



Rev. Harold Bumby, Carol George and Farrell Lovelace, left to right, have returned from a mission trip to Russia. Standing in Red Square and distributing Bibles was for them an awesome experience.

## RUSSIA

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sonary," she said. "Everything I had believed about the Soviets was unfounded," said Lovelace, who said he found the Russian people compassionate, warm, and loving people. "They enriched my life." The local mission team talked about Jesus to children in the hospital, in schools and in orphanages, something that is not often done in this country, said Bumby. "The Russian people told us they didn't understand why anyone would want to leave free America and spend their own money and time to come to Russia," said George. Staying in Vladimir, which used

to be the capital of Russia, was the site of the mission emphasis. The rural city is a five hour bus ride from Moscow. A highlight of their experience was the conversion of 800 people, one of whom was a Russian reporter covering their trip. He accompanied them to various places in rain, snow and summer temperatures and watched them witness and give Bibles to people of all ages. Their new friend, Victor, had been an atheist and a communist all his life. The change in him was incredible, according to the Kings Mountain Christians who watched God work a miracle. Russian interpreters were used through the visit. Local people contributed medicine and clothes as well as Bibles in a fund-raising

effort that started last December. The local delegation raised funds through car washes and donations from the church and the public to pay the \$6,000 cost of the trip for the trio. Lovelace joined the local congregation in November and was at first reluctant about making the trip to Russia. He had helped the Denver church build a parsonage and prayed about the new adventure. "The Lord said go and I could not refuse," he said. "We want to thank everyone who helped make this trip possible," said George, who wants to go again. "We never heard a Russian complain," said Bumby. They are the most gracious people and we could see very poverty stricken areas." Russian women were interested in the American family and recreation and how American businesses are run. "They are looking for direction from us," said Bumby.

## PARK

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Brown and his wife, Cynthia on June 17. Brown is suing for \$10,000 plus legal expenses because he alleges that he has been denied access to his tract of real property on or adjacent to Mountainside Drive that has resulted in lost construction time and revenue. In the civil summons, he said he bought the property in January 1993 and has spent \$15,000 in improvements to two single family dwellings and one duplex apartment. Brown maintains he has obtained approval from Cleveland County Health Department and paid fees for installation of septic tanks for the mobile home park. He says he bored a well and installed the water system. He said in his affidavit that he has moved one mobile home into the park. "I feel that I was lulled into a false sense of security and we are getting the short end of the stick," said Morris, who said he and his neighbors had legal papers saying they were in a restrictive area on a road they paved and maintain. "At the first hearing two weeks ago we were told that Brown could not begin any work until after the final ruling was made and yet Brown sent a crew here last week before Judge Fonvielle could make a ruling," said Morris. Brown said he was stopped from pulling more mobile homes in but told to go ahead with main trunk lines to all the lots to run water to one mobile home he had moved to the site. "We kept telling the judge that this road is not a public dedicated road but he didn't want to hear us and didn't want to get involved," said Morris. Morris has lived in the subdivision for 10 years. "Some of us have invested a lot of money in our homes," said Michael Spurrier. "Now with trailers coming here the values of our property will be cut about \$15,000 each." "Brown says we are impeding his progress but we've used no force to keep him out," said Morris. "We've seen no one digging wells and putting in sewer lines and only one of his trucks." Brown said that the road was blocked by vehicles. Brown said that workers finished the water line on Friday. Brown said he presented a plan to the county after the property was surveyed by Mike Trammell and the county okayed it. He said he followed the procedures on septic layouts to the letter. Todd Lingle said that Brown had not contacted any of the residents of the subdivision about his plans for a mobile home park. "He didn't name us individually on the suit, just addressed us as John does." Brown says that property owners should have contacted him.

