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PLAYLIST of the week

'It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that SWING'

You may hear one of these classic Big Band tunes, like this one once sung by Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington, at "Swingtime Canteen", a rip-roarin' canteen show pulled right out of the 1940's, which premieres at the Joy Performance Center Thursday night at 7:30.

Check it out, 6A

'It's the eye of the tiger, it's the cream of the fight'

David McDonald, 7th grade social studies teacher by day, Masked Ranger by night, is warming up. He's running stairs. He's eating lightning and downing egg yolks. For Friday night he must face the Sheik from the Middle East in a lights out wrestling match he can't afford to lose.

Check it out, 4A

'Little Red Riding Hood, you sure are lookin good...'

"...You're everything that a big bad wolf could want." This Sam The Sham & The Pharaohs tune hints that the woods can be a spooky place, even for fabled babes. But the end isn't always "THE END". Find out what really happens to Little Red Riding Hood and other fairytale characters in the KMHS drama department's new production of "Into the Woods" which premieres Friday night.

Check it out, 6A

Helping kids with cancer



TIMMY BAUCOM



JUSTICE HARRIS

Two fundraisers this weekend will be held to raise money and hope for two children battling cancer. Timmy Baucom, a freshman at Kings Mountain High, was diagnosed over the holidays with Burkitt's lymphoma.

Justice Harris, who just turned one year old on Valentine's Day is battling leukemia and a kidney disease.

Family members suspected something was wrong with baby Justice when, for months, he wasn't gaining weight. Justice went in for a check-up and blood tests revealed the cancer.

Fourteen-year-old Timmy is the son of Roxanne and Mark Baucom

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It's what we do



A crowd gathers inside of City Hall on the first night of the 12th annual Business Showcase last year.

13th Business Showcase now open

By ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff writer

Suzanne Amos's leadership and enthusiasm in promoting Kings Mountain as a Main Street Community and her efforts to spur new business as President of Mountaineer Partnership earned her recognition Tuesday night as Kings Mountain's Business Person of the Year for 2011.

The Kings Mountain insurance-woman was presented the prestigious award at the opening of the 13th annual Business

Showcase underway through March 18 at Kings Mountain City Hall.

"Suzanne has demonstrated such energy in promoting Kings Mountain in her outstanding contributions to the community of Kings Mountain, the Cleveland County Chamber and Cleveland County," said Shirley Brutko, executive director of the Kings Mountain Chamber office.

Amos, daughter of the late city councilman Jim Amos and Lib Amos, is married to

Ronald Anderson and has a daughter. A representative of New York Life, she also serves as chairman of the KM Chamber advisory council.

Kings Mountain was designated last year as a Main Street Community.

The plaque presentation to Amos was a highlight of the Business Showcase opening which also featured ribbons to winners in the 53 displays from local businesses on the theme "Main Street." The event at-

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SUZANNE AMOS
Business Person of Year

City eyes data park for annexation

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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Kings Mountain City Council has set a public hearing March 29 at 6 p.m. at City Hall on a request for voluntary annexation of 98 acres of land, the proposed location on Riverside Court at Countryside Road for data centers.

The property is owned by T5 @ Kings Mountain, LLC.

The area can be provided with fire services, water and sewer services that are substantially equivalent to those within the corporate limits.

Last month City Council gave the green light to Mann Associates to rezone 112 acres at Kings Crossing on S. Countryside Road, which paves the way for potential future commercial use as data farms.

Last November Gov. Beverly Perdue was in Kings Mountain to announce that T5 Partners of Atlanta had sold the former Chris Craft building to Infocrossing, a division of Wipro Technologies LTD, coined the "Microsoft of India" for a \$30 million project to convert it into a highly secure server farm. T5 Partners specializes in recruiting data farm companies.

Last October it was announced that RST Communications is installing miles of all-fiber lines for a fiber optics network that extends to the new data center farm across from the Cleveland County Industrial Park.

"The city continues to work to provide a business climate inductive to attracting jobs to existing businesses and new industry because jobs are our number one priority," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. He added that

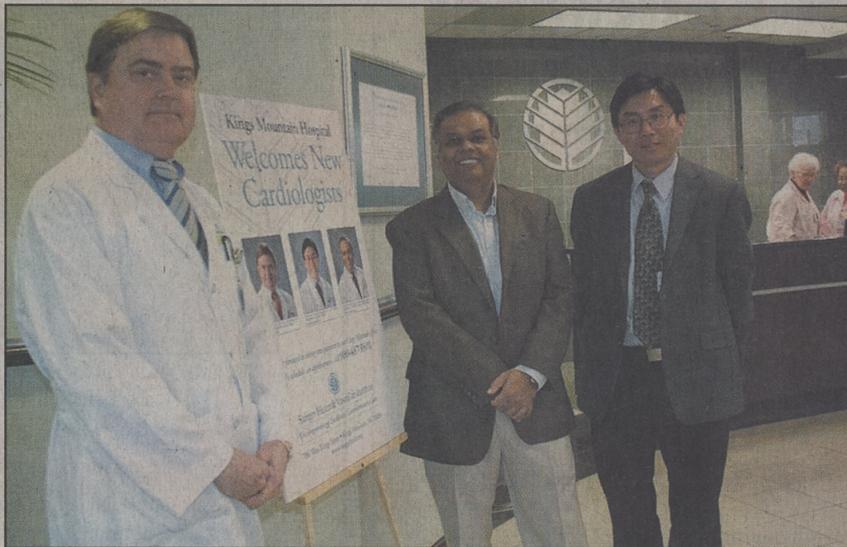
new jobs coming to data centers are all full time jobs and he said that the city is working with county and state government to bring jobs to Kings Mountain.

City Council at Tuesday's meeting received application from Wallace Properties for downtown incentive grants totaling \$11,000 recommended by the downtown incentive advisory committee for resolution okayed by council.

Steve Wallace plans to construct a facade at 203 S. Battleground Ave., the Edward Jones building, and restore the old McGill Exxon Service Station at 100 E. King St.

The city requires that all historical facade construction be completed before incentive grants are awarded to applicants.

Sanger Heart clinic opens at KM hospital



EMILY WEAVER/HERALD

Doctors of the new Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute inside of Kings Mountain Hospital welcomed guests who toured their new facility Thursday night. Left to right, Dr. Douglas R. Boyette, Dr. Sanjay Patel, and Dr. Huajun Liu.

Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute cut the ribbon at its new Kings Mountain location at Kings Mountain Hospital Thursday to a large crowd who toured the clinic and were introduced to the three new cardiologists on the staff.

Sheri DeShazo, Kings Mountain Hospital Administrator, welcomed Dr. Doug Boyette, Dr. Sanjay Patel and Dr. Huajun Liu to Kings Mountain. The three physicians are seeing patients in the clinic on Monday and Friday afternoons and are available five days a week for testing procedures, consultations and admissions.

"We are excited to offer these additional services at our local hospital," said DeShazo, adding that patients are finding prevention as

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