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City Purchases Trash Compactor

Margrace Residents Oppose Midpines Site

Margrace area residents of the city strongly oppose the proposed Midpines location for a manned garbage collection and recycling facility and the addition there of a new city trash compactor which commissioners bought Tuesday night.

"It's a public nuisance and we are ready to sue the county and city," said Kelly Bunch, president of Bunch Inc., a resident of Margrace Road, just minutes after he hand-delivered to Mayor Kyle Smith a petition with the names of 213 opposing citizens.

Smith didn't acknowledge the petition during the meeting at which the board unanimously voted to buy the new compactor. Commissioner Scott Neisler's mo-

tion included deferment to the utility committee the recommendation of a site, which ultimately is the county's decision. Commissioner Al Moretz, chairman of the utility committee, amended the motion to refer the site selection recommendation to the recycling committee chaired by Neisler.

Neisler suggested that board members, along with interested Margrace residents, tour a manned site already in operation in the county.

City Manager George Wood said the county has offered the city space at the Midpines site for installation of a compactor where six city garbage trucks could dump their loads instead of traveling 34 miles

roundtrip to the county landfill.

The annual savings to the city, excluding the cost of hiring a contract garbage collector to take the compacted garbage to the landfill about once a day, would be about \$36,000. As fuel costs increase, the savings would increase further.

The trash collection project wouldn't save the city money in anticipated tipping fees, because the same weight would be taken to the landfill but in a more compact state and in fewer trips.

Wood said the refuse transfer station utilizing the Midpines site would result in "hefty" savings to the city in future years. Wood said that even with the

city's purchase of the equipment the savings the first year of usage would amount to \$21,000.

Bunch agreed that the idea of a compactor and recycling is good but that he is concerned with the location of the site at Midpines and with the city's bringing in a compactor which would also result in more clutter and increased truck traffic.

"The site location is up to the county. What we're doing is piggybacking with their site to cut down on garbage problems from the city's end," said Wood.

Councilman Al Moretz said he was pleased with the city's new recycling centers. "They are clean and I

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City To Renovate Old Post Office

City Council authorized expenditures of \$3,241,194.09 Tuesday night, including an architectural contract at \$76,427 for the renovation of the old Kings Mountain Post Office as the new law enforcement center. The contract awards also included money for a new substation and major electrical and waste treatment plant improvements.

City Manager George Wood said the utilities committee and staff had been wrestling with the problem of how to come up with funds for the water improvements when the contract was more than half a million dollars over the amount voted in water bonds by citizens. He said that after cutting out some part of the contract the utility committee recommended taking \$255,000 from the dam spillway project at Moss Dam since work on that project could be moved up for at least five years with continued monitoring and improvements underway.

In related action, the board approved first phase, or engineering design, for the spillway which may top the \$1 million figure when completed. A new spillway is necessary, under federal guidelines, to handle major catastrophe such as a 24 inch rainfall in nine hours time. As filters clog up under the dam, the clogging would require repairs handled more rapidly, he explained. By scrapping an emergency generator, the committee had decided to use some of the bond money now for the most necessary work to be done, he said. A revenue bond issue might have to be passed by the board in five years to take care of the balance needed for dam improvements.

David Pond, W. K. Dickson Co. engineer, said beam cracking at the dam has necessitated \$100,000 in repairs, including the costs of weirs installed over the July 4th holiday.

Mayor Kyle Smith invited the audience to view plans and proposals for over \$6 million in city projects on display in the lobby of the Governmental Facilities Building.

The contract awards included:

- +Hickory Construction Co. was awarded the general construction contract at \$2,647,100.00 and Anderson Brothers Electrical Company Inc. at \$49,800 for the electrical work on the improvements project at T. J. Ellison Wastewater Treatment Plant after engineers recommended a second alternative to lower the cost of the project, which had exceeded bond monies budgeted for the project by a half million dollars. The second alternative, which the board approved, was to build the 1.0 MG clearwell and delete only the paint on the 5.0MG clearwell and concrete/electrical work associated with a 1000 KV generator. City Manager George Wood said prices were negotiated, which also included

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In Kings Mountain Wednesday



Photo by Jeff Grigg

KIDS GO TO THEATER-When the curtain went up Wednesday at Barnes Auditorium on the delightful children's play, "Charlotte's Webb," students in Grades 1-3 were in the audience. Local students, above, enjoyed meeting the stars of the show. Standing, from left, Steven Ivey, who portrayed Wilbur the pig, local students Brandon Cutshaw and Wendy Hudson and Gina Stewart, who portrayed Charlotte the spider. KM students on the front row, from left, are Justin Bell, Renaldo Tate, and Michael Womick. KM Schools and Cleveland County Arts Council co-sponsored the show.

