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Fourth Celebration Scheduled

A community-wide July 4th celebration will be held next Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. at commissioners Memorial Park and sponsored by the City of Kings Mountain Parks & Recreation Department.

Pool events, field events, fire truck rides and kiddie rides, ball games, contests, an open street dance and a giant fireworks extravaganza are on tap for the annual event.

"We hope that everyone will come out and celebrate Independence Day with us," said Mayor John Moss.

Mayor Moss said that participants can sign up at the Deal Street Pool area for the pool events beginning at noon and at the P.A. Tent for the field events which get underway at 4 p.m. Little League and softball championship tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning with a horseshoe pitching contest on tap at 1 p.m., a waterslide in front of the community Center from 2 until 4 p.m. and a championship golf tournament slated for 4 p.m.

The featured entertainment for Wednesday night will be a break dance contest and open street dance beginning at 8 p.m. followed by the climax to the day's activities, the giant fireworks extravaganza.

The complete schedule of activities follows:

10 a.m. until-Little League and softball Championship Tournament.

12 noon-Diving Contest at pool.

12:30 p.m.-Hobo Contest at pool area.

1:00 p.m.-Horseshoe Pitching Contest (sign up at Horseshoe Pit area).

1:00 p.m.-Watermelon carry.

1:30 p.m.-Cannon Ball Big

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Fourth Fun In KM

Request Withdrawn

by GARY STEWART
MANAGING EDITOR

About 50 residents of the Edgemont Drive and Williams Street area of the city appeared before the City Board of Commissioners Monday night to protest a rezoning request by realtor C.T. Carpenter Jr. to rezone property on Williams Street for the purpose of building a 66-unit retirement complex.

As it turned out, the citizens did not have to take their case to the board. Carpenter sent word with District One commissioner Irvin Allen that he wanted to withdraw his rezoning request, and the board allowed it to be withdrawn.

Over 60 residents of the area had earlier signed a petition and many of them had appeared before the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board, which recommended that the City Board deny Carpenter's request because it required spot zoning, that there was not enough space for construction of retirement apartments, and that traffic and parking would be a problem for citizens and the Kings Mountain Hospital.

Carpenter, who did not appear at the Zoning Board meeting or Monday's City Board meeting, was making the request on behalf of property owner Nancy Kerns. In a written statement, Carpenter said Ms. Kerns "needs the property zoned to accommodate purchaser's use of the area for expansion of health care facilities. Kings Mountain Convalescent Center proposes to construct retirement apartments in conformity to the Kings Mountain building codes, depending on the availability of adjacent acreage zoned for that purpose."

"We request approval of the request of Ms. Kerns in order to show Kings Mountain community support of the overall project and to indicate this Kings Mountain area approval of the construction of this much-needed addition to the other property owners whose lots are needed in order to build the apartments."

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City Board Approves 1984-85 Budget

by GARY STEWART
Managing Editor

The City Board of Commissioners Monday night approved a 1984-85 budget of \$13.6 million which calls for a five percent pay increase for all full-time employees, projected to begin on September 3.

The budget also maintains the current 50 cents per \$100 tax levy, which has been in effect through Mayor John Henry Moss's 19 years in office.

The budget includes \$2,969,013 for the general operation of the city and \$9,868,565 for operation of the utility systems.

Allotments of \$426,546 for general capital projects and \$314,500 for utility system capital projects are included in the budget.

General Revenue Sharing funds received by the federal government will amount to \$62,287 for the Police Department, \$50,698 for the Street Department, and \$31,867 for the Sanitation Department.

Mayor Moss noted, "this budget speaks so well of all who have served in various roles." Moss pointed out that the city's bonded indebtedness is only \$1,977,000, and every penny of that amount "represents an investment of citizens' funds in revenue-bearing facilities. Over the past 40 years, the city hasn't issue any bonds for any activity other than revenue-producing. That speaks well of former administrations and citizens," Moss said.

The budget reflects a 3.9 percent increase in general funds and 8.9 percent increase in the utility funds.

The Police Department will receive the biggest slice of the budget pie, \$515,626, or 17 percent. Of that amount, \$331,751 is earmarked for salaries for the 24 department employees.

