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Editor's Note: The shutdown of the federal government Monday at midnight means that the Kings Mountain National Military Park is closed — at least temporarily.

The celebration of the 233rd Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain is up in the air pending legislative action but is scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday in the park's amphitheater. Congress is wrangling over spending issues and in particular the funding of the Affordable Care Act, for which the first day of enrollment began Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The last and longest government shutdown came in December 1995, lasting three weeks.

The Park program on Oct. 7 is the highlight of numerous activities planned beginning this week. The impact of the shutdown on the planned celebrations will depend on how long the shutdown lasts, according to KMNMP Supt. Erin Broadbent.

City leaders say they still hope to take a group of Kings Mountain Middle School students to the Park Monday as planned. "The mayor (Rick Murphrey) and I can always hike with the students if a program is not held, talk with them about the battle history," said the city's special director Ellis Noell.

Events on the agenda for this week and Monday if the Park reopens include battle reenactments to militia drills and live music to talks from authors and historians and a range of fun activities centered around the 233rd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, a skirmish that Thomas Jefferson said

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Council Oks redrawing of ward lines

Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday, after public hearing, unanimously ok'd an ordinance redrawing ward lines for placement of the newly annexed areas into wards.

For the second time, the board by vote of 6-1 denied a request by Thomas A. Patterson to satellite annex into the city limits TP's Resurrection Company. Patterson, who operates a restaurant/lounge in the former Bunch BBQ property on S. Battleground Avenue nearly three miles from town, spoke for the annexation during the hearing. Ward I councilman Howard Shipp cast the only "for" vote.

City Manager Marilyn Sellers recommended a "notice of tentative award" which the board approved, to

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Bridget Allen, as Jimmie Wy, and Susan Champion, right, as Gaynelle Verdeen Bodeen, are pictured in a scene from "The Red Velvet Cake War," which opens Friday night at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre.

Photo by Bryan Hallman

The war begins Friday

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will roll up the curtain Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the riotously funny Southern-baked comedy, "The Red Velvet Cake War," at Joy Performance Center in downtown Kings Mountain.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. on Oct. 6. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For reservations call 704-730-9408 or visit tickets @kmlt.org

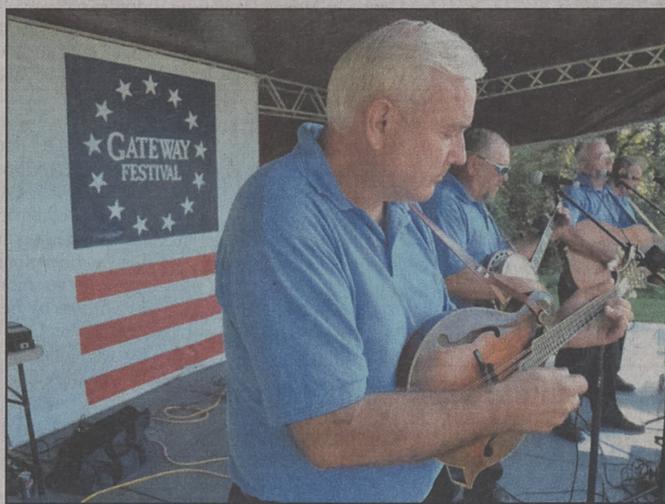
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KMLT and corporate sponsor Kings Mountain Hospital promise that a craving for a good, family-centered Southern comedy will whet your appetite in "The Red Velvet Cake War."

"Have your cake and eat it too" is how Director Jim Champion is promoting the show which follows three cousins — Gaynelle (Susan Champion); Peaches (Dawn Rickus) and

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Music, Muskets & Merriment



Keith Ramsey and the Bluegrass gospel group Timber Ridge, above, are among music makers to perform at the Oct. 12 Gateway Festival in Kings Mountain.

Photo by ELLIS NOELL

Music, Muskets & Merriment will feature a full program of events for the annual Gateway Festival Oct. 12 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Kings Mountain.

"We're bringing together musicians from our Foothills region to share their music with everyone," said Special Events Director for the City of Kings Mountain Ellis Noell. "We're excited about these talented artists with their unique music performing at the Gazebo at Patriots Park."

Performers will include country fa-

vorite Lyndsay Nicole & Highway 74 folk musician Tom Fisch from Asheville; Green Star, with Americana music from Mark and Cathy Bradley; bluegrass gospel group Timber ridge and the WBT Briarhoppers, with their interpretation of bluegrass music popularized by the original band's weekly performances on WBTB in Charlotte.

The event is free and open to the public. Additional information is on the city's website, www.cityofkm.com or by calling 704-734-0333.

More jobs

Global finance company signs lease at Data Center

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T5 Data Centers on Riverside Drive has signed a new lease with a global financial company expected to bring up to 15 jobs and a potential investment of \$68 million, partly thanks to a new tax incentives package inked by city council last Tuesday.

A spec building has gone up on Parcel 60666 for the industrial customer expected to initially occupy half of the building.

The newest tenant to sign a 10-year turnkey lease chose T5 Data Centers because of the company's ability to build a custom data center facility for very competitive terms, according to

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Clothes drive

A county-wide "outreach ministry" is under way for Kings Mountain school children who may need clothes and other emergency items at schools, according to Created to Praise Dance Academy and 14-year educator/interventionist Carrie Knotts who witnesses the needs first hand.

Katherine Pendergrass, Operations Manager of the dance academy, and her students will be at Patriot Park in Kings Mountain Saturday from 2-4 p.m. to collect sweat pants- generic colors for boys and girls in elementary schools, underwear for boys and girls in K-1 grades, hygiene products, including toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, soap for Middle and Intermediate students, and clothing to stock the var-

ious clothes closets at the schools when students need an alternative change of clothes.

"I see teachers taking money from their pockets and buying these things every day," said Knotts. She said that children of all ages become embarrassed if something happens to their clothing.

Pendergrass said dance students will collect the item and distribute trinkets from the Camp Rock movie donated to the dance academy.

"We are encouraging church groups, agencies, businesses and individuals to contribute to this worthy project," said Pendergrass who can be contacted at 704-914-6380 or email khpendergrass@bellsouth.net

Shriner's BBQ this Saturday

The popular Shriner's Fall BBQ is Saturday, Oct. 5, and White Plains Shrine Club members will start serving at 10 a.m. in the parking lot beside American Legion Post 155 off York Road on East Gold Street.

Shriner Ricky Carroll Jr. said barbecue plates are \$8, chicken plates are \$8 and whole barbecue butts with slaw and sauce are \$40.

Proceeds from the event

will be used for a Christmas party for children who are Shriner Hospital patients from this area, for a needy family at Christmas, and club expenses, including utilities and building maintenance and equipment.

"We appreciate the generous support of the community," said Carroll, who said that Shriners will start cooking Friday night and will be ready for customers Saturday morning.

Candidate forum Monday

The Cleveland County Branch of the NAACP will host a candidate forum for candidates in the Nov. 5 school board election at 6:30 p.m. Monday night in the Library of Cleveland County School's Central Service building, 400 W. Marion Street.

Nine people seek four seats open on the board of education including the in-

cumbents Kathy B. Falls of Grover, Phillip W. Glover, S. Dale Oliver and George Litton, all of Shelby; and challengers Darius Griffin, Donnie Thurman Jr., Jeff Gregory, Danny Blanton, all of Shelby, and Kenneth A. Ledford of Polkville.

Brenda Lipscomb is Political Action chairman for the Cleveland Branch NAACP.



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