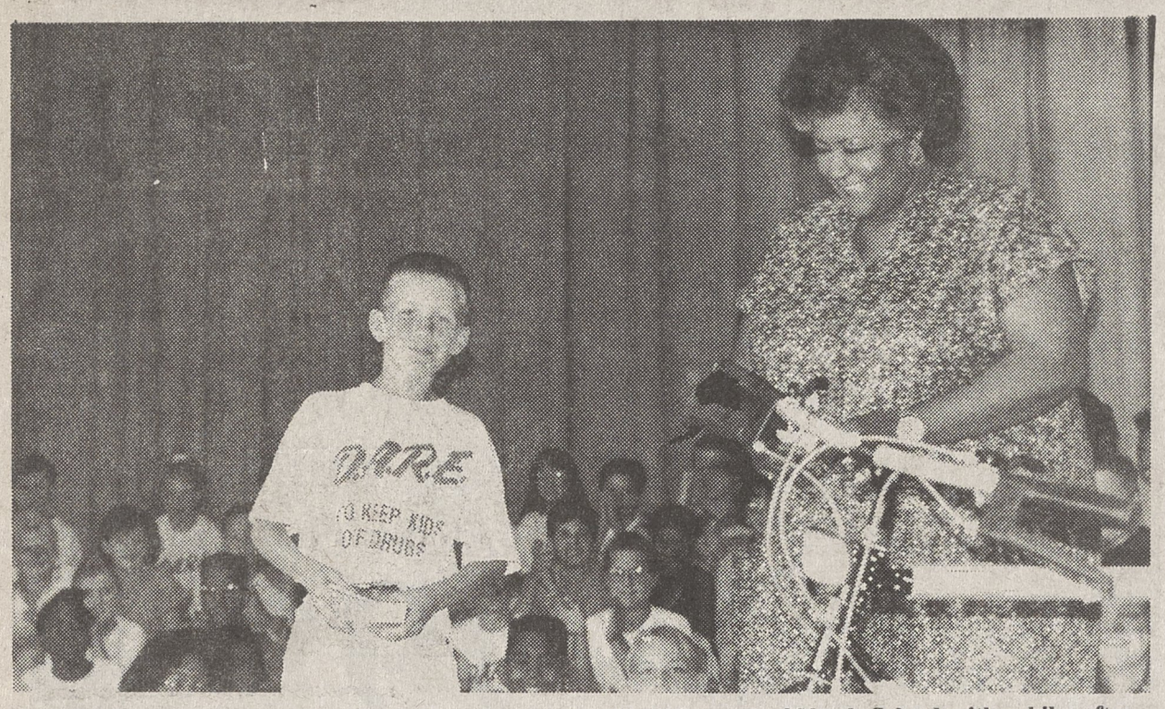

Brenda Bell representing Telephone Pioneers presents Chad Pearson of North School with a bike after winning a drawing from all students who did not have any discipline problems during the past year.

Welfare programs hike CC budget

Cleveland County commissioners Monday approved 3-1 a $30.8 million budget, up $350,400 from the current-year's budget due to hefty increases in federal and state mandated welfare programs.

The budget allocates almost $5 million to the Social Services department, reflecting a 19 percent increase.

There are no additional property taxes or a cost-of-living increase for county employees. The budget includes a merit raise for the county's top employee, County Manager Lane Alexander, his first merit raise in four years and step pay or merit raises to more than 300 of the county's 550 employees. Alexander also receives a $3,000 discretionary fund, a salary supplement that can be invested as he chooses.

"We have discussed tight money problems throughout this budget and this was not the appropriate time to request a raise for Mr. Alexander," said Gilbert, explaining his vote against the proposed budget.

The board approved a change in funding for cities and towns in the county. Municipalities will receive $231,500 for recreational use, which is $61,000 less than what they got in unrestricted funds during the current year's budget.

Sharks swallow Morganton

The Sharks Aquatics Club racked up 650 points Thursday night to down the Morganton Swim Team in the first week of competition in the Western North Carolina Swim Association.

Morganton scored 362 points in the dual meet, which was held at the Shelby High School Natatorium. More than 80 swimmers competed for the Sharks, many of whom were swimming in their first meet.

Leading the Sharks with a clean sweep of first place finishes in each of their events were Lew Holman, Emily Griffin, Hanson Mabry, Amanda Powell, Christine Brackett, Denise Stamey, Clay Griffin, Kelly Hendrick and Tyreece Ussery. Other Sharks with first place finishes included Haley Hoke, Sarah Crosland, Angela Strahler, Jayme Bridges, Will Young, Drew Thomas, Josh Kienlen, Matt Borders, Spencer Borders, Greg Croft and James Faust.

