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## Korean-born Lineberger to trace roots

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Their trip to Seoul, Korea July 30 will be a sentimental journey for Lee-Ann Lineberger, 31, and her mother, Patsy Lineberger.



Lee-Ann Lineberger

Oriental woman who is curious about her birthplace.

Although her American roots are deep on her family's strawberry farm, Lee-Ann said she waited for 28 years to search out the orphanage that took her in as a baby abandoned on the streets of Korea.

"I just started thinking about tracing my roots recently when I got out my papers and I'm glad I waited and was able to twist Mom's arm so she would go with me," said Lee-Ann.

Lee-Ann said she had nothing to look forward to in Korea and has found a family and everything to look forward to in America.

"I am really very, very fortunate," she said.

Lee-Ann's papers from Korean Social Services, Seoul, Korea, related that she was placed in Aeshin Baby Home on September 17, 1966 and Sun Yong Kwak, then 57, the Superintendent of the Home, was appointed her guardian by the Mayor of Seoul City. Both biological parents were presumed to be full Korean. The standard of care provided by the Aeshin Home was above average, according to the then present standard of the institutional care in Korea. She was healthy, a cheerful and affectionate little girl who warmed up to people easily.

Still petite, happy and with a definite Southern drawl, Lee-Ann will need a tour guide and interpreter for her visit which will also include stops in San Francisco and Hawaii.

Her doting father, Harold Lineberger, says Lee-Ann has forgotten all her Korean words but that at first she talked about Winkee Oma, which means mother, a lady at the orphanage. "She is one person I would like to thank," Harold says.

But Mr. Lineberger plans to stay at home, encouraging his

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## BARBECUE!

Five Kings Mountain teams competing in Tryon Saturday for State Championship

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Barbecue! Just say the word and its brings out visions of tantalizing smells and varieties.

For five teams of chefs from Kings Mountain it's a hobby that began with family.

Rodger Moore and the Family Fun cooking team will defend its first place title from last year in the Ribs category, Kevin Jones of Outback BBQ said his team will compete for the first time in a state championship. Backyard BBQ's team has cooked together for 10 years, five in competition, and Chris Johnson and All Nitters are seasoned veterans as well as Paul Goforth of King's Cooking who won first place last year in a big Shrinefest where all Kings Mountain teams came home with trophies.

They are among 60 teams from across the United States who will competing for \$16,000 in cash prizes in the North Carolina State Barbecue Championship, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society and proclaimed by Governor Jim Hunt. Festival gates open from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday in Tryon. Admission is \$4 for adults and children under 12 get in free with a paying adult. Parking and non-stop music featuring blues, bluegrass, country, southern rock and zydeco, are free with admission. The festival also features a variety of food, the Foothills Craft Fair and a children's fun park complete with rides and games.

"We started off cooking at family parties eight years ago," said Kevin Jones, who gave the cooking bug to his brother-in-law Tommy Tindall and cousin, Kenny Horne.

"That's how we got started too," said Joe Bumgardner whose Backyard BBQ developed actually in the back yard of his home 10 years ago with his wife, Lynn; Debbie and Calvin Crawford and Ray and Twyla Robinson joining in the fun. Since then the team has captured the first place showmanship award five years in a row.

Joe actually got his love for cooking with the National Guard where he was a chief cook for 21 years.

Chris Johnson and All Nitters and Paul Goforth and King's Cooking Team recalled their love of



**FAMILY FUN** - Pictured is the Family Fun Barbecue Team from Kings Mountain. Back row, from left, Rodger Moore and Rick Ledford; middle row, Patricia Ledford and Sharon Moore; and front row, Craig Ledford and Wesley Moore.

cooking began with family and then local competitions.

All local teams have compiled good records of success in various competitions.

"A Barbecue cookoff is just like a county fair," said Bumgardner, who said that thousands of people are expected in Tryon at Harmon Field for the event. "We all cook and eat a lot and it's exciting to win but it's even more exciting to meet other folks who like to cook barbecue too," he said.

New to the festival this year is the turkey

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**OUTBACK BBQ TEAM** - Kevin Jones, Tommy Tindall and Kenny Horne, left to right, are ready to compete for big cash prizes in the fifth annual Blue Ridge Barbecue Festival Friday and Saturday in Tryon.



**COOKING IN FESTIVAL** - Members of the Backyard BBQ Team will cook in a big festival Friday and Saturday in Tryon. From left, Joe and Lynn Bumgardner, Debbie and Calvin Crawford and Ray and Twyla Robinson.

