

Commissioners to take office

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Come Monday, December 4 at a little past 6 p.m., the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will take on a whole new complexion. To the delight of some, and the chagrin of others, that will be the time three new commissioners from Kings Mountain- Ronnie Hawkins, Mary Accor, and Tommy Bridges- will be sworn into their posts.

The ceremony will take place after approval of the minutes of several past meetings by the current commissioners. This will include the outgoing commissioners Joe Cabaniss, Jim Crawley, and Joe Hendrick. Following recognition of these three gents, Hawkins, Accor, and Bridges will be sworn in. After a brief recess, the new folks will quickly get down to business.

"I feel very good about taking this leadership role and being a servant of the people of Cleveland County," Accor said. "There is a lot of business that needs to be done. We intend to work as a team for the people."

Bridges also expressed eagerness to go to town. "It seems like we've got a big job to do," he said. "There is a lot of responsibility and we are going to work at it very hard."

Since he had to resign his job on the Kings Mountain School Board to take the commissioner seat, Hawkins said the swearing in ceremony was one he approached with mixed emotions. During

his 11 years on the school board, he only missed one meeting.

"I look forward to working for all the people of Cleveland County," Hawkins said.

An issue that's guaranteed to come up Monday night is the one that propelled the Kings Mountain Trio into power- school merger.

"We are going to present a resolution to rescind merger and use any legal means to stop it," Hawkins said. "We believe the previous board's vote for merger was not in the best interest of Cleveland County."

Hawkins also said that the resolution would ask Charlotte attorney Gil Middlebrooks to resign his relationship with the county. Middlebrooks was hired by the old commissioners to mastermind the legal strategy behind merger.

"If he doesn't resign with the outgoing commissioners, we will ask him to do so," said Hawkins. "We prefer he quit beforehand."

Other items on Monday's agenda will include selection of a new commission chairman. Current commissioner Willie McIntosh will likely get that post. McIntosh voted against merger earlier this year. The vice chairman post is undecided, but could go to Bridges.

Other business Monday will include appointments to the Cleveland County Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory, Cleveland County Board of Health, and Cleveland County Rural Fire Commission. There will also be a public hearing about zoning map adjustments.

KM POLICE REPORT

KM man faces murder charge

A Kings Mountain man has been charged with murder in connection with a shooting incident Wednesday at 102 Penney Drive, South of Kings Mountain.

According to Captain B. G. Benton of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, deputies responded to a call to the residence and found the body of Lisa Michelle Atkins in a bathtub. Benton said the death was as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. A .12 gauge shotgun was found in the mobile home residence.

Ronald Lee Spencer, 18, who lived with Atkins, was arrested and placed in the Cleveland County Detention Center.

Benton said both Spencer and Atkins are originally from Gaston County and moved to Penney Drive in September of this year.

CITATIONS

Florence Smith, 53, 111 Matthew Dr., speeding 49 in 35 zone.

Subhash Soman, Charlotte, failure to reduce speed to avoid collision.

Jennifer Peak, Clover, SC, speeding 64 in 45 zone.

Kelly Gans, Gaffney, SC, speeding 65 in 45 zone.

Philip Leonhardt, 20, 602 1/2 Phenix St., driving while license revoked.

Howard Roberts, 71, 115 Roberts Farm Rd., failing to see movement that could be made in safety.

Jeremy Scarborough, 23, 818 Second St., no operator's license, no insurance.

Oliver Brown Jr., 39, 213 Branchwood Cir., speeding 62 in 45 zone.

Sherry Revis, 28, 204 S. Oriental, no inspection sticker, failure to carry registration card.

INCIDENTS

Burger King, 717 York Rd., reported receiving a bomb threat.

Wanda Walker and Detechusses Moore, 415 Clinton Dr., reported break-in and larceny. Stolen were clothing, shoes, camera and carrying bag, money, and ladies pocket book. Total value of items taken was \$1,949.98.

Texaco, 511 Linwood Rd., reported larceny of \$55.62 worth of cigarettes.

Carolyn Lawhorn, Shelby, reported that she was assaulted at an apartment on Grace St.

Robin Lowry, 701 Marion St., reported break-in and larceny. A DVD video player valued at \$350 was stolen, and there was \$100 damage to a door and frame.

Diana Brooks, 121 Branchwood Cir., reported break-in and larceny from an automobile. There was \$100 damage to the car. A purse was stolen.

Silver Express, 501 E. King St., reported that someone threw a plastic crate and shattered a window. Damage was \$250.

Janelle McClain, 303 Campbell Cir., reported that someone ran a sharp object around her vehicle, causing \$500 damage.

Sidney Floyd, Gastonia, reported that he was assaulted while at the Texaco station at the corner of King and York Rd. Someone used a piece of glass to cut him across the face.

Alberta Thompson, 303 W. Parker St., reported that someone shot into her home. Bullet holes were reported in the window shutter, wall, and a stereo speaker.

McDonalds - Blair Inc., Plaza Shopping Center, reported receiving a bomb threat.

Handy Pantry, 225 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of \$10.06 worth of gasoline.

Kings Mountain Express, 212 W. King St., reported larceny of \$92 worth of cigarettes.

Texaco Express, 511 Linwood Rd., reported larceny of \$71.87 worth of cigarettes.

Handy Pantry, 225 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of \$20 worth of gasoline.

Herbert Anthony, 208 Parker St., reported receiving harassing phone calls.

William Potson, Lula, GA, reported attempted larceny of a vehicle which was parked at Holiday Inn Express. There was damage to the driver's door lock, steering column and ignition switch.

WRECKS

Vehicles driven by Donna Mullins of Kings Mountain and Janice Henry of Gastonia struck on Cansler at Gold St. Damage to each car was \$2,000. Mullins was given citations for having a fictitious tag and no insurance.

