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KM Man Doing Well After Liver Transplant

Two days after Christmas Leonard Anderson got his Christmas wish. He underwent a successful liver transplant at Duke Hospital in Durham and his family says he is "doing well."

The 38-year-old Martin Road resident has needed a liver since July and Christmas Day the call came from Duke Hospital that a donor was available.

Leonard, his wife, Joy, their daughter, Tina, her mother, Mrs. Helen Roberts, and other members of the family, including Bill Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roberts, Mickey Anderson, Betty Ivey and Lisa Ivey went to Durham. Leonard's positive attitude was contagious but their ex-

citement was short-lived. A doctor told them the Texas liver could not be used. The family returned home the day after Christmas and Leonard's name remained on the waiting list for a kidney.

Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. the hospital called again and Anderson was notified that he was again on standby for a new liver. His surgeon flew to Michigan and brought the liver back to Durham and the Anderson and Roberts families got in their cars again Friday evening and drove to the hospital. At 8 a.m. Saturday morning, Anderson went into surgery with a team of surgeons and came out of surgery nine hours later with a new liver.

His wife said Anderson made her day when he said, "Come here Mama Moo" when she walked into the Intensive Care Unit for her first visit with him after surgery.

Doctors have told the family that Anderson will be in intensive care for five to seven days. Wednesday he was sitting on the side of the bed and was expected to be moved to Intermediate Care, said his brother-in-law, Bill Roberts.



ANDERSON

"We're still on pins and needles but Leonard so well," said his mother-in-law, Mrs. Roberts. "Leonard kept saying he'd get his doctors have told the family that liver transplant 95 to 98 percent successful.

Leonard never gave up hope for a donor, said Mrs. Roberts: "Leonard kept saying he'd get his Christmas or by New Year's."

Doctors discovered Anderson's damaged liver in July. Mrs. Roberts said her son-in-law, a non-smoker, has always been healthy. His sclerosis of the liver have been caused by a virus settling in the liver, said doctors told them.

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Rosencrans Named Clerk

Kings Mountain's new City Clerk-Treasurer is Jeffrey S. Rosencrans, of Lancaster, S. C., who assumes his new duties Jan. 29 as finance director at starting annual salary of \$34,197.00.



ROSECRANS

City Manager George Wood announced at a press conference Wednesday morning that Rosencrans, finance director of the City of Lancaster, S. C. for four years, was hired from a field of 75 applicants for the position vacated by Marvin Chappell in November.

Rosencrans, in his late 30's, will be introduced to members of City Council at the Jan. 30 meeting at City Hall.

A graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College with B. S. in Business Administration, Rosencrans holds an A.A. degree in accounting from Sand Hills Community College in Southern Pines. He will receive his certification as a municipal financial administrator later this month from the Municipal Treasurer's See Clerk, 16-A



Photo by Dieter Melhorn

JUNIOR HIGH CONSTRUCTION - Construction workers work on the roof of a new classroom addition at Kings Mountain Junior High, which will become Kings Mountain Middle School next year. Construction will continue at both the junior and senior highs in 1990 and school officials also hope to begin new construction at some elementary schools.

Utility Rates Should Hold

No rate increases for city services are predicted by Kings Mountain city officials in new year 1990.

That's good news from City Manager George Wood who said Kings Mountain will let bids on \$3.7 million in sewer improvements in about two months and in subsequent months of new year 1990 for the \$3.6 million water improvements project and \$1.8 million electric system improvements will take shape.

Kings Mountain voters approved funds for the three projects last February in a bond issue and sold the bonds in September. All three projects are now in the engineering stage, says Wood.

The city will also continue to upgrade financial record keeping and implement suggestions by auditors made in the recent audit of the city books which city council will study at a Jan. 16 work session.

Wood said the city council will set priorities for other projects to be included in the 1990 city budget for which work begins in March.

Kings Mountain citizens can also see completed in early 1990 a long-awaited walking track at the Community Center and crank up a first recycling center near Parkdale Mills.

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Trash Big Priority In '90

The new year may see some changes in our habits of handling trash.

The unsightly Midpines Greenbox on Margrace Road may soon become the site of Cleveland County's next manned recycling center, says Larry Hamrick Sr., Kings Mountain businessman who is chairman of the Cleveland County Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB).

"Recycling education is on everybody's mind as we move into 1990 and the way we handle trash is going to affect our pocketbooks even more into the new year," he said. "Don't be surprised to see tipping or user fees at the landfill during 1990 where the county is building the first of several manned green box/recycling centers," Hamrick predicts.

Kings Mountain is following Shelby's lead in installing a recycling center and city officials, in cooper-

ation with the Cleveland County Health Department, are opening a recycling site on S. Railroad Avenue just south of Parkdale Mills near Hawthorne Road. The land is being provided at no cost to the city by the families of David Faunce and Kemp Mauney and the bins for recyclable materials are being set up by the health department.

