

Second primaries assured

With last-minute filing Monday, second primaries are assured for both Democrats and Republicans November 3 for seats up for grabs on the county board of commissioners.

A total of 14 people, eight Democrats and six Republicans, seek the five seats open on the board January 12.

Joe Cabaniss, of Shelby, current chairman of the board, was the 13th candidate to file Monday and the sixth Republican which assured a GOP primary.

Jerry Self, Republican of Shelby, was the 11th candidate to file and the fifth Republican candidate.

James W. "Buck" Carr of Shelby and Charles A. Carrigan of Kings Mountain, both Democrats, were Number 12 and 14 to file.

A federal appeals court threw out a 1994 agreement the county entered into with the NAACP that put Bobby Malloy and Mary Accor on the board as minority representatives. The appeals court ordered Judge Stanley Sporkin to work out a schedule for electing commissioners. He ruled that the commission would return to the form it had before the agreement, five seats, and that all would be filled with a primary Nov. 3, a second primary, if needed, on December 1 and election Jan. 12, 1999. Under the ruling, the two candidates receiving the most votes in the general election would serve four year terms, the next three would receive two year terms and thereafter everyone would serve four years to return to the stagger that would have been in effect if a consent degree had never been entered into by the county and the NAACP.



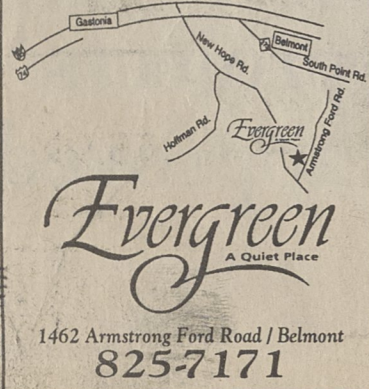
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The candidate list includes Incumbents Cabaniss, Crawley, and L. Ray Thomas, Republicans, and Democrats Ralph Gilbert Jr. and Willie McIntosh and Joe Hendrick, John R. McBrayer, Mary S. Accor, Bobby C. Malloy, James W. Carr and Charles A. Carrigan, all Democrats, and Norris C. Hastings, Charlie Harry, Jerry Self, Republicans.

Kings Mountain bond rating upgraded

The city's bond rating has been upgraded by Moody's Investor Service, New York, from Baa to Baa1, City Manager Jimmy Maney announced to City Council Monday night.

"This means we can borrow money if we need to but we are financially sound," said Maney, which immediately brought the suggestion from Councilman Clavon Kelly that the city float a bond issue to pay for a second water line from Moss Lake to Kings Mountain.

Kelly's suggestion brought the comment from Councilman Gene White that the city needed to have the true status of the water line in use since 1974 and then make an evaluation.

"This is a 25-year-old line and the interest rates are low now," said Kelly.

Councilman Rick Murphrey said after the meeting that the city had other obligations now in the form of a \$1 million law enforcement center and major recreational improvements. The city's bond indebtedness is \$8.6

million. Bond payments of \$708,000 are due March 1, 1999.

Maney praised City Council for the good news of the bond rating, which was lowered from A to Baa December 1994 largely due to severe financial stress. The new rating represents medium grade security and is the highest in the medium grade category. Maney said that by sending updated financial statements, forthcoming in the audit board members receive in October, could advance the rating even higher.

"From an investment standpoint, bonds should be at least investment grade and we are above investment grade," he said.

White said the rating hike took three years of hard work by the city manager and staff and that the council could take no credit for it. "People who run the day to day operation of the city should take the credit for it, the city manager and his departments."

Birthdays



AMBER CARROLL

Amber Carroll

Amber Marie Carroll, daughter of Robert Carroll and Barbara Hensley, was three years old September 12. She celebrated with a party on September 10.

Amber attends Bessemer City Recreation Department Pre-School. She has two brothers, Cody Hensley and Hunter Carroll.

Her grandparents are Ann Carroll of Kings Mountain, and Joe and Vera Ball of Bessemer City.



