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## Rezoning approved

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City Council unanimously rezoned two pieces of property for an equestrian farm and a solar farm last Tuesday night after public hearing.

Carl Spradley, 125 Grand View Dr., had applied for conditional use rezoning to allow Edy Jakubiak and Eric Bergstrom to utilize the property as a single family farmette/ equestrian business.

The horse boarding/training facility, to be located on Grand View Drive off Chestnut Ridge Road, will include a barn, pastures, arenas and parking, donkeys, chickens for personal use not to exceed 12, and pigs, not to exceed three, of the potbelly/teacup variety.

The solar farm would be on 17 acres on Bolin Drive near the intersection of Hardin Drive and Stoney Point Road.

Dennis Bolin, 115 Bolin Drive, applied for Residential-20 rezoning with solar farm overlay district. Currently the land is pasture land which adjoins a manufactured home park, wooded area, and creek on the 17.3 acre portion of the tract.

Bolin told council the farm would be located on a small portion of his property and would not have an impact on the surrounding area. Once constructed, he said it would be a passive farm only needing routine maintenance.

In other actions, Council: — reappointed councilmen Rick Moore and Rodney Gordon to the Tourism Development Authority committee.

— appointed Bill McMurrey and reappointed Ernest Rome, Preston Todd, Tyler McDaniel, Russell Wingfield and Dick Schafer to the Moss Lake Commission. — appointed Katherine Allred, John McCoy, Carl Morrow, Goldie Diggs, Jonathan Rhodes and James Conrad to the Senior Center Advisory Board.

— amended the budget ordinance in the general fund, utilities, Powell Bill, the budget now totals \$38,506,309.

— amended the budget ordinance for capital fund water system improvements project, appropriating \$1,257,680 for the new 36-inch water line from Moss Lake to the city; \$2,812,141 for the waterline rehab project \$517,845 for the water plant improvement project and \$19,045 for spillway repairs for a total of \$4,606,711. Revenues expected to be available to complete this capital project: \$1,615,668 from the water-sewer fund and \$2,991,043 from proceeds from financing by NC-DENR. — amended the budget ordinance for internal workers compensation fund at \$253,589.

— adopted the ordinance regarding the year end increases to the health

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## Gemini announces sale of The Herald

Gemini Newspapers, Inc., Kings Mountain, parent company of the Kings Mountain Herald, has announced the sale of the Herald to Community First Media, Inc., of Shelby, effective June 27.

Gemini acquired the Herald, along with The (Cherryville) Eagle and the Belmont/Mt. Holly Banner News in August 2008 from Republic Newspapers, Inc. of Knoxville, TN.

Community First Media is the publisher of Shelby Shopper & Info and the Rutherford Weekly community newspapers.

In announcing the sale, The Herald's co-owner,

Wendy Isbell said, "We have always believed that local newspapers should be locally-owned and are pleased to have continued that tradition here. I am confident the sale of the papers to another local owner will keep the quality of coverage up to the expectations of the community. These are very good newspapers staffed by people who care deeply about the communities and the people they cover."

CF Media president Greg Ledford said, "We are excited to take on the challenge of preserving the unique charm and character of these newspapers while recognizing the need for complimentary growth. Our goal is to help our communities thrive and benefit through all our publications."

Cribb, Greene & Associates of Charlottesville, Va. represented the company in the sale.

## Reenactors, fireworks to highlight 4th of July

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A skirmish between the British and the Patriots to defend the modern city of Kings Mountain will feature the "show that reenactors in 25 militias will present as a feature of Kings Mountain's Revolutionary 4th Friday at the Kings Mountain Walking Track.

Billed as the largest fireworks show between Charlotte and Asheville, the Kings Mountain 4th will be capped off with a patriotic opening ceremony at 9 p.m. followed by the cannon battle for Kings Mountain and the Patriots' victory signal starting the fireworks extravaganza.

But before that, Ellis Noell, Special Events Director for the City of Kings Mountain, promises there will be fun for all beginning with a Pirates Ball on Thurs-

day starting at 6 p.m. at 238 Cherokee Grill, costume contests starting at 7:30 p.m. and Living History demonstrations directed by the South Fork Militia from 2-5 p.m. on Friday and weather-permitting on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

"There will be some surprises," says Rob Lewis, South Fork Commander who will be bringing 40 people to town Wednesday evening to begin putting down stakes, setting up tents, and camps between the picnic shelter and the ball field at Mayor Rick Murphrey Children's Park to be joined by reenactors, sharing daily life of the Revolutionary era, the 84th Highland Emigrant Militia and Charles Towne Artillery at the historic encampment.

Lewis says it will take all day Thursday to get the camp ready.

Visitors can enjoy pottery and soap making,



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sewing demonstrations, learn about and sign the Declaration of Independence, receive educational information about the signers

of the Declaration, and also talk with British loyalists being loyal to the King and

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## Got your pirate costume ready?

The Kings Mountain Revolutionary 4th kicks off Thursday night at 6 p.m. with a reception for the militias hosted by 238 Cherokee Grill.

The Pirate's Ball costume contest will begin at 7:30 p.m. for entrants 16 and under and at 9 p.m. the adults will model their costumes.

There will be cash prizes for first place and other prizes for runners-up.

The restaurant will also be serving a special Caribbean-themed

See PIRATE BALL, 6B

## Not your ordinary fireworks

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AC/DC, Charlie Daniels and Kate Smith. Set those powerful voices to the soaring, sparkling boom of fireworks and you've got yourself a show. That's what Scott Neisler, the longtime pyrotechnician who runs the town's annual July 4th fireworks show, is thinking ahead of the big show this Friday at Jake Early Park.

As is usually the case this time of year he's been preparing for weeks — getting up the commercial grade fireworks, planning the music and arranging a crew to help him put on the show

that draws thousands of spectators from surrounding counties. Neisler puts on the display in conjunction with East Coast Pyrotechnics, a Catawba, S.C., company the city has contracted for many years.

Like most other years, he's got a few new tricks up his sleeve. This year, he's using fireworks software that will help him cleverly sync up the explosions and fire we see in the sky with what we hear over the loud speakers. Those not in the immediate vicinity can also tune to FM 87.9 to hear the music and Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey's speech just before the show.

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## GI Bill marks 70 years

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Vietnam veteran Jim Medlin, 68, credits the GI Bill of Rights with changing his life, forever. On Sunday the nation marked the 70th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more commonly known as the GI Bill.

"I grew up on the Margrace Village and my Dad and Mom, the late J.H. and Irene Medlin, didn't want me to go into the cotton mill business, they wanted me to do something different," said Medlin.

Jim said his dad was supervisor in the warper room

at Margrace Mill. "He had only a 7th grade education but he was big on education and stressed to our family that we must have an education."

Jim worked for the late John Caveny at the Margrace Store, starting at age 10 crating bottles and sweeping the store, and worked all through high school. "I loved Mr. Caveny as a second father - a very good man and he is part of me today," said Medlin.

Medlin graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1964 and entered WCU with a grant-in-aid for

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Vietnam veteran Jim Medlin is shown taking part in this year's Memorial Day celebration.

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