Pupil Assignment Plan To Be Unveiled Soon

Kings Mountain school officials expect to see a first draft of the new elementary pupil assignment plan by December or January.

Supt. Bob McRae said that consultants with Ysaac, Inc. use strict data-based on race and grade- obtained from the schools and program it in a computer which places the kids in one of the five elementary schools closest to their home.

Bob Sowell, hired by the school board in June to redraw the attendance lines, presented the computerized plan for redrawing the elementary school boundaries during a three-day retreat called "advance"- of the KM Board of Education.

The new attendance zones won't go into effect until the 1991-92 school year. McRae said the board will eventually have to determine maximum and minimum percentage of black and white children in each of the five schools.

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BOB McRAE

United Fund Reaches 48 Percent Of Goal

Kings Mountain United Fund 1991 is off and running with 48% of the goal attained by first report day Friday.

Campaign Chairman Glenn Anderson said that pledges total \$61,231.00 with \$66,269.00 left to complete the campaign.

"We're off to an enormous start, especially when you consider we don't have a Pacesetter campaign to get things in motion early like our neighbors in Gastonia and Shelby," he said. J.C. Bridges, advanced gifts division, reported \$3,615.00 or 71% of the goal for that division.

Charles Webber reported city and post office employee contributions at \$1,274.00 or 29% of goal.

Tom Tate Sr., of the Commercial division, reported \$4,487.00 or 37% of the campaign goal.

Dr. Bob McRae reported that schools had contributed 64% or \$4,696.00 of goal.

Pat Carter, industrial chairman, reported \$47,159.00 or 56% of the division goal.

Next report meeting is Oct. 5 when campaign leaders hope to receive 75% of goal.

Mountaineer Day Slated October 13

Kings Mountain is gearing up for the annual Mountaineer Day celebration to be held Saturday, Oct. 13, on downtown streets.

Merchants are preparing sales promotions for the special event, which begins at 9 a.m. with crafts booths to be set up at Gold Street and Cherokee across from Governmental Facilities Building. The stage area will be at the intersection of Gold and Battleground near Fred Kiser's Restaurant.

Events on tap will include hot air balloon rides for one dollar during the afternoon, country music, a street dance from 8 until 11:30 p.m. featuring "Mink" and Top 40,

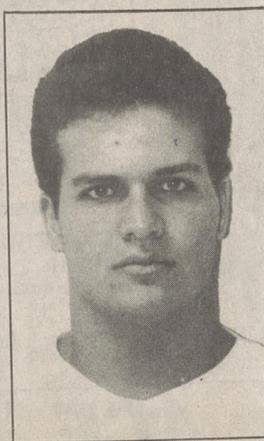
beach and a variety of music. Various events will be on the stage during the day, beginning with opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. A big fireworks display is on tap for 9 p.m.

"Come on out and have fun," says David Hancock of the sponsoring city Parks & Recreation commission.

Mountaineer Day commemorates the 210th anniversary of the Oct. 7, 1780 Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

Because of the Cleveland County Fair underway next week, Mountaineer Day has been moved up a week.

Kings Mountain People



CHUCK BRIDGES

Chuck Bridges Is Named NMSP Commended Student

KMSHS Principal Jackie Lavender announced this week that Charles E. (Chuck) Bridges, KMSHS senior, has been named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, was presented to Bridges Thursday.

Bridges, son of Charles and Jean Bridges of 206 Putnam Lake Road, ranks in the top five percent of the class and is a Morehead

Scholarship nominee.

After high school graduation, he plans to enter college as a pre law major.

Bridges recently suffered a broken leg on the football field. He runs track and played on both jayvee and varsity football squads. He is president of the KMHS Chapter of the National Honor Society and is also active in the Beta Club, Science club, Lettermen's club, and was junior marshal. He attended 1989 Summer Ventures and 1990 Governor's School in social sci-

ences. He also participated in the TIP commuter program at Duke University as a 9th grader. He won the John Gamble scholastic award in football in 1989 and was best supporting actor for a minor role in the drama club's presentation of "My fair Lady."

About 35,000 Commended Students nationwide are being honored for their outstanding performance on the 1989 PSAT/NMSQT, which places them in the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1991

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