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A swing against cystic fibrosis

Organizers pleased with success of Hatcher Memorial Golf Tourney

BY ROXANNE POWERS

Shortly after Mike Hatcher's death from complications following a double lung transplant last December, a longtime acquaintance, Gregg Duke, approached Mike's parents with an idea.

Duke asked Dr. Hubert Hatcher and Mrs. Peggy Hatcher about allowing him to chair a fund-raising golf tournament in Mike's name. Though the family was enthusiastic from the beginning, the fund-raising results surpassed their expectations.

When the results of the tournament, held July 21 at Prestonwood Country Club, were in, Duke was pleased and surprised too.

He envisioned the tournament as an 18-hole event—it turned into a

36-hole event. He hoped to get 18 sponsors—he ended up with 46 for 36 holes and a field of 230 players. He had commitments from BB&T and Glaxo as early as March.

While all the expenses have not yet been tallied, Duke estimates the tournament raised more than \$55,000, and 100 percent of the net will go to the UNC Mike Hatcher Memorial Research Endowment to be used exclusively for cystic fibrosis research.

"We are excited that the money will be used locally for research that will ultimately benefit CF patients worldwide," he said.

Duke, a golfer of long standing, offered to chair the tournament because he wanted to do something

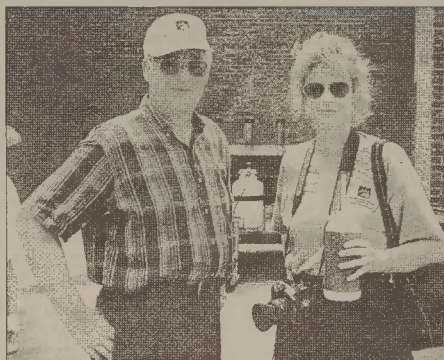
to help the cystic fibrosis cause on behalf of Mike.

"I was always impressed by Mike's resolve and determination not to let CF get him down. He always pursued his goals, one of which was to complete his education, and another to contribute to others' well-being by promoting public awareness through speaking engagements, and writing articles," he said.

Duke said the tournament drew a good cross section of players, from small, independently owned businesses to large corporations. Some of the players were from as far away as Texas.

Dr. Tom Egan, the surgeon who

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REMEMBERING MIKE—Dr. Hubert Hatcher and daughter Susan Hatcher were among the volunteers who organized and helped with the golf tournament fund-raiser.

Sewer tie-in a go

Town declares old plants surplus property

BY MARY BETH PHILLIPS

Morrisville public works officials flipped the switch Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. and began sending sewage to the North Cary Treatment plant, a step that increased Morrisville's capacity four-fold and opened the way for additional development in the town.

The town's two sewage treatment plants could each treat about 200,000 gallons, and Morrisville was using 100,000 gallons of allocation in the Cary plant already, for a total of 500,000 gallons of capacity. This capacity had long ago been used up, and several developments were on hold as developers waited for Morrisville to gain additional capacity.

Morrisville may now use up to 2 million gallons per day of the 10 million gallons in the updated Cary plant.

Morrisville has already paid \$2.5 million of the \$5.1 million 20-year contract signed in 1995 with Cary for Cary's expansion from 4.4 million gallons per day of treatment capacity to 10 million gallons per day.

Morrisville's hookup had been slated to be completed at the first of June, but construction delays in the Cary plant held it up. Morrisville will pay Cary \$2.6 million over 10 years with interest.

Under the original contract, Cary was to increase its capacity to 12 million gallons per day, but due to cost constraints on the construction, Cary only increased it to 10 million gallons per day. There is a probability that Morrisville will have to pay more than the original agreement because the smaller town now has a higher percentage of the total capacity, even though the cost of construction was the same. The contract will be renegotiated for the next fiscal year.

Morrisville has also invested \$1.17 million in new pump stations and lines to connect its system to the Cary system. The town's two plants, one on Aviation Parkway and one at Perimeter Park, will be abandoned and have been declared surplus property by the town board.

Most of the developments that were on hold were released about 60 days ago, said Morrisville Town Manager David Hodgkins. Many of them were apartment or townhouse developments, and are now under construction.

Planning Director Leisa Powell said the number of site plans and rezoning submissions to the town has doubled in the last 60 days, since the sewer hookup has been imminent.

Sewer Story

Cost: \$5.1 million
Capacity: 2 million gpd
Contract: 20 years

'V' events moved to Raleigh

Prestonwood to host stand-up reception

BY MARY BETH PHILLIPS

Social events for the Jimmy V celebrity golf classic to be held Aug. 24 at Prestonwood Country Club had to be moved to the Raleigh Civic Center this year because of space constraints.

"Last year we had 265 golfers on two golf courses," said Frank McCann, executive director of the golf classic. "This year we are projecting at least 330 to 335 golfers, so we had to go to three golf courses. Last year all our social functions were in a tent. We cannot put a larger tent on the grounds. We had to find a venue that would seat 750 to 800 people."