Jon and Kim Moore live in a home about 500 feet from the proposed mobile home park. Sitting on the back deck of her home, Kim Moore said she had lived in the area for four years and thought it the best place to raise children. "This section is heavily populated with children and a trailer park will make it more congested." Dale Smart said that neighbors are worried about heavy truck traffic and damage to the road they paid for from their pockets. Smart said the school bus does not travel the road because it is not a state maintained road but a public dedicated road. Property owners in the subdivision agreed to maintain the road when they bought the property. Colin McWhirter of Shelby represented the property owners at the Friday hearing. Churchill said that in 1982 Clyde Huffman bought 35 acres of land from Hattie Haskins and divided it into two acre tracts of land and on each of the tracts built homes of brick and lumber. In December 1982 he drew up restricted covenants on the land. In 1985 Calvin Huffman bought a parcel of Lucy and Harold Wells' property and began subdividing the lots. In January of this year First Carolina Savings bank foreclosed on the mortgage. Brown owns the former Wells/Huffman five acres with four structures, including two homes built in 1986-87. "In 1982 when the plat map was drawn up on the subdivision Clyde Huffman's wife didn't sign a public dedication of the land but the judge on Friday said it was legal," said Churchill. "Because Calvin came in and improved the land, they are saying that's public acceptance and so the restraining order was put on us," said Churchill. Churchill said property owners were told that the restricted covenant applies to anyone who gains rights to the property. "We thought this could never happen," he said. "We've lived here since 1989 and are raising a son," said Churchill. "Everyone on this road has children." Churchill says property owners are upset by the legal structure that has turned deaf cars to their pleas for help. Brown's attorney said that the judge based his opinion on what he heard at that point and felt comfortable with extending the preliminary injunction. "It's possible when the matter comes to trial it could be reversed." "We were told that this community would stay the same under these restricted covenants," said Churchill. "Now we find out differently after we've invested our money and lives." Homeowners said they would post signs this week declaring "trailers not welcome in Oakwood Community."

## HAWKINS

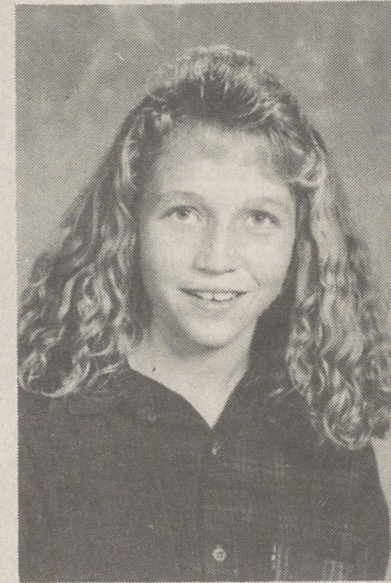
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"We have a great system and I will be the first to admit to mistakes but we've had some tough decisions to make and I believe we made them in the best interest of the children," said Hawkins, alluding to tough decisions on East School's future and redistricting. Increased drop-outs and weapons at schools are big issues in the future, he says. Most frustrating in his role as a board member is the lack of input from the community at large. "We only hear from the community on highly controversial matters and then we don't get both sides," he says.