Relay teams adding first place points were the 8 & Under girls, the 9-10 girls "A" team, the 11-12 girls, the 13-14- Girls "A" team, the 15-18 girls "A" team, the 9-10 boy,s the 11-12 boys, and the 15-18 boys.

Individual results:

GIRLS

8 & Under Girls

Lew Holman - 1st in 50 Free, 50 Back and 50 Breaststroke

Belle Berghuis - 2nd in 50 Free, 3rd in 50 Back

Britt Berghuis - 3rd in 50 Breaststroke, 4th in 50 Free & 50 Back

Pam Dover - 4th in 50 Breaststroke, 5th in 50 Free, 6th in 50 Back

Chrissy Bolton - 5th in 50 Back, 6th in 50 Free

April Smith - 7th in 50 Back, 8th in 50 Free

Heather Kisselburg - 8th in 50 Back

Sarah Propst - 10th in 50 Back

Relay Team (Belle Berghuis, L. Holman, Britt Berguis, P. Dover) - 1st in 200 Medley

9-10 Girls

Emily Girffin - 1st in 200 I.M. & 50 Back

Haley Hoke - 1st in 50 Breaststroke, 2nd in 200 I.M., 3rd in 50 Free

Sarah Crosland - 1st in 50 Free, 3rd in 50 Back

Wendy Neisler - 2nd in 50 Back, 3rd in 50 Breaststroke & 200 I.M.

Anna Faust - 4th in 50 Free & 50 Back, 5th in 50 Breaststroke

Christy Findlay - 5th in 50 Back, 9th in 50 Free

Laura Propst - 10th in 50 Breaststroke

Ginger Bridges - 10th in 50 Back

Casey Dover - 10th in 50 Free

Relay Teams "A" (W. Neisler, H. Hoke, E. Griffin, S. Crosland) - 1st in 200 Medley; "B" (A. Faust, N. Smith, T. Brunson, C. Dover) - 3rd in 200 Medley

11-12 Girls

Hanson Mabry - 1st in 200 I.M., 100 Back & 100 Free

Angela Strahler - 1st in 50 Free, 2nd in 200 I.M. & 100 Back

Josephine Chan - 3rd in 100 Breaststroke, 4th in 200 I.M. & 50 Free

Heather Thomas - 3rd in 100 Back, 4th in 100 Free, 5th in 50 Free

Kellie Jackson - 5th in 100 Back, 7th in 50 Free

Angela Oaks - 6th in 100 Back, 10th in 50 Free

Jessica Bridges - 7th in 100 Back

Nicole Champion - 8th in 50 Free

Dana Bolton - 8th in 100 Back, 9th in 50 Free

Summer Hedden - 9th in 100 Back

Relay Team (H. Mabry, J. Chan, A. Strahler, H. Thomas) - 1st in 200 Medley

13-14 Girls

Amanda Powell - 1st in 200 I.M., 50 Free & 100 Breaststroke

Jayme Bridges - 1st in 100 Free & 100 Back, 2nd in 50 Free

Jill Mabry - 2nd in 200 I.M. & 100 Back, 3rd in 50 Free

Carrie Drake - 2nd in 200 Free, 3rd in 200 I.M.

Bethany Jimison - 2nd in 100 Breaststroke, 3rd in 100 Free, 5th in 50 Free

Amber Pauley - 3rd in 100 Back, 5th in 100 Free

Wendy Wright - 3rd in 100 Breaststroke, 7th in 50 Free

Nikki Gladden - 4th in 50 Free

Relay Teams "A" (J. Bridges, W. Wright, A. Powell, J. Mabry) - 1st in 200 Medley; "B" (N. Gladden, B. Jimison, A. Pauley, C. Drake) - 2nd in 200 Medley

15-18 Girls

Christine Brackett - 1st in 200 I.M., 100 Breaststroke & 50 Free

Denise Stamey - 1st in 100 Free & 100 Back

Amy Stark - 2nd in 200 I.M.

Lucinda Davis - 2nd in 100 Back, 3rd in 50 Free

Katie Roebuck - 2nd in 100 Back, 5th in 100 Free, 7th in 50 Free

Julie Potts - 3rd in 100 Back, 10th in 50 Free

Anita Whitaker - 4th in 100 Breaststroke, 5th in 100 Back

Paula Eckard - 4th in 100 Free, 6th in 50 Free

Michelle Fujita - 4th in 100 Back, 8th in 50 & 100 Free

Relay Teams "A" (K. Roebuck, C. Brackett, L. Davis, D. Stamey) - 1st in 200 Medley; "B" (M. Fujita, J. Potts, P. Eckard, A. Stark) - 3rd in 200 Medley

