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'Farmer Food' Stadium dedication Sunday

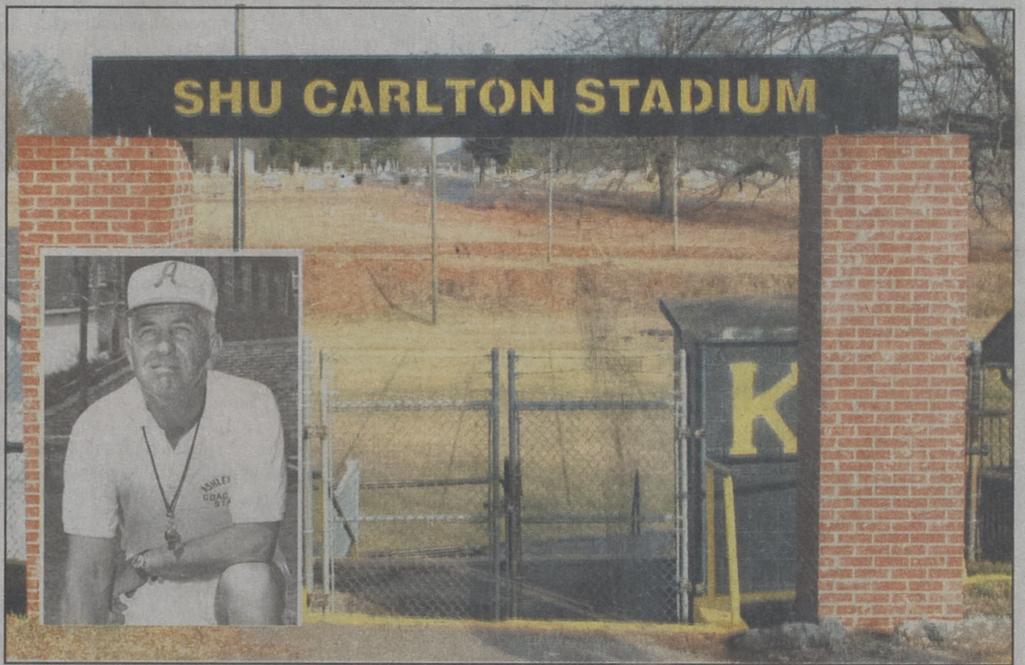
to help feed the hungry
Market opens Saturday at 8am

The excitement of a student-run setup for the opening Saturday of the Kings Mountain Farmer's Market will bring Katy Phillips, Director of Farmer Food share in North Carolina, to observe the activity on S. Railroad Avenue at 8 a.m. Margot Plonk, Foothills Farmers' Market Satellite Manager in Kings Mountain, said Phillips is excited that science students and

science-related activities are a feature of the market opening, which coincides with the week of the N. C. Science Festival underway in Raleigh. Gaston College mechatronics and mechanical engineering departments will be at the market as part of the NC Science Festival. Professor Kathy Livsie will be demonstrating a robot.

Another addition to the

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The dedication of Shu Carlton Stadium, formerly City Stadium, will be held Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in front of the stadium entrance on Gaston Street. Carlton (inset) was a coach at King Mountain in the 40s and early 50s.

Aldridge Quartet headlines Gospel Fest Saturday

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Husband and wife duo Darin and Brooke Aldridge, one of the hottest young acts in acoustic music, will headline the big Gospel Music Extravaganza Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Joy Performance Center in down-

town Kings Mountain. Both acclaimed vocalists in their own right, the Cherryville couple has been dubbed "Sweethearts of Bluegrass" and their background in gospel and country has also helped them carve out one of the fastest rising acoustic

See GOSPEL FEST, 2A

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The dedication of Shu Carlton Stadium, formerly City Stadium, will be held Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in front of the stadium entrance on Gaston Street.

City Council recently approved renaming the stadium in memory of the legendary coach, who turned Kings Mountain's Mountaineers into the winningest team in the Southwest Conference during the 1950s.

When Carlton took over the football

program in 1948, the Mountaineers had won only one game the previous season and had had three different head coaches in the three preceding seasons.

The '48 team posted only one victory and three ties but Carlton, a former Duke and Lenoir-Rhyne player, had established the foundation for what would become one of the top 3A programs in the state.