Vehicles driven by Jack Darby of Tulsa, OK and John Parris of Gaffney, SC struck on I-85 near NC 161. There was \$3,000 to Parris' vehicle.

Fernando Atenogenes tried to stop for road construction on I-85 but had to leave the roadway and hit a guard rail. Damage to

his vehicle was \$500.

A parked vehicle owned by Susan Gordon of Clover, SC was struck by an unknown driver in the parking lot of Harris Teeter. Damage to the car was \$500.

A vehicle driven by Jonathan Bowen of Grover struck a parked vehicle owned by Joe Earle of Kings Mountain in the parking lot of KMHS. Damage to the Bowen car was \$100. Damage to the Earle car was \$350.

A vehicle driven by Franklin Butler of Ramseur, NC was stopped for construction work on I-85 at Hwy. 161 and was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Subhas Soman of Charlotte. Damage to the Butler car was \$2,000. Damage to the Soman car was \$10,000.

A City of KM vehicle driven by Thomas Moton of Grover rolled backward and struck a utility pole at Public Works.

Vehicles driven by Clyde Huffman of Blacksburg, SC and Darrick Moore of Kings Mountain struck in the parking lot of Little Dan's on Hwy. 216. There was \$300 damage to the Huffman vehicle and \$800 to Moore's.

Vehicles driven by Howard Roberts and Jeremy Scarborough, both of Kings Mountain, struck on U.S. 74 Business near N.C. 161. Damage to the Roberts vehicle was \$800 and damage to Scarborough's vehicle was \$1,000.

Vehicles driven by Lekesha Brooks and Tasha Tate, both of Kings Mountain, struck on Hillway Drive at Lewis Curry Rd. Damage to the Brooks car was \$2,000. Damage to the Tate vehicle was \$10,000.

Vehicles driven by Rodrigus Moore and William Childers, both of Kings Mountain, struck on U.S. 74 Business near S. Goforth St. Damage to the Moore vehicle was \$2,500 and damage to the Childers vehicle was \$2,000.

RADAR WATCH

Kings Mountain Police will be running radar during the week of November 27-30 at the following locations:

- Monday - Cleveland Ave.
- Tuesday - East Gold St.
- Wednesday - N. Sims St.
- Thursday - N. Cansler St.

FIRE REPORTS

The Kings Mountain Fire Department reported the following calls for the period November 20 through November 25.

- 11/20- Mountain View Apartment #12, smoke detector investigation.
- 11/21- J.E. Herndon Company, fire alarm off.
- 11/21- 500 Phifer Road, auto accident.
- 11/21- 161 S. at I-85, service call.
- 11/22- J.E. Herndon Company, fire alarm off.
- 11/23- Standby for helicopter at Kings Mountain Hospital.
- 11/25- 146 Parkgrace Road, assist Bethlehem with structure fire.

BUILDING PERMITS

The Kings Mountain Building and Codes Department issued the following permits for the period November 20 through November 22.

- 11/20- Kenny and Carol George, 406 Scotland Drive, detached carport, \$600.
- 11/21- Landmark Developing, Benfield Road, new single family dwelling, \$40,000.
- 11/21- William Beard, 108 Marigold Avenue, remodel bathroom, \$3,000.
- 11/22- George Lubianezki, 203 S. Battleground Avenue, brick windows for safety pur-

Flu shots are hard to find

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It's official, the flu season has arrived. According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, lab results for a resident of Macon County showed positive for influenza Type B.

Symptoms of the flu appear suddenly and may include fever, severe headache and body ache, sore throat, and cough. An attack of the flu can also make a person more prone to catching pneumonia, an illness that puts a severe strain on the heart and lungs.

Those who develop the flu should drink plenty of fluids, rest, and stay at home to avoid spreading the infection. Flu victims may also take over the counter drugs such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen. Aspirin should be avoided because taking it for flu has been associated with Reye's Syndrome, a serious brain and liver disorder in children.

Of course, the old saying about an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure also applies to the flu. However, because many local health departments and private health providers across the country are experiencing delays in flu vaccine delivery, it's a good idea to first make sure they have a supply of vaccine on hand. The reason that there is a shortage is because pharmaceutical companies are having trouble growing a key component of the vaccine. Also, one of the four flu vaccine manufacturers has left the market.

State public health officials are encouraging health care providers to vaccinate high-risk patients first. The majority of people get their flu shots during October and November. The delay

in procuring vaccine now means that those vaccinations won't take place until November of December- well into the flu season. Especially vulnerable are persons over the age of 65 and those with chronic heart and lung problems, kidney disease, diabetes, and suppressed immune systems.

Planning ahead, the Cleveland County Health Department ordered their supply of vaccine early. The amount was based on last year's number of vaccinations. So far, the supply is holding well.

"We have given about 4,500 flu vaccinations so far," said Gay Melton, Adult Health Supervisor.

In addition to the October 26 date that they gave vaccinations, the Cleveland County Health Department has also scheduled three other shot times. December 1, flu vaccinations may be had at the Senior Center in Shelby from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. December 6 will see flu vaccinations at Washington Missionary Baptist Church in Waco from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. On December 8, shots will be available at First Baptist Church in Grover from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Besides taking a flu shot, there are several things that folks can do to lessen their chances of catching the disease. Top on the list is avoiding contact with a flu sufferer. Also, frequent hand washing with an antibacterial soap is a good idea. If you are already sick, keep your nose and mouth covered with a handkerchief to avoid spreading germs.

"It is vital to prevent hand to mucous membrane contact when it comes to the flu," Melton says.

For more information on flu vaccine, call the Cleveland County Health Department at 484-5100.

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