## Council protests poll change

City Council Tuesday night voted unanimously to forward a protest resolution to the U.S. Justice Department opposing a change in polling places by the County Board of Elections from the Community Center to the Kings Mountain Hospital.

The resolution will also include tapes of the June 1 meeting of the elections board in Shelby, photographs of both polling sites provided by Ward 4 Councilman Gene White and letters from interested citizens.

City Attorney Mickey Corry presented the resolution.

Corry said the city executed contract with the county to run the municipal elections April 29, 1997 and the city or county board can get out of the contract with a 90-day notice. He said the city elections are non-partisan, therefore the city, by law, is not required to use the county board of elections. The city has paid the county \$3,960. White said the city has had no return from its money except "insulting behavior from election officials."

White's motion also included direction to the city attorney to write a letter under the board's signature to the North Carolina Board of Elections censuring what White cited "behavior" of Elections Board Secretary Ruth Wilson in the controversy and a letter to Kings Mountain Hospital asking the hospital to withdraw its offer to hold Precinct 2 elections at the site.

"The hospital administrator was misled and I'd like a copy of that letter to go to Carolinas Medical Center," said Councilman Clavon Kelly.

Said White, "the new precinct lines were drawn by the county board of elections to include the Community Center that has been utilized for elections for 20 years and upon discovery that some people from the west side of town objected to going to the Community Center Ms. Wilson decided to move that location closer to the west side and 2000 feet of the Armory where they previously voted. Chairman Pat Spangler agreed and Elections Supervisor Debra Blanton helped to get it done."

White said the action was taken by the county elections board after a limited number of complaints from precinct workers and a few complaints from

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## Public mum at budget hearing

The public was quiet and so was City Council during a public hearing of the city's \$24.5 million budget for fiscal year 1998-99 Tuesday night.

The meeting drew only a handful of citizens, mostly city employees, to hear a budget message by City Manager Jimmy Maney and a report of an electrical retail rate study by representatives of Progressive Engineering. Local industrial leaders will be invited to a workshop session with city officials to discuss some savings options in the new study.

Maney said the budget had been discussed at length in budget workshops but he reiterated that the budget contained no utility or tax increases and included a 4 1/2 percent raise for city employees and funding for the new police department, the first payment of the \$100,000 pledge to the new Harris children's wing at Mauney Memorial Library and lining of the Pilot Creek No.3 basin as well as continuation of capital improvements in recreation and an engineering study for a proposed new water line from Moss Lake to the city.

He projected that Gastonia will probably up its sewer rate at least seven percent to the city for treatment of sewage at the Crowders Creek Plant and said Council could either pass on the costs of the increase or look at absorbing the increase for the second year by using fund balances. Maney said the city absorbed 13 percent of \$1 million last year which means Gastonia has increased its costs to Kings Mountain 20 percent over the last two years.

"As of 10 a.m. this morning we had no definite decision but we had heard the 7 percent figure," he responded to question of Councilman Gene White.

Maney noted that a discount rate for electricity is available to senior citizens and that only 225 senior residents have taken advantage of the plan which is outlined in the new rate study proposal. He suggested that senior residents 62 years or older whose combined income with spouse is in the \$25,000 annual range could be eligible for the senior discount.

## Myrick visits KM on 2-county swing

Ninth District U. S. Congresswoman Sue Myrick (R) chatted with people in the business district Monday morning, did some shopping and later in the day presented medals to a Grover veteran.

James Robert Whitehouse, 51, of Grover, never received the medals due him after fighting in Vietnam more than 31 years ago.

"I'm getting those medals for the guys who didn't make it back," said Whitehouse after receiving the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon from Myrick.

Paul Willis, 78, of Mount Holly, was presented the Silver Star

Medal for gallantry in action on October 29, 1944. Willis' daughter brought him to Myrick's Gastonia office for the surprise presentation.

"Two different wars, but the same sense of heroism," said Myrick.

Myrick's office helps 100 veterans a year get military medals either lost or never received. Her office helped both Whitehouse and Willis receive their medals.

In Kings Mountain Myrick was escorted by Kathy Neely, President of the Kings Mountain Business & Professional Association. She bought a miniature tea set for her granddaughter, Savannah, and a floral bouquet for a friend but some of her newest

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**MYRICK VISITS** - Congresswoman Sue Myrick visited in Kings Mountain Monday and met some new friends who are really too young to vote. From left, Diggory Williams, 4; Christopher Williams, 7; Justin Williams, 10, and Alicia McAnelly, far right, 11.

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#### FRIDAY

Partly sunny; chance of a thunderstorm. High 90°, low 68°.

#### SATURDAY

Partial sun, humid, chance of a thunderstorm. High 88°, low 66°.