

Council to consider future of old lakes

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The City of Kings Mountain Utilities Committee will soon begin discussing what to do with the old Davidson and City water lakes.

Once the main water source for the city, the lakes have become only an occasional recreational spot for fishermen since Moss Lake was constructed in the late 1960s.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said the lakes have been appraised at \$630,000 and Councilman Clavon Kelly said the city should give the City Manager direction on whether to put them on the market or develop them for recreation.

The Utilities Committee was charged with considering the possibilities and making a recommendation later to Council.

In another matter, the city approved contracting with B&S Sales for towing services for abandoned and junked vehicles in violation of city ordinances. Codes Director Holly Galloway said there would be no charge to the city. B&S would store the vehicles free to owners for 10 days. After 10 days there would be a fee of \$10 per day and after 30 days the company would pursue a lien through proper legal channels.

In another Codes Department matter, the Council approved an ordinance to order the demolition of property at 1177 Second Street (mobile homes). Councilman Bob Hayes voted against the order.

In other action Tuesday, Council:

- Heard a report from Ellis Noell, Vice-President of the KM Business and Professional Association, about an engraved brick selling project to raise funds for a walking area and statue in the downtown gazebo

park. The walkway would be paved with the bricks, and donations would be approximately \$25, Noell said. He said the association plans to erect a bronze statue of the Overmountain men in the park at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said the city is negotiating with adjoining property owners about a master plan for the project, but the association's project could be a part of the master plan.

- Set a public hearing for May 9 on a \$625,000 CDBG grant application.

- On a 5-2 vote, with Clavon Kelly and Gene White opposing, approved a \$300 donation to the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund.

- Set a public hearing for May 30 on a General Business Zoning Text Amendment.

- Presented service weapon and badge to retiring Police Chief Richard Reynolds.

- Proclaimed May 4 as National Day of Prayer and May 6 as Municipal Clerk's Week

- Continued until May 30 a public hearing on Roger Goins' request to rezone property in the Mountain and Gold St. areas from residential to general business.

- Approved a request from Billy and Janet Greene to rezone property on E. King at N. Oriental from residential to general business.

- Approved naming the new connector road between 74-Business and Phifer Road "Kings Mountain Boulevard."

- Was reminded by Mayor Murphrey that Customer Appreciation Day is May 5 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at which time citizens and utility customers are invited to City Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

OBITUARIES

CLEO DAVISON
KINGS MOUNTAIN
Cleo Henson Davison, 82, 1718 Country Line Road, died April 25, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Tommy Robert and Azzilec Texas Whetstone Foster. She was the wife of the late Rev. Claude William Henson. She was also preceded in death by a grandchild Rodney Hayes. She was a member of Sunnyside Baptist Church, Bessemer City, and was retired from the Textiles Industry and also worked as a seamstress for Hamrick's Corporation.

She is survived by her husband Clarence F. Davison of Kings Mountain; son C.W. Henson, Jr., and wife Gail of Stanley, N.C.; step-son Dwight F. Davison of Brewerton, N.Y.; daughters Frances Stogner and husband Billy R. of Ellerbe, N.C., Mable Adams and husband Thomas of Blountsville, Alabama, Cornelia Hayes and husband L.C. of Hamlet, N.C., Carolyn Goodnight of Salisbury, N.C., Claudia Bryant and husband Charlie of Hamlet, N.C., Susan Blaine and husband Billy of Kings Mountain; brother George Foster of Bessemer City; sister Mae Humphries of Kings Mountain; also 12 grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Sunnyside Baptist Church by the Rev. Carroll Brackett. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Cancer Research, 500 E. Morehead Street, Suite 211, Charlotte, 28202.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

NC Cooperatives elect new officers

New officers have been elected to the state's associations representing the North Carolina electric cooperatives.

Elected as officers of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation were: James E. Mangum, Jr., CEO of the Wake EMC, Wake Forest, president; R.G. Brecheisen, executive vice president of Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough, vice president; Curtis Wynn, CEO of Roanoke Electric Cooperative, Rich Square, secretary; treasurer. NCEMC is the power supply organization of the state's electric cooperatives. In Cleveland County, members are served by Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation.

