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Arts & Entertainment - B1

R2R International Film Festival starts tonight



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All-Stars take down two in state tourney



Silas Price

More jobs are on the way to KM

Badger hopes to be up and running soon in former Indian Motorcycle plant

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Badger Color Concentrates Inc., a Mukwonago, Wisconsin-based industry, plans to develop its East Coast presence by opening a facility in the former Indian Motorcycle plant in Kings

Mountain by October. "It's going to be a total revitalization of the whole plant and a showplace and of course we're making a big investment," said President Mike Fatta. He said that workers will be installing silo pads at the 50,000-square-foot facility off South Battleground at I-85 and

other equipment as bids from contractors are received.

"We can't start hiring yet because we are in the initial phase of preparing the plant to produce liquid and concentrates," he said.

See **BADGER, 7A**

INCENTIVES APPROVED

Cleveland County commissioners last Tuesday approved two incentive packages- one for Badger Color Concentrates, which has purchased the former Indian Motorcycle plant, and the other for an expansion of Greenheck Fan Corporation's Kitchen Ventilation Systems, both in Kings Mountain.

See **COUNTY, 7A**

Faunce withdraws rezoning request at well-attended zoning meeting

Faunce Properties last Tuesday withdrew its request for rezoning a lot on the corner of West Mountain Street and Phifer Road from Residential to Neighborhood Business.

David Faunce told members of the Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board that he may submit a new zoning request to rezone the property from Residential to Residential Office.

Faunce Properties owns the site where Amazing Kids Day Care now operates.

A letter circulated June 29 by the West End Neighborhood Association encouraged neighbors to attend the meeting.

"Just about any retail business could be built on this property, some 100 different types of businesses from a convenience store to a drug store, tattoo parlor or strip mall for instance," according to the letter signed by Melvin Ware, Helen Hatch and Lewis Nantz.

A dozen West End neighbors attended Tuesday's meeting but did not speak.

Planning Director Steve Killian said that city council would probably act on the withdrawal of the zoning request at its next meeting and could set a public hearing for an upcoming meeting of the planning board on the new request by Faunce.

Domestic dispute ends in tragic murder-suicide

A family is grieving the loss of a couple, whose lives, police say, were tragically lost in a murder-suicide Saturday night in Grover. Prayers and well-wishes flooded social media sites over the weekend as news spread of the tragedy. The couple leaves behind two children, both students in Kings Mountain.

Police say that 60-year-old Dennis Moss, former operator of Cyberline, a fax/print/copy/sweepstakes cafe on Grover's Main Street, shot his wife, Dawn Moss, 39, Saturday night before eventually turning the gun on himself.

A call to 911, regarding a disturbance, came in at 10:21 p.m. Within an hour, officers of multiple agencies had responded to the intersection of Briarcliff Road and North Main Street.

Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman said that his first deputy to arrive witnessed Dennis shoot Dawn as the deputy was exiting his patrol car. The deputy fired his gun, according to Norman, and Dennis fled the scene in a pickup truck, leading the deputy on a chase that ended where the shooting began.

There, Dennis shot and killed himself, according to the sheriff. He died on the scene.

Dawn was pronounced dead at Cleveland Regional Medical Center later that night.

See **PRAYERS, 7A**

No shoes? No problem.



Five-year-old Isabella Smith, left, and her sister Anna-Grace Smith, 18 months, in matching swim attire, enjoy a slice of watermelon at last year's Beach Blast. They are the daughters of Brian and Tammy Smith.

Beach Blast tribute to life along Grand Strand kicks off Saturday

On Saturday, July 21, Kings Mountain's Patriots Park will be alive with summer fun in a full-day festival tribute to life along the Grand Strand.

BeachBlast will begin at 10 a.m. and beach music fans can shag into the summer night with music at the Gazebo featuring "The Band of Oz", "Atlantic Groove" and "Jim Quick & the Coastline Band".

Beach-goers will have a chance to cool off on the Rotary Splash Pad and battle it out in Water Wars. This free event opens with competition in the Teenie-Weenie Bikini Contest-(from newborn to six years old), a watermelon eatin' contest, a Woodie car show, a Euro Bungie ride, Backyard Chicken Wing Grillin' Contest, Ice Cream Crank-Off Competition and the Big Beach Ball Drop.

Contestants in the Backyard Chicken Wing Grillin' will

compete for a shot at \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$100 for third place. Ice Cream Crank-Off winners will receive a Kindle Fire tablet.

A variety of amusement rides, provided by Melco, will be open all day until 10 p.m. when the event ends. And roving magician Allen Card will be out performing tricks at the festival.

A variety of food vendors, from Cajun to barbecue and Italian ice to funnel cake, will be available for every palate. Also, over 50 vendors will be set up at Patriots Park in downtown Kings Mountain with their unique art, crafts and collectibles for sale.

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

See **TIMELINE OF EVENTS, 6A**

Top chefs take over Battleground

Kings Mountain investors Scott Campbell and Bobby Horne have sold their interests in Battleground Restaurant Steak & Bar and Shawn Bank of Mount Holly and Robert L. Curtin of Indian Trail, SC have joined forces to form Battleground Grill on South Railroad Avenue in downtown Kings Mountain.

"Our goal was to assist Kings Mountain however we could to recruit the right business and help get the building refurbished, which we have done," Horne and Campbell said jointly in a statement. "At this point we feel that having an owner/operator acquire our investment interests makes sense so we can move on to our next building project and let Shawn and Robert make the

restaurant even better," Horne said.

Bank is Executive Chef/Partner of Battleground Grill. He brings 15 years experience as a chef and in management to the new restaurant. He has been Executive Chef for fine dining legend, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Charlotte, and has manned the kitchen with world renowned Chef Gordon Ramsay at Maze in New York City and The London in West Hollywood, CA. A graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, SC, he resides in Mount Holly with his wife and two-year-old daughter.

A fixture in the Charlotte restaurant industry for 25 years, Curtin is Managing Partner of Battleground Grill. Formerly, he was the National Director of

Operations for Dan & Deluca as well as Corporate Chef for The Harper's Restaurant Group. While with Harper's, Curtin's restaurants received numerous national and local awards including Nation's Restaurant News "Hot Concept" designation. He joined the Harper's group in 1989, helped grow the company into the multi-concept it is today and was responsible for all culinary functions of the Harper's brand itself. He currently lives in Indian Land, SC, with his wife, Shelly, and their five dogs.

"By combining forces, we can offer the expertise to give the community a restaurant they can be proud of and visit

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