## FILING

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Childers' interest in government continued long after his service on the board ended. He has attended virtually all council meetings since he left the board during the Moss administration. His wife, Pat, is a realtor and the family includes four children and seven grandchildren. The family attends Temple Baptist Church. Charlie T. Smith, 1019 Brookwood Dr., took early retirement from AT&T and Southern Bell nearly three years ago and now owns and operates his own business, Mountaineer Telephones. A lifelong resident of Kings Mountain, he is the son of Mrs. Eunice Smith and the late Manuel D. Smith. He and his wife, Helen Odell Smith, are parents of two grown children, Kim and Terry Smith. The family also includes two grandsons, Justin and Zack Smith. The family is active in Second Baptist Church where Smith is pre-school Sunday School director. Smith was recently reappointed by City Council to the Parks & Recreation Commission. In his filing statement, Charlie said, "For the past several years I've had many friends and business acquaintances ask me to consider running as a candidate for city council. I have always had a strong interest in the future of Kings Mountain and all the residents of our town. I believe in fair, honest and open government in order for all of our citizens to know that their concerns and interests will always be of utmost importance. I will strive to gain their trust and confidence and do my very best to ensure a progressive approach to government for and by the people. If I am elected, I will work hard to serve the citizens of Kings Mountain. I will make myself available to listen to their views on critical issues affecting them and our city and do everything that I can to reach a successful solution." "I am offering myself as a candidate for the at-large seat to offer the people a dependable, interested citizen's effort to change Kings Mountain," said Mullinax in a filing statement. "Kings Mountain needs to work to attract businesses/industries where we can help finance our tax base to improve Kings Mountain for all citizens. Not only am I interested in implementing programs and voting fairly on issues that affect all citizens but I will be open minded to hear both sides of the issue." Mullinax, of 1007 N. Ramseur St., works with Petroleum World at KM Express. A Kings Mountain native, he is the son of Mrs. Jeanette Mullinax and the late Carl Mullinax. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and served two years in the U.S. Army. Mullinax ran two years ago for a board seat. He formerly owned and operated a gift shop at Kings Mountain Hospital. He has three children.



KEISHA WELLS



BRADY NORMAN

## KM's Keisha Wells named Who's Who

Keisha Wells, a rising junior at Kings Mountain High School, has been nominated for Who's Who for the second straight year. This edition will honor qualified students for their achievements during the 1992-93 school year. Only five percent of the nation's high school students are included in Who's Who each year, and less than one-half of one percent are honored for two or more years. Keisha will be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from over \$100,000 to be awarded this year. Keisha was an All-Conference player for the KMHS varsity softball team this spring. She is the daughter of Dennis and Carol Wells.

## Brady Keith Norman Mister Freedom Fest

Brady Keith Norman won the title of Little Mister Freedom Fest for the 0-12 months age division at the annual Freedom Fest activities in Shelby Saturday. Brady was crowned during the contest held at the courtsquare. He wore a red, white and blue outfit with a white sailor's hat and red tennis shoes. Brady is nine months old and is the son of Keith and Patti Norman of Earl. He is the grandson of Mayor Arrie Ellis of Earl. He has a brother, Clay, age 16.

## ATTENTION CITIZENS OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

This article is the honest and sincere effort of a concerned citizen to improve life in our little city of Kings Mountain and to report any City Government practice or decision detrimental to that end result. "Citizen" in this article refers to any person or business that resides within the City Limits of Kings Mountain and therefore pays City taxes and City utility bills.

June 29th, 1993, the City Council Members of Kings Mountain accepted a 19 Million Dollar Budget for FY 93-94 by unanimous vote. The most glaring feature of this budget is the inclusion of a pay increase for all City employees. The increase is 2.5% cost of living plus 2.5% merit or 5% total. This announcement comes at the same time newspapers are carrying headlines that read;

*"Economy Still Looks Grim."*  
*"North Carolina Jobless Rate Increases From 5.1% To 5.4%."*  
*"Most Companies Not Hiring Or Hiring Temporary Help."*

**THIS PAY INCREASE IS FUNDED COMPLETELY BY THE RECENT 2% INCREASE IN YOUR UTILITY RATES.**

A thirteen year history (as reported in the Kings Mountain Herald) of Kings Mountain City employees increases.

1981 -	7% cost of living plus merit
1982 -	3% plus merit
1983 -	3% plus merit
1984 -	5% plus merit
1985 -	3% plus merit
1986 -	3% plus merit
1987 -	3% plus merit
1988 -	3% plus merit
1989 -	3.5% plus merit
1990 -	Cost of living plus merit no % given
1991 -	Merit only - research shows most administrative personnel received an increase.
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Calculations with the above increases show that a thirteen year employee would have received a 100% increase in pay if cost of living and merit were given.

The City Manager states that in the FY 93-94 Budget that the pay increase is the first in three years. It may be the first in three years for the workers of the City Government but the highest and most overpaid have looked after themselves every year.