FRANKLIN MCINTYRE
SHELBY- Franklin Floyd McIntyre, 89, Cleveland Pines Nursing Home, died March 29, 2000 at Cleveland Pines.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Brodie V. and Mary Hardin McIntyre. He was also preceded in death by his wife the late Kathleen Harrill McIntyre and grandson Mike McIntyre. He was a retired Burlington Industries supervisor and was also employed at A.V. Wray and 6 Sons. He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church.

He is survived by his sons Donald H. McIntyre of Alta Vista, Virginia, Benjamin F. McIntyre of Louisburg, N.C., and James F. McIntyre of Corydon, Indiana; daughter Rebecca M. Neill of Troutman, N.C.; brothers Gus McIntyre of Shelby and Blaine McIntyre of Charlottesville, Virginia; sisters Madge Turner of Shelby, Jackie Green of Shelby, Margaret Brumley of Gastonia, Ray Whitaker of Shelby, Helen Ellis of Shelby; also 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

The graveside funeral was conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery by the Rev. Doug Peterson.

Memorials may be made to LIVE Program, PO Box 2247, Shelby 28151, or donor's choice.

Lutz-Austell Funeral Home served the family.

JAY SPERLING

HICKORY - Jay Randolph (J.R.) Sperling, 87, 2225 John Bowman Road, died April 20, 2000 at Catawba Valley Hospice.

A native of Gaffney, SC, he was the son of the late William and Margaret Hannon Sperling. He attended Bethlehem Baptist Church and was retired from Park Yarn Mill, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his brothers, Calvin Sperling of Burlington, Hugh Sperling of Winston-Salem, and William Sperling of Lincolnton; and sisters, Mary Killian and Inez Swanson of Hickory, Edith Holden of Lincolnton, Pauline Wright of Cherryville, and Emma Lunsford of Gastonia. He was preceded in death by his brother, the Rev. Boyce Edwin Sperling.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Kim Fox Dowell at 11 a.m. Friday at Hospice of Catawba Valley Chapel. Burial was in Catawba Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Catawba Valley, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658 or Shady Grove Methodist Church Roofing Fund, P.O. Box 367, Connelly Springs, NC 28612.

ETTA P. CLIPPARD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Etta Phillips Clippard, 84, 406 West Gold Street, died April 19, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Robbinsville, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Louisa Anderson Phillips and wife of the late James Henry Clippard. She was a member of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Robbinsville, and was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her son, David Clippard and wife, Ruth, of Kings Mountain; daughter, Ruth Bagwell and husband, Danny, of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren, Kale Bagwell and wife, Maribeth, Brent Bagwell and wife, Shannon, Diane Stacey and husband, Ronnie, and Deana Sherrin and husband, Kenny, all of Kings Mountain; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Richard Newsome at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DANNY SIDES

Gaffney, S.C. - Danny Levon Sides, 62, 2130 Victory Trail Road, died April 12, 2000.

A native of Gaston County, he was the husband of Brenda Patterson Sides, and son of Geneva Cherry Sides of Grover and the late Andrew Franklin Sides. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Gene Raymond Sides and David Sides.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Jeff Sides of Blacksburg, S.C. and Daniel Sides of Gaffney; stepson Rodney Dale of Gastonia; daughter Crystal Sides of Gaffney; brother Robert Sides of Blacksburg; sisters Joanne Godwin of Forest City, Margaret Heafner of Boone, N.C., Sylvia Davis of Grover, and Lynn Simmons of Gaffney; also three grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. at Grover City Cemetery by the Rev. Bennie Davis.