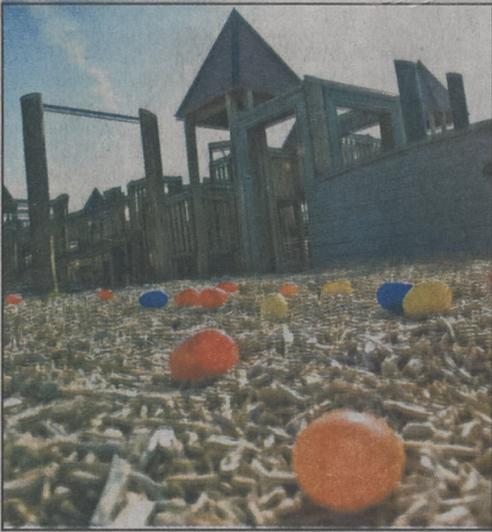
His '49 team posted a 6-4 season and things went uphill from there. Carlton's last three teams here (1954, '55 and '56) had a combined record of 28-3-2 and won two SWC and one

WNCHSAA championships. He left KMHS at the end of the 1956-57 school year to become head football coach at Ashley (now Ashbrook) High in Gastonia.

Coach Carlton's career here was interrupted in 1951 by the Korean War. University of North Carolina All-American end Art Weiner came to town to coach the Mountaineers in Carlton's absence. First Lieutenant Carlton received the Bronze Star Medal for leaving his tank to

See STADIUM, 7A

Annual Easter Egg Hunt set for April 19



The City of Kings Mountain will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at the Mayor Rick Murphrey Children's Park at the YMCA on Cleveland Avenue.

Activities will include a petting zoo with baby bunnies, ducklings and peeps. The Mauney Memorial Library Children's staff will have games, activities and storytelling for the children. For the egg hunt, one gold egg will be mixed with the other eggs in each age category, 2 and under; 3-5; and 6-10 years old. Each child who finds the golden egg will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Toys R Us.

The Easter Bunny will arrive on the city fire truck to begin the egg hunt.

Mauney Memorial Library, the YMCA, Cleveland Child-care Connections and Walgreen will also be participating in the event. Participants should also take a basket and camera for photo opportunities.

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



KMHS to build softball facility

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Kings Mountain High School is set to get a new softball facility after an audit found the school to be non-compliant with a gender equality law that governs student athletes.

County school administrators opened bids for construction on the project on March 25. Assistant Superintendent John Yarbro will go before the Board of Education to ask for approval for the construction project at the Monday, April 14 meeting, according to Cleveland County Schools spokesperson Greg Shull.

The need for the facility arises out of a Title IX audit conducted several years back. That audit found inequalities in facilities provided for male and female student athletes, Shull said.

The softball facility, which will be situated between the baseball and softball fields, will bring the school in compliance with Title IX regulations, which are set forth by the US Congress.



Twins Austin, left, and Nathan Sipes, right, are pictured with their grandfather Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns inside the Kings Mountain Fire Museum. The young Scouts chose the Fire Museum renovation and building of a picnic shelter as their Eagle project.

Photo by DON CRAWFORD

Sipes twins renovate Fire Museum for Eagle project

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Visitors to the Kings Mountain Historical Fire Museum open house were seeing double Thursday night - 15-year-old Boy Scout twins Austin and Nathan Sipes who were the stars of the celebration. Since last October the brothers have worked over a thousand hours to complete their Eagle Scout project, painting and sprucing up the interior of the museum and building a picnic shelter. The shelter will be shown off at the Firehouse Cook-off April 18 and 19 sponsored by the Kings Mountain Fire Department of which their grandfather Frank Burns is Chief. The

23 merit badges that the young Scouts have won for outstanding achievement in Scouting were proudly displayed on their uniforms. Next month they will add the Eagle, the highest award in Boy Scouting. They are members of Troop 39 of which Alan Hardee is troop leader and their father, Charley Sipes, is assistant. "We were at the Firemen's cook off last year and thought how nice it would be to have a picnic shelter that visitors to the museum and walking track could use and we talked to Dad and Grandpa Burns and had help from family and got started," said Nathan. Austin took a look at the interior of the museum. "It needed a

See TWINS, 7A



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