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## KM's Chad Baity coming home after lengthy stay in hospital

Chad Baity, the 7-year-old Kings Mountain boy whose fight against a rare medical disease stole the hearts of the community, is coming home August 8.

His first words Saturday during a regular weekend pass at home was to his teacher, Karla Bennett. He telephoned her and left a message on her answering machine: "Hey, Miss Bennett."

Although he has to speak very slowly, Chad's progress is remarkable, say his parents. After Chad returns home, he will require therapy twice a week and his family will encourage him to talk more.

On Saturdays and Sundays when Chad has a pass from the rehabilitation unit of Carolinas Medical Center, the family bowls, goes to the movies, and on July 4th

enjoyed a picnic and a cruise on the Catawba Queen. His family is at his side with a walker and wheelchair and Chad is able to get in and out of a car easily. He also helps his father pick vegetables in the garden, holding a bag for the squash. Recently he went roller-skating in his wheelchair and attended a wrestling match.

And more good news came to Chad and his parents and three year old Brooke this week. Chad will be promoted to the second grade at West School.

"Chad was a miracle baby and he is still a miracle," said his doting father, noting that Mrs. Baity had not carried two previous pregnancies for more than six months. Chad was delivered after an eight month, one week pregnancy and

was in the Intensive Care Unit. Since January 20 when he lost consciousness during lunch at West School Chad has been in Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

For Cindy and Brent Baity, his improvement has been an answer to prayer.

The Baitys are continuing their personal brand of therapy, the love and faith they hope will heal him completely.

Great-grandmother, Ruth Baity, is looking forward to babysitting Brooke and Chad while their father works at Advance Truss Systems in Kings Mountain and their mother works at Consolidated Traffic Management Service in Charlotte.

"We're planning a special homecoming for Chad and can hardly wait to have him our son home for good," said his father.



CHAD BAITY

## THEY'RE OFF! Seven KM residents file for City Council seats

They're off and running!

Seven Kings Mountain men have filed for four seats open on City Council, creating a race for both the At-Large and Ward 3 seats in the first week of filing in the municipal election.

A few minutes after filing opened Friday with Elections Chairman Becky Cook, former mayor Kyle Smith paid his \$36 filing fee and threw his hat in the ring.

Also filing this week for the seat currently held by Al Moretz were

Jerry Mullinax and Frank Brackett. Mullinax was a candidate for a ward seat in the 1991 election. Brackett, of 1012 North Piedmont Ave., is a former city employee.

Gilbert Hamrick, also a former candidate in recent elections for a commission seat and for the mayor's seat, and Charlie Smith filed for Ward 3 Tuesday afternoon.

Jim Childers, who served eight years as commissioner from Ward 1, filed Tuesday afternoon for the Ward 4 seat now held by Jerry White. Childers, of 206 Maner Rd., is president of Childers Roofing.

Filing for the Ward 5 seat now held by Fred Finger shortly after filing opened on Friday was Rick Murphrey, of 402 Garrison Drive.

Murphrey, a first time candidate for city office, is Vice President of Sales at Spectrum Dyed Yarns Inc. He earned his Business Administration degree from Atlantic Christian College. He and his wife, Sandra, have one daughter, Tracy, and are members of First Baptist Church.

In a filing statement Murphrey said, "Having been a resident of Kings Mountain for over 20 years, I have seen a number of changes in the evolution of our city, most of which have created a better quality of life for our families and friends. My primary concern in running for Kings Mountain City Council is to do everything possible to build upon the past record of success and enable Kings Mountain to become an even more progressive city in providing the needed services and resources for our citizens. I believe that my many years of local business experience provide me with the necessary management skills to make objective decisions in the best interest of our citizens and the City of Kings Mountain. My goal is to help improve our local econo-



CHILDERS



BRACKETT



MULLINAX



HAMRICK



SMITH



MURPHREY

## Hawkins files for KM board

Board of Education Chairman Ronnie Hawkins made it official Friday that he's a candidate for reelection.

Hawkins threw his hat in the ring five minutes after filing opened at the Cleveland County Board of Elections for a total of 54 offices up for grabs in November in Cleveland County this fall.