Recycling translates directly into savings for taxpayers, say city officials, who said that new tipping fees, expected to be initiated by the county next summer, will cost the city more for the garbage deposit business.

"We don't have any choice but to go to recycling," says City Manager George Wood, who, along with Hamrick, Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Wilson Griffin and Planning Director Gene White see

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SCOTT CLONINGER

Harris Seeks Re-Election, Cloninger To Run For Judge

The New Year was kicked off this week with candidate filing by veteran Senator J. Ollie Harris, lawyer Scott Cloninger, both of Kings Mountain, and Linda Thrift of Shelby who announced they will run for elective offices in the May Democratic Primary.

The filing period ends on Feb. 5. The Cleveland County Elections Board also listed filings by Coleman Goforth for county commissioner, Ralph Mitcham for coroner and Buddy McKinney for sheriff. All are incumbents. Senator Harris, 76, Kings



HARRIS

THRIFT

Mountain mortician, says he wants to serve another term and then he plans to retire. Harris, Kings

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Projects To Carry Over Into 1990

Unfinished major projects in 1989 that carry over into 1990 will mean continued progress for Kings Mountain District schools.

Supt. Bob McRae said the system's future hinges on a major decision to be made by the Kings Mountain Board of Education when it decides whether to redraw school attendance lines and/or split the city's five elementary schools as solutions to bringing the racial balance back into line with system-wide ratios of black and white students.

Making the K-5 School decision their top goal for 1990, the school board is meeting Thursday (tonight) at 7 p.m. to study a new proposal to make East or West Schools into K-1 schools and North and East or West into grades 2-5 schools with final decision anticipated by Monday night's regular board meeting or by the February meeting. The issue arises four months after the board yielded to public pressure and voted not to

close East School which has shown a steadily-decreasing enrollment.

Another top priority for 1990 is getting the new middle school open by August and moving ninth graders to the Senior High School with grades 10-12 and completing building projects at both Grover and East Schools. School patrons passed a big bond issue last April for school improvements.

The month of December was a tough month for construction due to bad weather but major changes can be seen in the kitchen and cafeteria area at the Junior High school this week. Asbestos was also removed at Grover School during the holidays and the next asbestos removal project is targeted at Bethware 4th and 5th grade buildings. A major asbestos removal project has been completed at North School.

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Real Estate Growth To Continue

New Year 1990 will see a continuation of real estate growth trends Kings Mountain and Cleveland County have felt in the late 1980's, new subdivisions, more housing choices, improvements in water and sewer systems and industrial and commercial developments all should do well.

That's the predictions of Larry Hamrick Sr., realtor and insurance man with Warlick Insurance and Hamrick Realtors and an opinion shared by Jerry King, outgoing president of the KM Board of Realtors.

Hamrick predicts the 1990's will see Kings Mountain and Cleveland County discovered as a new frontier in the Greater Charlotte perimeter.

King also sees a major concern of citizens in developing a high degree of civic pride, working on cleaning up the city of unsightly trash and making the environment more attractive to newcomers, improving

traffic flow, and seeking a diversification of industry and business that are environmentally clean and that have high tech applicants as top priorities for 1990.

"Other people see us as we see ourselves. Without addressing these issues, industry, business and potential residents will not see us in a very favorable light and will prefer to live in nearby towns," said King.

King says Kings Mountain will continue to grow and prosper, if for no other reason, because of our location along I-85 and the 74 Bypass. The city is blessed with natural resources, utilities, transportation, labor force, low union activity, climate and undeveloped land.

"We must be sure, however, that we do not grow as a weed patch but that we have planned and controlled

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Moss Learning To Walk Again

Time and more therapy are key ingredients to Emmett Moss' success story.

The 52-year-old city employee was painfully injured when a car slammed into a barricade where he was fixing a broken water line Saturday, Aug. 12, between 4:30 and 5:30 a.m. at the corner of Mountain and Juniper Streets.

His co-workers tease him that Emmett's big 220-pound frame may have saved his life.

Moss gives the credit to God and a caring family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who encouraged him to learn to walk again and to laugh, in spite of the pain.

After four weeks flat on his back in the hospital with broken limbs and multiple blood clots, Moss came home for two weeks and was back in the hospital another week with infection.

But now he's definitely on the mend. Three weeks ago the cast was removed from his left leg and he slept in his own bed for the first time in 4 1/2 months, storing the hospital bed his wife, Hilda, had set up for him in the den of their home on Fulton Road. His leg won't bend and his arms ache but he walks around, if difficult, with the aid of a cane and uses his wheelchair. He has driven his car a couple times up to the Public Works Building for lunch with Karl Moss and Bill McMurray. He's been to church once at First Baptist Church but finds himself short-winded and tires easily if he stays up all day. Cold days finds him in front of the fire with a book or television or rereading the several hundred cards he has received from friends or

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EMMETT AND HILDA MOSS