Who gets the lion's share of the latest increase? The average \$8.00 Hour Worker who actually does some work in this City Government will get a yearly increase from \$16,640 to \$17,472. Not that much you may think but consider the following yearly rates and increases. Based on stated hourly rate X 40 X 52.

	NOW	AFTER INCREASE
CITY MANAGER	\$55,727.00	58,513.00
CITY ENGINEER	\$47,590.00	49,970.00
FINANCE DIR.	\$39,042.00	40,994.00
ELECTRIC MANAGER	\$38,106.00	40,011.00
POLICE CHIEF	\$37,149.00	39,006.00
RECREATION DIR.	\$37,149.00	39,006.00
WATER & SEWER DIRECTOR	\$36,296.00	38,111.00
PLANNING DIRECTOR	\$36,275.00	38,089.00
CHIEF CODES	\$35,381.00	37,150.00
STREET & SANITATION SUPERINTENDENT	\$33,696.00	35,381.00
PERSONNEL MAN.	\$32,074.00	33,677.00
FIRE CHIEF	\$29,765.00	31,253.00
5 POSITIONS (APR)	\$30,000.00	31,500.00
8 POSITIONS (APR)	\$26,000.00	27,300.00

The above list shows who receives the main benefit from this pay increase.

Add in the increases for the remainder of the 215 employees on the City payroll, take out a factor because some of these are part-time and you get a **TOTAL INCREASE OF \$179,000.00 A YEAR.**

Citizens of Kings Mountain, when you start paying high utility bills remember where this money is going and remember who drew up this budget and who voted to accept it. We are being taken for a royal utility ride by a bureaucracy more concerned with their own benefit than yours. This is not a new situation but it is one you can change.

If the information in this article does not disturb you then continue to vote people into public office who do not represent your interests. If this information does disturb you get out and vote for people who are not afraid to fight to change the system for the better and are determined to look after the best interests of you and your city.

**TO BE CONTINUED!!**  
**KINGS MOUNTAIN WATCHDOG**  
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Loaded, Extra Clean	
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Leather T-Tops, Pwr. Seats, Cruise, Digital Dash, Clarion Stereo	
<b>87 OLDS 98</b>	<b>\$5495<sup>00</sup></b>
Front Wheel Drive, Full Power, 3.86 F.I.	
<b>85 FORD CROWN VICTORIA</b>	<b>\$4995<sup>00</sup></b>
Immaculate Condition, 38,000 Miles, 2 Dr.	
<b>88 DODGE SHADOW</b>	<b>\$3295<sup>00</sup></b>
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60,000 Miles On Engine	
<b>84 CELEBRITY WAGON</b>	<b>\$2795<sup>00</sup></b>
Nice, Clean Car	
<b>84 BUICK SKYLARK LIMITED</b>	<b>\$2500<sup>00</sup></b>
Velour Interior, 4 Door	
<b>86 CAVALIER</b>	<b>\$2495<sup>00</sup></b>
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<b>86 CAVALIER</b>	<b>\$2295<sup>00</sup></b>
4 Door, Air	
<b>79 BUICK RIVIERA</b>	<b>\$2695<sup>00</sup></b>
Extra Clean, Full Power	
<b>85 FORD LTD</b>	<b>\$1795<sup>00</sup></b>
Pwr. Windows & Seats, 3.8L V6	
<b>85 DODGE OMNI</b>	<b>\$1795<sup>00</sup></b>
4 Door, Sport Wheels	
<b>83 ESCORT WAGON</b>	<b>\$1295<sup>00</sup></b>
<b>TRUCKS</b>	
<b>85 CHEVY S-10</b>	<b>\$3995<sup>00</sup></b>
Shiny Red Truck with Camper Cover	
<b>80 3/4 TON PICK-UP</b>	<b>\$2395<sup>00</sup></b>
Heavy Duty Work Truck w/Granny Gear	
<b>80 TOYOTA PICKUP</b>	<b>\$1850<sup>00</sup></b>
4 Speed, Good Work Truck	