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Kelsey Broyles, one of last year's finders of the golden egg.

City Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

The City of Kings Mountain will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at the children's playground at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA on Cleveland Avenue. Activities will include a petting zoo, games, storytelling and activities for the children. For the egg hunt, one gold egg will be mixed in with the other eggs in each age category. Each child that finds the golden egg will receive a \$25 gift certificate from "Toys R' Us".

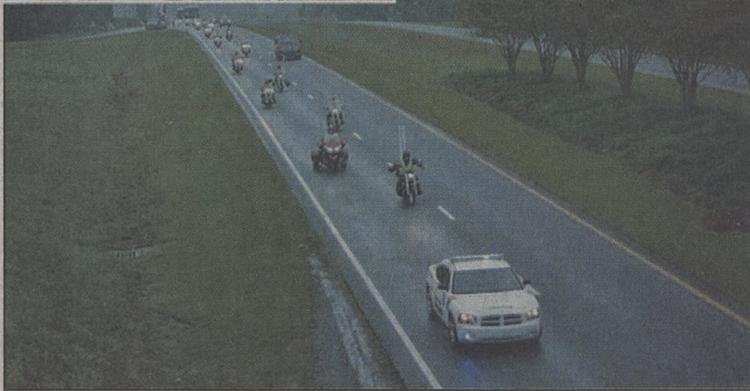
The Easter Bunny will arrive by fire truck to begin the egg hunt. Mauney Memorial Library, the YMCA, Cleveland County Childcare Connections and Higher Learning Childcare Academy will also be participating in the event.

The Easter Bunny will "hop around town" and visit various daycare centers, assisted living centers and the Patrick Senior Center on Thursday, April 5th and Friday, April 6th.

For more information, call 704-734-0333 or visit www.cityofkm.com



photos by ELLIS NOELL
 Kings Mountain people waved flags from overpasses and a police escort and firemen in fire trucks welcomed Vietnam veterans to Kings Mountain early Saturday enroute to a big Welcome Home celebration at Charlotte Motor Speedway.



Charlie Daniels: It's all for Vietnam veterans

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"It's all for Vietnam veterans," a statement repeated not only by Country music celebrity Charlie Daniels at Charlotte Motor Speedway Saturday for the big Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration but by local people who stood earlier in the day on bridges at four overpasses on the US 74 Bypass and waved American flags.

A Kings Mountain police escort and fire trucks from area fire departments

with lights flashing led the motorcade of buses and cars as they traveled through Kings Mountain.

"This was a great opportunity for those who wanted to say thanks to these brave veterans," said Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey. He added, "As a Vietnam veteran I know what kind of reception that these men and women received on their return. I lived it and back then we weren't treated very well."

Almost 40 years later, veterans who served their country during the Vietnam Conflict got the recognition they de-

served at the inaugural Homecoming by 62,500 people packed into Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Steven Richardson, 34, and his brother, Shayne Richardson, 38, both of Kings Mountain, were in the crowd to honor their late father, James W. Richardson, a Vietnam veteran.

They met up with Ellis Noell (the city's activities coordinator) at the Piedmont Avenue Highway 216 overpass about 9 a.m. Saturday to watch the motorcade pass.

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photos by NIKI PAULSON
 Freddie Dellinger, right, works with Shrinettes to fix plates at a recent BBQ fundraiser of the White Plains Shrine Club.

Are you ready for some barbecue?

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The tangy smells from a big barbecue pit and dozens of volunteers working in colorful circus tents will fill the parking lot of City Auto & Truck Parts, 209 York Rd., Saturday. That means yummy eating for BBQ lovers at the White Plains Shrine Club annual barbecue fundraiser, which opens at 11 a.m.

"We're cooking 100 butts and 100 chickens and we'll be firing the pits with hard oak wood all night Friday," said White Plains Shrine Club President Rodney Paulson.

Paulson said Shriners and Shrinettes will be serving up chicken and pork BBQ for \$8 a plate, including slaw, bun and chips, two sandwiches for \$6, and Boston butts for \$35 which includes slaw and buns.



White Plains Shriners Jeff Ward, Tim Morgan, and Erin Howell, seated, get the BBQ pits ready for Saturday's big barbecue of White Plains Shrine Club.

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City approves grant for Steag

Expansion could bring 45 jobs, \$9 million investment to KM

Kings Mountain City Council last Tuesday awarded a \$51,840 incentive grant to Steag Energy Services for an expansion at the old Anvil Mill, 304 Linwood Road, which could bring 45 jobs to Kings Mountain and a \$9 million investment over a four year period.

"This is an expansion that we need in our community," said Mayor Rick Murphrey.

No one spoke during a public hearing conducted by the board.

The resolution adopted unanimously by Council stated that "as a result of the investment and job creation by Project New Year (STEAG expansion) the City of Kings

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Moore says no to state money to restore old bank building

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Kings Mountain lawyer and State Rep. Tim Moore has withdrawn his application for \$62,000 in N.C. Rural Center and Community Development Block Grants.

Moore said this week that he plans, however, to accept a \$6,000 facade grant from the City of Kings Mountain to use in restoration of the old First National bank building in downtown Kings Mountain.

The total project costs for

restoration of the facility for offices will run \$180,000, Moore said. The landmark building's urban design proposal has been completed by Stephanie Richards of Main Street of NC staff and meets Secretary of Interior standards.

"The city has been very

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