MASON PUTNAM

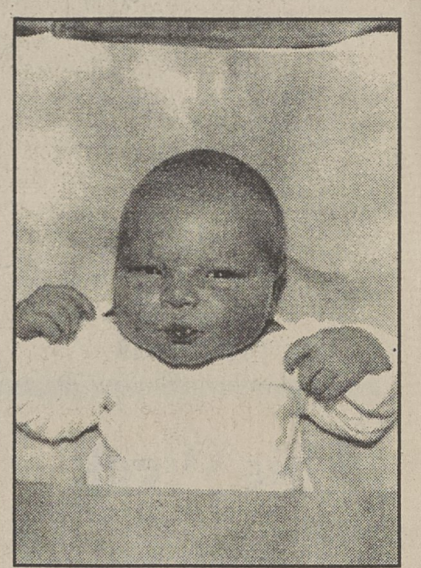
Mason Putnam

Mason David Putnam was born August 26, 1998 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Parents are David and Laurie Putnam of 121 Colony Drive, Kings Mountain.

Maternal grandparents are Nita White and Charles and Mary Frances White. Paternal grandparents are Wayne and Daphne Putnam.

Great-grandparents are Henry and Frances Houser, and Vertie Lovelace.



TYLER RANDLE

Tyler Randle

Tyler Lee Randle was born September 3 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He weighed eight pounds, 14 1/2 ounces.

He is the son of Hoyle and Sandy Randle of Kings Mountain. Grandparents are Jim and Evelene Thompson and the late Don Henderson, and Howard Randle and the late Ruth Randle, all of Kings Mountain.

PAVING

216. 12th Division Engineer R.W. Spangler wrote city officials that the city should complete preventative maintenance or other operations involving the cutting of pavement if necessary prior to April 1999.

Priority streets for paving include at least two or three streets in each of the city's five wards. Maney said Supt. of Public Works Jackie Barnette rode the streets before the bid tabulations were made and will also inspect the work once it is completed.

The streets to be paved include Gold Street, beginning at Battleground and ending at Gaston, 1,328 by 46 feet;

Church Street, beginning at Cleveland Avenue and ending at Linwood Road, 2,420 by 30 feet; Monroe Avenue, beginning at Linwood Road and ending at Jackson Street, 675 by 24 feet; Monroe Avenue, beginning at Woodside Drive and ending at Henry Street, 1165x26 feet; Temple Street, beginning at Fulton Street and ending at Walker Street, 687 x 34 feet; Mica Street, beginning at Waco Road and ending at Fulton Street, 570 by 33 feet; Slater Street, beginning at Oriental Avenue and ending at York Road, 781 by 20 feet; Rhodes Avenue, beginning at Henry Street and ending at Woodside Dr., 1260 by 424 feet; Princeton

Drive, beginning at Fulton Drive and ending at dead end, 1,387 by 32 feet; Crescent Circle, beginning at Hawthorne Road and ending at Hawthorne Road, 2,693 by 31 feet; Hawthorne Road, beginning at Railroad Avenue and ending at Hillside Drive, 2,693 by 27 feet; Sherwood Lane, beginning at Roxford Road and ending at Country Club drive, 2,310 by 34 feet; Sharon Drive, beginning at Sherwood Lane and ending at Country Club Dr., 1190 by 26 feet; Downing Court, beginning at Garrison Drive and ending at Wales Road, 1,215 by 27 feet; and Garrison Drive, beginning at Suzanne Drive and ending at Wales Road, 2,112 by 25 feet.

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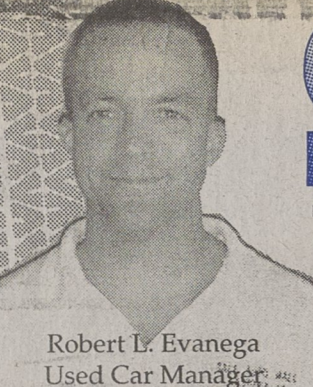
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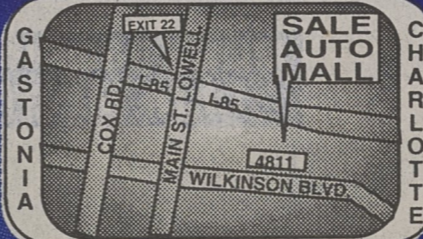
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