Some of the other individual department budgets include, fire department, \$204,440; codes, \$41,005; public works, \$81,514; properties and maintenance, \$163,830; garage, \$83,987; streets, \$312,132;

sanitation, \$270,832; aging, \$58,762; recreation, \$136,711; Lake Authority, \$33,024; Neighborhood Facilities Center, \$69,663; cemetery, \$73,034; general department, \$194,800; purchasing, \$24,788;

General fund capital projects include paving, curb and guttering, \$100,000; recreation, \$7,500; surface drainage, \$10,000; administrative equipment, \$52,000; police equipment, \$65,100; fire equipment, \$51,800; codes equipment, \$1,000; property and maintenance equipment, \$5,000; garage equipment, \$10,000; street equipment, \$58,846; sanitation equipment, \$50,000; recreation equipment, \$12,500; and aging equipment, \$2,800.

Commenting on the budget, Mayor Moss noted, "the dominant concern of the city's leadership is that we continue our efforts for fiscal responsibility. This dictates cost efficiency in the delivery of services."

Moss said the city's monitoring and evaluation program will enable management to assist personnel with control of time and equipment. "All feasible operating economies and the most cost-efficient practices must be followed to achieve the goals of this administration," he said.

Moss said every department has been reviewed with an effort to develop a responsive program of municipal services at the lowest cost consistent with sound planning management, and fiscal procedures that bring about responsibility in the management of city business.

"We will continue to work closely with all citizens in an effort to provide public service beyond the traditional functions to include those designed to shape Urban Development so as to escalate economic, social and cultural opportunities and to allow every citizen to share in the benefits of a growing community," Moss said.

Theatre Production To Begin

Try to remember...

The setting is a wooden platform-the scenery is a barren stage. There is a girl, there is a boy, their fathers, and a wall. It seems meager, but this is "The Fantasticks," the longest running musical in American Theatrical history. It is in production at the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, June 28, 29, 30 at 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on July 1 at Parkgrace Auditorium.

Thomas D. Barnes, director of the production, has tried to incorporate the nature of a barren stage, to accentuate the dialogue and musical accompaniment in a story of youthful infatuation, parental expectations, and a cruel world.

The role of Matt is played by Wayne Davis of Bessemer City, a veteran of several musicals. Luisa, his love interest, is played by Angela Lyon, a recent graduate of Kings Mountain High School. El Gallo, the narrator of "The Fantasticks," is

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Photo by Gary Stewart

GETTING TOUGH - Wayne Wilson, left, and Rick Knight get into a heated discussion in a scene from "The Fantasticks" which will be presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre Thursday through Sunday at Parkgrace School.

Wreck Injuries Fatal To Grover School Teacher

A Grover kindergarten teacher, Barbara Lail, 36, of 3845 Redmon Road in Shelby, died Sunday of injuries sustained in a two-car accident Friday morning on Highway 180 just south of the intersection with Highway 150 West of Shelby.

Mrs. Lail's husband, Victor Lee Lail, 36, suffered facial, arm and rib injuries and remains hospitalized at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. The driver of the second vehicle, Jennifer Dawn Johnson, 16, of Iron Station, is also being treated for facial and shoulder injuries at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Lail was taken to Cleveland Memorial Hospital and later transported to Charlotte Memorial Hospital with multiple head injuries.

According to Highway Patrol Trooper C.D. Thomas, the accident occurred about 7:50 a.m. when the vehicle driven by Miss Johnson veered off the right side of Highway 180 going north, dropped off a deep shoulder, came back into the road, and collided head on with the Lail station wagon operated by Mr. Lail. Thomas said each vehicle was a total loss.

Miss Johnson has been charged with driving left of

center and death by vehicle.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby by Rev. Wilson Padgett and Rev. Harold Fite, interment following in Rose Hill Memorial Park.

She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and a graduate of Shelby High School and Limestone College. She attended Gardner Webb and UNC Charlotte.

She was the daughter of Ralph Roberts of Spartanburg, S.C. and the late Catherine Wilson Roberts.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and father, are three sons, Travis, Zach, and Todd Lail, all of the home, one daughter, Pamela Lail of the home; one sister, Cathy Harris of Shelby; and her stepmother, Louise Roberts of Spartanburg, S.C.

George Scharf's Rites Held In Washington

Memorial services for George L.S. Scharf, 76, of 112 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church by the Rev. Harwood Smith.

Graveside services were conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Scharf died Friday at Kings Mountain Hospital following several months illness.

A native of Washington, D.C., he was a retired construction contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Cooper Scharf; two daughters, Mrs. Susan Sewing of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Mildred "Mimi" Scharf of Bethesda, Md.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Julie Cooper Wilson of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Ann Cooper Dawkins of Cartersville, Ga.; one stepson, Neal Cooper of Hastings on the Hudson, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren, Sandra Lynn Sewing, Norman Scott Sewing, George Stephen Sewing, Lee Ann Wilson, Robert Wilson, Sarah Cooper and Jacob Mauney Cooper II.