BOYS

8 & Under Boys

Clay Griffin - 1st in 50 Free & 50 Back

Will Young - 1st in 50 Breaststroke, 2nd in 50 Free

Daniel Miller - 2nd in 50 Back, 3rd in 50 Free

Everett Crosland - 3rd in 50 Back, 5th in 50 Free

Chuck Kistler - 4th in 50 Back, 9th in 50 Free

9-10 Boys

Kelly Hendrick - 1st in 50 Breaststroke & 50 Back

Drew Thomas - 1st in 200 I.M., 2nd in 50 Breaststroke & 50 Back

Chris Costner - 2nd in 200 I.M., 3rd in 50 Breaststroke & 50 Back

Randy Mull - 3rd in 50 Free, 4th in 50 Back

Bojk Berghuis - 4th in 200 I.M., 5th in 50 Breaststroke

John Terrell - 4th in 50 Breaststroke

Relay Team (D. Thomas, C. Costner, B. Berghuis, J. Terrell) - 1st in 200 Medley

11-12 Boys

Josh Kielen - 1st in 100 Free, 2nd in 50 Free

Matt Borders - 1st in 100 Back, 3rd in 50 & 100 Free

Hank Griffin - 2nd in 100 Back, 5th in 100 Free, 6th in 50 Free

Justin Chan - 3rd in 0 0 Breaststroke, 7th in 100 Free, 8th in 50 Free

Crisp McDonald - 4th in 100 Back, 5th in 100 Breaststroke, 10th in 50 Free

Bryant Mallow - 9th in 50 Free

Relay Team (H. Griffin, J. Chan, J. Kienlen, M. Borders) - 1st in 200 Medley

13-14 Boys

Spencer Borders - 1st in 200 I.M. & Breaststroke, 2nd in 50 Free

Greg Croft - 1st in 100 Back, 2nd in 100 Free & 100 Breaststroke

Peter Thomas - 4th in 100 Back, 5th in 50 & 100 Free

15-18 Boys

Tyreece Ussery - 1st in 100 Back, 100 Breaststroke & 50 Free

James Faust - 1st in 200 I.M., 7th in 50 Free

Israel Angeles - 2nd in 100 Back & 100 Breaststroke, 3rd in 100 Free

Mike Black - 2nd in 100 Free, 3rd in 50 Free

Tony Park - 2nd in 200 I.M., 4th in 100 Breaststroke, 5th in 50 Free

Doug Strahler - 3rd in 100 Back & 200 I.M., 5th in 100 Free

Jeff Wilson - 5th in 100 Breaststroke, 8th in 50 Free

Billy Stewart - 6th in 100 Breaststroke, 9th in 50 Free

Relay Team (T. Ussery, I. Angeles, J. Faust, M. Black) - 1st in 200 Medley

HEARING

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done in regard to cost-of-living raises. It is the second year that employees have not received raises but Wood pointed to the lingering recession and the unusually mild winters resulting in less money coming from utilities into city coffers.

Kings Mountain relies on its utilities to make money. In the new budget, electricity sales will contribute $1.2 million to the city's $4.45 million general fund; natural gas sales, another $800,000. The general fund pays for necessities like police and fire protection, sanitation administration, and public works.

."We live and die with utilities," said Wood.

Wood also reiterated that for the second year Kings Mountain will lose $47,000, "growth" on state-collected local revenues and reimbursements to the state budget. "The state has stolen our money and money of other cities and it looks like that figure could be higher next year," said Wood. He took the occasion to urge townspeople to write their legislators

The state has put the city in a bind for two years and we have to come up with a balanced budget," said Councilman Phli Hager., "This is a great budget and Wood and the staff have done a professional job.,"

Wood said that with the government seizing six percent of state - shared revenues that beer and wine revenue will also drop $8,000 and revenue from the ABC store will drop about half, from $33,851 to $18,000.

Commissioner Al Moretz, chairman of the city utility committee, said the subdivision ordinances have not been updated for 16 years and provide a road map for developers who won't build in a city unless the ordinances are up to par. Wood said the area is beginning to come out of the recession with more building activity and industrial prospects looking at the area.

"Updating our codes will solve some of the problems that we hear about at zoning meetings and at about every board meeting, " said Commissioner Jim Guyton. "It will eliminate the confusion once we get the codes into compliance."

Wood pointed out the the budget included increased recreational funding from the county and also a larger grant from the county to Mauney Memorial Library.

Wood said a $66,000 fund balance was used to balance the general fund. He called the budget a tight budget with no frills.

City Council will meet June 30 and is expected to formally adopt the budget, which represents an increase of $651,700 over the current budget or a 3.8 percent increase overall.

PARTNERS

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- Parent complacency.
- Education summit.
- Year-round school.
- Educational opportunities for special students.
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- Prayer in school.
- Discipline.
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The next meeting will be scheduled next month. Other officers are Sharon Bardsley, vice chairperson; Stella Putnam, secretary; and Linda Hardin, treasurer.

