## Construction underway for power plant

By EMILY WEAVER

Construction is underway at the 275-acre site of Southern Power's proposed \$400 million Cleveland County Generating Facility. Dirt is moving. Concrete is pouring. Power lines are being laid.

Now a year after the official groundbreaking, the site off of Battleground Rd. (Hwy. 216) is showing the signs of what's to come.

"The foundations are being poured for the gas turbines and generators and the water and fuel oil tanks are under construction," said G. Steve Higginbottom, spokesman for Southern Company - the parent of Southern Power. "The underground electrical conduit is being installed for the entire site as well and we're

See POWER PLANT, 7A

## New lithium plant on rise

Expansion of Rockwood Holdings Inc.'s lithium production operation at Chemetall Foote in Kings Mountain is proceeding from preparation to construction.

The project is funded in part by a \$28.4 million grant from the US Department of Energy to expand and upgrade the production of lithium materials for advanced transportation batteries.

The plant is being built at the existing Chemetall Foote Kings Mountain production site. When completed, the expansion will be a state-of-the-art facility equipped to produce battery grade lithium hydroxide.

Currently, the site produces other lithium salts and lithium metal for primary batteries.

See EXPANSION, 7A

### My Hometown

## Herald seeking memories of home

Do you have any recipes that have been passed down in your family? Do you have any homegrown "words of wisdom" you'd like to share? Do you expect a large crowd for the holidays this year?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we'd love to hear from you.

We at The Kings Mountain Herald will be publishing our annual special edition celebrating "My Hometown" next month. Since the aim of this edition is to celebrate our hometown, we are asking our readers to help us remember why our home is so important to us.

The seeds of tradition are often planted at young ages and with special care tend to grow to full bloom in adulthood. Many of us pass it on to our children. It's the special dishes our mouths begin to water for before each Thanksgiving; it's the places and memories we return to in our minds when we think about the "good ole days"; and it's the words, songs, smells, sights and feelings that take us back to a time and a place we called home.

As we get ready for the holidays, we want to celebrate the uniqueness of our "home" here in Cleveland County.

We want to hear from you. To reach The Kings Mountain Herald, call 704-739-7496, email: emily.kmherald@gmail.com or lib.kmherald@gmail.com, or stop by our office at 700 E. Gold St., Kings Mountain, NC.

### Homecoming Comeback



Senior running back Shelton Watson (28) gains some of his 133 yards rushing for Kings Mountain in Friday's game with Ashbrook at Gamble Stadium. In a last half comeback, Mountaineers turned the tide on the Green Wave, beating Ashbrook and winning their homecoming game 41-34.

GARY STEWART/HERALD

SPORTS 1B

## Early voting draws large turnout

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Staff writer

Early voting opened smoothly last week with over 1300 people casting ballots, the biggest vote counts came on Thursday when over 500 people visited the Board of Elections office in Shelby.

Before the heavy turnout, Elections Director Debra Blanton was predicting a 40 percent voter turnout at the polls Nov. 2. Now Blanton is predicting that 50 percent of the registered voters in Cleveland County will go to the polls.

"We are simply thrilled that people are coming out early to vote," she said.

Blanton reminds citizens that if they missed the registration deadline they can also register and vote on the same day during the early voting period which ends Oct. 30. A person must have a valid ID to verify residence in Cleveland County, be a US citizen and 18 years of age by election day.

See TURNOUT, 7A

## Weekend Rendezvous at fairgrounds to host thousands of Scouts Friday

By EMILY WEAVER

Editor

Nearly 2,500 scouts from 11 counties are set to converge on the Cleveland County Fairgrounds Friday afternoon for a weekend-long Rendezvous that is considered to be the largest Boy Scout event to be held this year in the Southeast.

Tommy King, of the Rendezvous planning committee, said that they have invited scouts from throughout the Piedmont district and others outside the 11 counties it includes to take part in the action.

It will be a big weekend excursion in the celebration of this year's 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

At 9 o'clock Saturday morning, paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne division will drop into the fairgrounds with a flag. Throughout the day, displays and demonstrations of police, fire and rescue departments, military service units and others will fill the field. A C-130 aircraft is scheduled to fly over the arena.

## Great Pumpkin Parade Oct. 29

The City of Kings Mountain will host the annual "Great Pumpkin Halloween Parade" on Friday, Oct. 29.

Children are invited to gather at City Hall Plaza at 10 a.m. for a send-off by Mayor Rick Murphrey. The parade will start at the Plaza on Cherokee and Gold Streets and continue to Battleground Avenue, Mountain Street and down Railroad Avenue to the Gazebo for games and activities at Patriot Park.

Local merchants along the parade route are encouraged to dress in costumes and pass out candy. The Mauney Memorial Children's Library, in cooperation with Partnership for Children, Community Play and Learn Program and Cleveland County Childcare Connections will provide entertainment, games, Halloween stories, songs and a haystack search for Halloween goodies. One lucky individual, in each of the three age groups' haystacks, will find the "Gold Pumpkin" and receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local toy store. There will also be an inflatable Bounce Castle.

The Kings Mountain Police Department will provide reflective bags for treats and the Kings Mountain Fire Department will have an antique fire truck on display.

For more information call 704-739-0333 or visit www.cityofkm.com.



photo by BEN PRIVETT

Boy Scouts from among the Battleground District raise the flags during the Spring Camporee.

In excess of 40 leaders will be teaching merit badge lessons on the "Merit Badge Midway". A Ham radio station will offer scouts the opportunity to talk to scouts in other countries. The United States Post Office will offer stamp cancellations of this year's commemorative Boy Scout stamps.

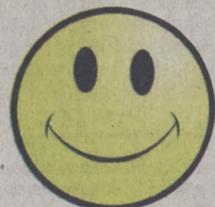
A NASCAR Race World, outdoor camping exhibits, an exploration into geocaching, a scout history museum, a petting zoo and international scouting exhibits will also be featured at the event.

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LIB STEWART photo

The silhouette carved from black plywood in front of the cross in Veterans Park of Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery speaks volumes - a soldier praying over another soldier's grave that men and women in harm's way can come safely home. Crouse resident Ed Pries donated the display to Cemetery/Public Works Supt. Jackie Barnette for the cemetery.



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