Seats of Hawkins and C. A. Allison, representing outside city residents, and Priscilla Maune, at-large, are expiring this year. Neither Allison nor Maune have indicated they plan to seek reelection.

Hawkins said he is serious about the education of Kings Mountain children. "My only campaign promise is to listen to the public, to the kids, teachers, and to the administration and attempt to find a viable solution to the problems," he said.

Hawkins said he is running on his four year record of service.

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## Wesleyans distribute Bibles in Russia

Standing in Red Square in Moscow and distributing 6,000 Bibles was awesome for three Kings Mountain people recently.

Rev. Harold Bumby, Carol George and Farrell Lovelace were among nine Americans on a mission trip for the Wesleyan Church. They took cases of medicine and planted the seeds of the gospel in children's hospitals and orphanages and in the birthplace of commu-

nism. Bumby said that he felt the evil as he walked by Lenin's tomb and Stalin's grave and witnessed to the Russians that the tomb of Christ was empty because "we serve a Risen Saviour."

George said it was a highlight of her Christian experience to observe lives changed.

Lovelace said the denomination established a base for a full time

ministry there and will sponsor seven missionaries.

Bumby said that nine young people from the United States started a Christian Day Camp on the day they left to return to America.

For Rev. Hoover Smith of Gastonia, former pastor of East Gold Street Church, it was his ninth trip to Russia. He leads the mission effort to Russia for the Wesleyan Foreign Mission Board.

The local missionaries will share their experiences through pictures and slides at East Gold Wesleyan Church July 18 at the 11 a.m. worship service. The public is invited.

"There will be many tears shed with our testimonies," said George, who said her late father would have wanted her to go to Russia. "He always wanted to go as a mis-

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## Fuss going to higher court

Nineteen families in the Oakwood Subdivision in the Dixon Community are up in arms about a proposed trailer park coming to their neighborhood and say they will take their case to Superior Court, if necessary, for a trial by jury.

But developer Mike Brown says he will be more than happy to sell the five acres and four structures he owns to the homeowners for \$190,000. He said he paid \$144,000 for it and has already spent \$30,000 in improvements.

"It's not up to me to contact the homeowners but I will welcome calls from them," said Brown.

"We have no choice but to fight the issue in court," said Matt Morris, president of the Oakwood Homeowners Association, at a meeting of the homeowners Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Churchill.

A preliminary injunction issued Friday in Cleveland County District Court by Judge Keaton Fonvielle for now apparently clears the way for Brown to proceed with his plans to put in 15 trailers on property he owns adjacent to Oakwood Subdivision.

"This is a story for people opposed to county wide zoning," said Larry Wilson, attorney for Brown. He said that zoning assures property owners that unwanted construction won't be allowed. The land at issue is unzoned.

Wilson said that Brown posted a \$4,000 bond, at the order of the judge, to answer concerns of property owners about potential damage to a road they say is privately owned and maintained. Property owners say they had a restrictive covenant when they bought their homes in Oakwood Subdivision that prohibits trailers. Brown main-

tains that his adjacent property is not part of the original restricted area.

Brown's argument was that because there was a common use of the road by the public that the road had been accepted and there had been an "offer of dedication by Clyde Huffman," according to Wilson.

The hearing on Friday was to determine whether or not to continue a temporary restraining order against the property owners. The judge extended the preliminary injunction against the property owners pending a full hearing on the merits when the case comes up for trial which could be 30-60 days.

Michael Spurrier and John Lingle say they have two weeks to file answers to a suit filed against them and other property owners by

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BIG FLAG FOR BIG CELEBRATION - The Amvets' 65' by 115' flag flew over Jake Early Memorial Park for Saturday's big July Fourth celebration, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department. Kings Mountain area residents enjoyed a full day of games, entertainment and fireworks.



Todd Lingle, left, and Dale Smart stand at Smart's property line in Oakwood Subdivision which adjoins a proposed mobile home park that neighbors don't want to see go up off Mountainside Drive in the Dixon Community.