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BUDGET

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$5,931,725.00 or an increase of $288,293.00. The gas fund will show a 3.8 percent increase of $177,868 from $3,371,832 to $3,549,700. The landfill fund will show a 0.8 percent difference of $717.00, from $96,800 to $96,083. or an 3.8 percent increase of $651,700. The landfill totals this year were $18,246,510.00 versus $17,594,810.

The increases in the utility fund are due to the 9 percent increase in water and sewer rates voted by council in April. The growth revenues in current years electricity of 5.2 percent are a large part due to the increased rates by Duke Power, the city's supplier of electricity as Kings Mountain passed on Duke's rates to Kings Mountain customers. Wood projects that gas revenues will continue to climb in the new year. A new industrial customer, Dye-Tech was recently added. No rate hikes for utilities are projected in the new fiscal year.

The new budget projects less costs for insurance for the city's 160-plus employees. Accident claims are declining and savings are reported on medical insurance.

Wood said the savings on the transfer station helped balance the current budget.

Not budgeted for the third year is money for a new law enforcement center at the old Kings Mountain Post Office. Council had started earmarking $90,000 each year for 10 years for the improvements of the building, actual cost of which is expected to top $500,000. With a lingering recession, the project was scrapped in the budget.

Also projected in the budget is $103,000 for street overlays, up from $87,116 in the current budget.

In the general fund, the proposed expenditures for 1992-93 are $4,445,188 compared to the current budget of $4,463,753, down $18,565.00 or .05 percent decrease.

Proposed in the Powell Bill for street improvements is $260,976, compared to the current budget of $243,650, a 7.02 increase due to influx of sales tax money.

A 14.9 percent decrease is projected in the cemetery fund, from $23,500 in 1991-92 to $20,000 in 1992-93.

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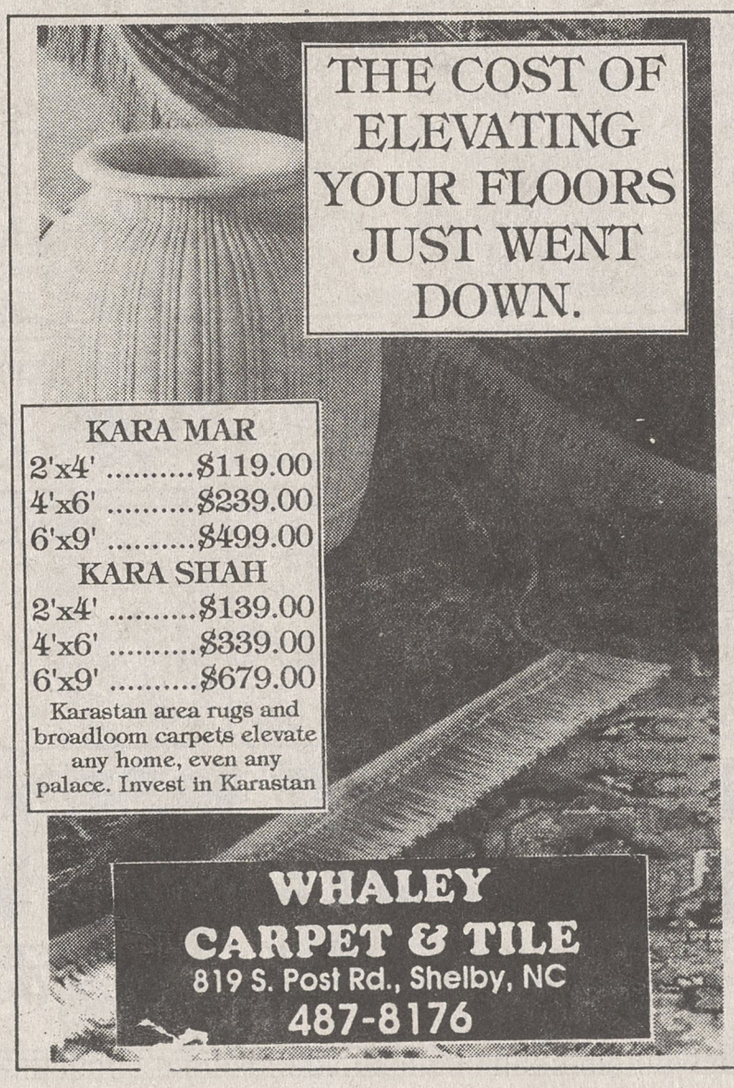

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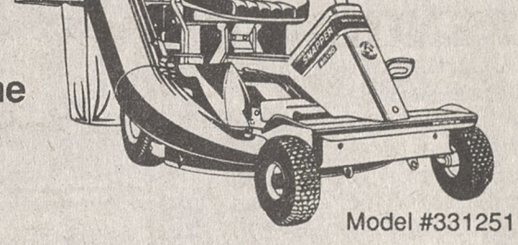

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