

\*\*\*\*\*FIRM 28086  
 4903 04-17-13 0024A00 5P 3S  
 MAUNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
 100 S PIEDMONT AVE  
 KINGS MOUNTAIN NC 28086-3450



**Get the Look!**  
 Pawsitively the Best Care in Grooming  
 OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE!  
 PAWSITIVE TOUCH GROOMING  
 CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!  
 786 Bell Rd., Kings Mountain  
**704.473.4048**

## All eyes on Charlotte

ELIZABETH STEWART  
 lib.kmherald@gmail.com

All eyes are on Charlotte this week where the Democratic National Convention is taking place.

Robin Smith, as a delegate, will be sitting on the front row at Bank of America Stadium for Barack Obama's acceptance speech Thursday night. Betsy Wells, of Kings Mountain, is among a large number of Cleveland County volunteers who are finding the DNC "exciting and one of the most accessible conventions in history."

"I attended the free, family-friendly CarolinaFest Monday, have been helping with registration and I am excited to be able to hear the

First Lady speak on Wednesday," said Wells.

Forty-nine Cleveland County Democrats will board a bus Thursday for Charlotte and President Obama's address. The bus will pick up people in Shelby and Kings Mountain. Mrs. Wells said she has helped to get credentials for area people to attend.

Festivities for the convention kicked off Labor Day with a festival, which although dampened by rain, attracted thousands to Trade and Tryon Street. The North Carolina Party at the NASCAR Hall of Fame attracted crowds on Sunday. Wells called the party "spectacular."

See EYES ON CHARLOTTE, 7A



Area Rotarians Michael Cheng, Allen Langley, Dr. Bryan Baker, and Tom McNichols, left to right, are pictured on Mount Mitchell, a practice climb for their September climb for polio eradication to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest freestanding mountain in the world on the continent of Africa. Not pictured is Mark Patterson.

## Patriot Day, 9/11



Patriot Day observance - September 11, 2011.

The City of Kings Mountain will observe Patriot Day on Tuesday, September 11. This solemn anniversary is an annual commemorative service for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

"This was a very dark day for Americans and the world", stated Rick Murphrey, Mayor of Kings Mountain. "We will never forget the attack on so many innocent people" Murphrey continued, "and we honor those whose lives were lost and stand proud of our service men and women who continue, to this day, to defend and fight for the freedom we have here in America."

The observance will be held on the plaza in front of Kings Mountain City Hall, 101 West Gold Street at 12 Noon. Participants will include the presentation of colors by the Kings Mountain Police Honor Guard, an invocation by Police Chief Melvin Proctor, Pledge of Allegiance by Fire Chief Frank Burns and the National Anthem by Shana Adams. Mayor Murphrey will speak followed by a moment of silence and the memorial ringing of the Fire Bell.

## Annexation requests revisited, find favor

By EMILY WEAVER  
 Special to The Herald

Two voluntary satellite annexation requests shot down by Kings Mountain City Council at its July meeting returned to the agenda Tuesday night and, this time, found favor with the board.

B&D Enterprises, representing Tom's Family Mart and three parcels on a little more than an acre of land at the intersection of Stoney Point and Oak Grove roads, were denied annexation by a

vote of 4-3 in July.

On Tuesday, they were welcomed into the city limits by a vote of 6-1. Councilman Tommy Hawkins gave the sole "no" vote.

Yash Patel, the owner of Grandpa's Store, representing nearly 3.4 acres of land in the Bethlehem Community was also denied city entrance by a vote of 4-3 in July. On Tuesday, his request was granted by a 4-3 vote. Councilmen Mike Butler, Keith Miller and Mayor Protem Rodney Gordon voted "no".

The requests were turned down in July in part to concerns over emergency response time to the properties, which lie about

See ANNEXATION, 7A

## Climbing for a cause

ELIZABETH STEWART  
 lib.kmherald@gmail.com

Too much is at stake for Dr. Bryan Baker and 29 other Rotarians from Rotary District 7680 not to make it to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest freestanding mountain in the world.

The Kings Mountain dentist, for 22 years a member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, Michael Cheng, Allen Langley, Tom McNichols and Mark Patterson, all of the Shelby Rotary Club, are practicing together - exercising, training, climbing - and they're ready to summit the peak as a group and be the first Rotarians to plant a Rotary flag on Mt. Kilimanjaro on the continent of Africa.

"We've climbed Kings Mountain, Crowders Mountain, and Mount Mitchell, Africa on Friday, Sept. 7," said Baker. The climb is set for Sept. 10-15.

Says the busy, versatile, three generation dentist, "I know I'll be pushed to my physical limits but we're climbing for a cause that I became excited about eight months ago and that's to raise over \$100,000 to support the worldwide eradication of polio. I am a part of this climb because I believe in the cause and look forward to the difficult challenge and experience."

In Kings Mountain Bryan and his brother, Steve, are partners in Baker Dental Care at 703 E. King St., Suite 9, following in the footsteps of their

grandfather, Dr. L.P. Baker who founded Baker Dentistry (1907); their uncle Dr. Bob Baker, 1940's, and their father, Dr. Thomas Baker, 1961. Bryan Baker joined the practice in 1988 and Steve Baker followed in 1991. The move to a more modern facility was part of our 100 year plan," said Bryan, adding that with all the modern esthetics "light years away from the old office."

Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Polio remains endemic in four countries - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, although other countries

See ROTARIANS, 7A

## Friend, leader, warrior; Justice laid to rest during August 29 ceremony



Photo by Charlie Smith

Soldiers accompany the flag draped casket carrying the body of US Army Specialist James Justice after a procession to Kings Mountain, August 28th.

US Army Specialist James Justice, 21, who was killed in combat in Afghanistan two weeks ago, was remembered as a motivated, caring, friend, leader and warrior in funeral services in Kings Mountain August 29.

Justice, who died Aug. 17, 2012 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in

Germany, had strong ties with both Kings Mountain and Cherryville.

He grew up in Kings Mountain and was active in New Beginnings Church of Christ and resided in Cherryville with his family until he joined the military. He and his wife and three children resided in Italy before his deployment a little over

30 days ago.

The young airborne rifle team leader was a member of C Company, 1st Battalion 503rd Infantry regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. He was shot during an insurgent attack in Wardak Province August 14.

Flags at half staff in Kings Mountain and Cher-

ryville, a procession that traveled from Douglas International Airport through the town of Cherryville and then to Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain and a second procession from the Kings Mountain church to Mountain Rest Cemetery where he was interred with full military honors marked a final farewell to a hero.



**20lb Black Oil Sunflower Seeds**  
 • Attracts a variety of birds  
 • Ideal for tube, tray, platform or covered fly through feeders  
**\$11.97**

**Put a 'Song in Their Heart'**  
 and a few extra dollars in your pocket!



**5lb Bird Food**  
 • Attracts a variety of birds  
 • Fortified with vitamins and minerals  
 reg. 3.99  
**2 for \$5**

**STORE HOURS**  
 Mon-Fri 8a-8p  
 Sat 8a-6p

**Bridges True Value Hardware** 301 W Kings St. • Kings Mountain • 704-739-5461 • www.bridgeshardware.com