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Harris Highway to be dedicated

City and state Department of Transportation officials will formally dedicate the J. Ollie Harris Highway, the stretch of road of the Kings Mountain by-pass, at 10 a.m. ceremonies Friday at Kings Mountain City Hall.

Mayor Scott Neisler will present a resolution from the city to members of the late Senator's family.



Ollie Harris

"We invite the public to attend, Senator Harris was such a friend to all of us," said the mayor.

The State Highway Department has already installed the new green signs bearing the Senator's name.

Harris, a Kings Mountain mortician since July 1947 when he founded Harris Funeral Home, held the record of holding public office longer than any other person in Cleveland County, 42 years. Dean of the North Carolina Senate, he served 10 terms and was the first person elected from the newly formed district of Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. From 1947 until 1970 he was Cleveland County Coroner. He was president of the State Board of Embalmers and the State Funeral Director's Association, Commander of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club and American Red Cross Chapter, former chairman of the board of deacons at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, and a volunteer fireman. He received the Bronze Star after serving in Bastogne, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

He and Abbe Jane Wall Harris were married 62 years before their deaths in 1996. They had two children: Jane Wall Harris of Kings Mountain and the late John O. Harris Jr., of Houston, Texas. Ms. Harris and John O. Harris III of Kings Mountain, grandson of Senator Harris, have been invited to attend the ceremonies along with other family members and Harris Funeral Home staff.

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MAKING HIS LAST RUN



READY TO RIDE - Popular postman Bob Hullender makes his last mail delivery before retiring from the Kings Mountain Post Office.

Postman Bob Hullender retiring after 34 years with KM Post Office

by ELIZABETH STEWART
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Postman Bob Hullender will park his mail truck Thursday and punch out after 34 years with the Kings Mountain Post Office.

He doesn't recall a single day that the U. S. Mail didn't go out on time.

"I'm looking forward to retirement," said Hullender, who first joined the post office in 1956 as a college student working in the summer months for carriers on vacation.

After graduation from Western Carolina University, Hullender served two years in the Army Medical Corps from 1958-60 and returned to his hometown to marry GuyAnne Henderson and go to work at Belk's Department Store for three years as assistant manager.

"I saw an ad in the paper about an opening at the post office and I applied and Charles Alexander hired me," said Hullender. Later he became the city 5 full time carrier with 97 percent of his duties curbside delivery driving the LLB mail truck.

A Kings Mountain native, Bob is the son of the late Jack and Florence Hullender. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. He and his wife, GuyAnne, have four children. Elaine is married to Jeff Dixon; Ruth is married to Todd Blalock, Trent Hullender is married to Kim Hallman Hullender and Michael Todd Hullender is married to Lisa Dalton Hullender. The eight grandchildren, are Miranda and Mason Dixon, Brantley and Connor Blalock, Taylor Hullender, twins Chase and Ryan Hullender and Dalton Hullender.

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PACKING UP - Kings Mountain Post Office City 5 carrier Bob Hullender gets his mail route ready for a last delivery on his retirement day Thursday.

How high's the water?

City of Kings Mountain considering 7% increase

A 7 percent increase in water and sewer costs is expected to be passed on to city customers next month with the announcement Tuesday that the City of Gastonia is increasing by \$83,755 its costs to Kings Mountain for treatment of sewage.

"We can't continue to eat these costs," City Manager Jimmy Maney told City Council. But he recommended that Council hold off until a consultant can take a look at the impact on the city's revenues.

Maney said the city paid Gastonia over \$1 million for sewage treatment at the Crowders Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant last year and \$1.1 million the year before and Gastonia had raised its rates to Kings Mountain a total of 18 percent the past two years.

"Gastonia raised the rate 11 percent last year and we didn't pass on the cost to our customers. 18 percent of \$2 million is \$360,000," he said to Council and previously at a 6:15 p.m. meeting of the utilities commission which okayed postponing any action until the August meeting.

Maney said the postponement of the rate increase means the city will miss some revenue but he wanted to get an outside consultant to look at the overall rates.

The city utilities commission earlier said it may look at asking Council to increase the costs of water taps after the manager gets quotes from area cities of their charges. Both Councilmen Clavon Kelly and Rick Murphrey called the city's charges for water taps, \$400 for water and \$300 for sewer for inside city residents and \$800 for water and \$600 for sewer for outside residents, "very low."

In other actions, Council Tuesday: Okayed 4-2, Jerry Mullinax and Clavon Kelly voting against, request by Kings Mountain Country Club for an entrance sign in the first median area on Country Club Drive.

By 4-2 vote, Bob Hayes and Rick Murphrey in opposition, ordered the demolition of a house at 121 Bridges Street. Jim K. Wallace of Gastonia, the owner, asked for an extension to bring the vacant property up to codes. Inspections Director Andy Scoggins said Wallace had not complied for 4 1/2 years to an order to repair.

Heard a report from Scoggins that cleanup work by the owners on the old Margrace and Pauline Mill properties was running behind schedule.

Approved the employment of two people for the water and sewer department by vote of 4-2, Mullinax and Hayes in opposition. Maney estimated costs would run \$50,000, including fringe benefits, but recommended the hiring because he



JIMMY MANEY

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Deaths

- Jim Black, Virginia Beach, VA
- Bill Ware, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Luther Sigmon, Kings Mountain
- Kenneth McDaniel, Blacksburg, SC
- G. Marshall Whitesides, Shelby
- Margaret Stewart, Greenville, SC

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Pool dedication Friday, you can swim Saturday

City officials will cut the ribbon and formally dedicate the new Kings Mountain swimming pool complex Friday at 5 p.m.

But kids will have to wait until Saturday at 11 a.m. to take a dip in the cool, blue waters. The pool will open for public swimming Saturday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. and weekends this summer.

Mayor Scott Neisler invites the public to turnout Friday for free food and soft drinks, fanfare, fireworks at 9:15 p.m. and tours of the facility where gates will open to the public at 4 p.m.

Ray Boylan and Allen Denton and TV crews from Cable Channel 6 will be in town this week doing interviews for their Hometown show and will broadcast live



Ray Boylan Allen Denton

from the pool on Cleveland Avenue Friday evening.

"We are planning music, entertainment, food, a hydrant shower by the

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No new cases of E. coli, but investigation continues

No new cases of E. coli have been reported to the Cleveland County Health Department since July 19.

Health Department Director Denise Stallings said Tuesday the number of confirmed cases now stands at nine. The total number of people who have shown symptoms is 18.

Stallings said transmission of the infection from those who already have it is still possible. But proper hand washing should check the spread of the infection.

Stallings said the Shelby Fish Camp, a family restaurant where 12 of the 18 people symptomatic said they ate the same food on the same day and became ill, got a clean bill of health Monday, earning a Grade A rating for the 14th consecutive year. The restaurant reopened Tuesday after vacation

and a number of cars were already in the parking lot at 4 p.m.

Stallings said employees of the restaurant were screened for the E.coli bacteria before they returned to work. She said samples of food taken from the restaurant and two others in the county tested negative at the N. C. State Public Health Laboratory in Raleigh and 16 employees from Shelby Fish Camp tested negative.

Epidemiologists from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services have participated in the investigation and Dr. Karen Southwick, a medical epidemiologist, has been in Shelby since July 20 and has actively assisted the health department staff.

Stallings said the investigation is not

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