This will be the third year for the golf classic, which has grown exponentially each year. The classic was started to raise money for cancer research, and has so far raised more than \$1.5 million, and brought stars such as Hootie and the Blowfish, Gary Collins and John O'Hurley to the Prestonwood golf courses, along with sports figures such as Tom Gugliotta, Dick Stockton and Dan Majerle.

Although the Friday and Saturday night social functions were moved off-site, the Sunday night awards ceremony will still be held at Prestonwood.

"Some of the celebrities and sponsors will be catching planes on Sunday," McCann explained. "And it's a stand-up affair, not sit down. We can hold everybody in the club house for that."

The schedule of events open to the public includes a Reverse Raffle on Thursday, Aug. 21 at the Raleigh Civic Center (a \$100 ticket must be purchased to attend), a V-Fest at the Fayetteville Street Mall on Friday, Aug. 22 (sponsored by Fox 22, and similar to the Alive After Five events), the Jimmy V Cycling Classic featuring Lance Armstrong on Saturday, Aug. 23, and of course the golf classic and million dollar hole-in-one shootout on Sunday, Aug. 24 at Prestonwood.

Tickets for the 1997 classic are available from Ticketmaster for \$5 in advance (plus processing fee) or \$8 at the door. Due to limited space at Prestonwood Country Club, spectators must park at Carter-Finley stadium and take a shuttle to the

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BAPTIST SINGERS—Members of the Morrisville Baptist Church perform part of their "Ameri-Kids" skit during a Sunday morning worship service. Sarah Yandle (right) takes her turn at the microphone.

Spiritual vacation

Morrisville Baptists use puppet ministry to save souls, strengthen faith

BY MARY BETH PHILLIPS

Mission camps at some churches measure their success in numbers of doors and windows replaced, leaky roofs fixed, and plumbing pipes run.

First came six months of intensive fund raising, including spaghetti suppers, a hot dog booth at the Morrisville festival, car washes, and seeking donations from other church members.

One church member bought the 11 puppets that were used on the trip, another paid for the red, white, and blue SWARM T-shirts that the group wore. The church members who did not attend were assigned a name of one of the "Swarm Team" to pray for during the week.

After the fund raising, it took about 12 weeks to learn the skits and puppet shows. "Half of us memorized our parts," Yandle said, although they were

allowed to use cue cards. The "Ameri-Kids" skit, which focused on the "In God We Trust" aspects of the American Revolution, was an appropriate vehicle for the week of July 4.

The group, made up of children, youth, and adults, presented the musical at a street festival in Bryson City on July 4 and at three campgrounds in the Cherokee area on the other evenings.

"There was another youth group at Cherokee that sounded like a professional choir," Yandle said. "We didn't sound as good, but they cheered the roof off for us."

Maybe that was because, "the different age groups came together," said Mary Jo Lumley, one of the adults who went on the trip. "It showed what we can do when we

work together."

Kenny Langdon, one of the parents of teens who participated, said it was an eye-opening experience for him. "We would do the play, we'd have a big crowd, and it would be hot, and the crowd would start thinning out, and I'd think we're wasting our time."

"Then at the flea market, we had nine people saved that one day . . ."

"If it had been just one person on the whole trip, it would have been worth it," he added.

The original soloist was only able to stay the first few days, so three of the youth, Daniel Langdon, Sarah Perry, and Laura Gurkois, volunteered to do the solo, called "An On-Time God," together. It became one of the high spots of the program. Besides the Ameri-Kids skit, which lasted about 40 minutes, the group did several puppet shows. One day they did five shows at the Great Smokey Mountain Railway depot. They also did puppet shows on Saturday morning at the flea markets in Cherokee, every 30 minutes for 15 minutes.

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—Kenny Langdon, church member.

Town's butterfly garden memorial takes flight

BY MARY BETH PHILLIPS

If we build it, they will come.

Butterflies that is.

Mayor Margaret Broadwell's dream of a butterfly garden across from town hall may be realized, after she received support from the town board and a probability of financial support from Carolina Power & Light Company's division that supports community affairs.

Commissioner Phyllis Newnam made the motion to support the concept of a butterfly garden, to be located to the west of Town Hall Drive and to be named the Earl Godwin Butterfly Garden. A com-

mittee, to be made up of Mrs. Broadwell, Mrs. Newnam, Brenda Day of the town finance department and Town Manager David Hodgkins will begin meeting to work out details.

Bobby Ward of the Carolina Power & Light Co.'s New Hill location, is supportive of the idea and has done some research on it.

"I'm a botanist by training," Ward explained. "Her idea is a great idea and very good for educational purposes, particularly for school groups."

They can see butterflies, caterpillars, larvae, feeding upon the vege-

tales," Mrs. Broadwell said. "It would require planting and tending certain kinds of plants which attract butterflies."

The matter was referred to the town's community development committee last year but was never discussed. The community development committee is made up of Commissioners Billy Sauls and Mark Silver-Smith.

Mrs. Newnam's motion included the stipulation that no town funds would be used in constructing or maintaining the garden.

"It is an idea that has educational features and beautification fea-

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