White Columns Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

FRANCES BETTIS

SHELBY - Frances Blanton Bettis, 79, 2071 Fallston Road, died April 22, 2000 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Eura Blanton and Moseline Beam Blanton of Shelby. She was the wife of the late Austell (Jack) Bettis, Jr. She was also preceded in death by her brother Cloy Daves and son in law Reid Daves. She was a homemaker and private sitter and a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and the Senior Adult Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her son and daughter in law Austell and Brenda Bettis III of Shelby; son Jack Stanley Bettis of Shelby; daughter Lawndale; brothers Bill Blanton of Fallston and Roland Blanton and Scott Blanton both of Shelby; sisters Dot Vance, Jeanette Ellis, Edris Melton, and Margaret Greene, all of Shelby; grandchildren Tonya Daves, Linda Byrd, Belinda Guy, Brian Bettis, and Reida Daves; great grandchild

dren Dillon Daves and Lydia Byrd.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by the Revs Russell Fitts and Ed Sessom. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

JOHN NEWTON

SHELBY - John Wayne Newton, 59, 5309 Spring Lane, died April 22, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of Roy Everette and Ollie Irene Lawson Newton of Marion. He was retired from PPG Industries as a fixer, and attended Immanuel Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Kayla Newton.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Faye Philbeck Newton of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Leigh Anne Newton of Kings Mountain; son, Michael Newton of the home; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bobby and Elaine Newton of Charleston, SC, Leonard and Wanda Newton of Crestview, FL, James and Diane Newton of Warner Robins, GA, Chuck and Betty Newton of Mooresboro, and Roger and Rachel Newton of Prattville, AL; sister, Annie Blanton of Shelby; sister and brother-in-law, Bill and Linda Newton Wright of Shelby; special niece, Carolyn Newton of Polkville; special nephew, Jeremy Gowan of Blacksburg, SC; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ray and Carolyn Philbeck of Earl, Ed and Colleen Philbeck of Kings Mountain, Lillian Summers of Shelby, and Betty Estes of Blacksburg, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Barry Philbeck and Jim Rice at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Clingman Memorial Gardens, Blacksburg, SC.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARY BURNS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Delorise Childres Burns, 65, died April 22, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Annie Bell Childres. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, P.G. Childres and Melton Childres.

She was a homemaker and a member of Martin Street United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Russell E. Burns of Clover, SC; daughter, Mary Frances Burns Smith of Kings Mountain; sisters, Irette Hamrick of Shelby and Frances Allen of Cherryville; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Waldrop at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Lutz-Austell Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Lutz-Austell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Vote



Tom Bridges
County
Commissioner
Democratic Primary May 2

Tommy P. Bridges
Age 64
129 Candlewood Drive
Kings Mountain, NC 28086-9546
Democrat

Operated Bridges AutoParts in Kings Mountain for 35 years
Past Member of the Kings Mountain School Board
Boss of the Year - Kings Mountain Jaycees
Board of Directors of Kings Mountain Merchant's Association
Member of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain

Tom Promises to:
Listen to All Citizens
Promote District Representation
Work with School Board

How should the school merger proceedings be handled? How much of a role should the commission play in creating the new school system?

The commissioners should select the interim board from the existing school boards. The commissioners should appoint the chair of each board to the interim board and let the boards themselves choose the remaining members. This board should make all decisions until the permanent board is chosen by the citizens of the county. The commissioners should assist the interim board in any matter the interim board request.

Do you support district representation for the county commission? Why or why not?

My goals as a commissioner would be to implement district representation for the county. As of now many of our commissioners live near each other and would probably challenge each other in elections if this was in place. District representation would be fair to all parts of the county and not give one district advantage over another. Over 50% of the counties use district representation and I strongly support this form for Cleveland County. If this was in place now I do not believe we would be having this merger problem.

What is Cleveland County's main infrastructure need? How should it be addressed?

One of our needs is to review our zoning. Many of our land owners that wanted the Rural Agricultural (RA) zoning did not foresee the hardships it would put on them. We need to be fair to all of our citizens. Several roads need some maintenance before create a driving hazard. We need to push the state on the new bypass to keep its construction on a faster pace.

Would you vote to go into a closed session to discuss county business?

The board should be open to the public with very few exceptions. A few of these exceptions are employment, complaints or grievances of employees or to hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct. Government officials should not use these exceptions to go into closed sessions whenever they wish.

What does the county need to do to attract more new jobs and higher-paying jobs?

The county is doing a good job on attracting jobs with the help of the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission. We need to encourage more development and try to anticipate some of our industries' closing or moving to foreign countries.

Paid for By Tom Bridges, Candidate

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