

**GARY STEWART / THE HERALD**  
At first glance, it appears throwing trash at City Water Lake near Kings Mountain is a very expensive crime. The warning sign seems to be saying it could cost you \$100,000 per day. But the sign has one too many zeroes on it. Really, the fine is up to \$100.00 per day.

# Mauney Memorial Library plans Black History Month celebration

Mauney Memorial Library will celebrate Black History Month with a special program on Sunday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. The theme will be "Moving into the 21st Century." Mayor Rick Murphrey will give the welcoming address and Councilman Howard Shipp will give the invocation. Dr. Everette Thombs will be the keynote speaker. James Froneberger and his ensemble from First Congregational United Church of Christ will begin and end the

program with a song. Deloris Murphy will present a flute solo and Sharon McLeod will play a horn solo. Jannette Parker will serve refreshments after the program. Anne Corry, Faye Weber, and Sophronia Campbell are on the Black History Committee, which is planning the program. "The key to success in the 21st century is education," said Librarian Rose Turner. "This includes both formal and self education, as we not only attend schools and colleges but also

use the public library to explore topics of interest and to keep abreast of current events and technological changes. The rate of change in the 21st century continues to accelerate as technology changes every week and new skills are constantly in demand. In order to cope with this rate of change, we must keep informed on recent developments and continue to improve our skills. "This year our Black History Program will address some of these issues as we celebrate

black culture and its influence on the wider culture. There are many influential and talented Black people in Kings Mountain, and they will share their talents and insights with us." The program will be held in the new meeting room downstairs in the Harris Children's Wing. The entrance to the room is located on the ground level on the Harris Funeral Home side of the building. Parking is available both in the front and in the back of the library.

# Lack of rain fire concern

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

Lack of rain has recently turned the landscape into a tinderbox just waiting for a spark. That's the word from the N.C. Forest Service.

According to John Hunt with the Forest Service, 16 wildland fires have been touched off in North Carolina since the beginning of the new year. Normally, the figure is two or three fires by Groundhog Day.

Fire season in our area usually starts in mid-February. Nearly all of the 16 fires report-

ed so far have been caused by people burning brush.

In Cleveland County itself, fire marshal Beau Lovelace says that there has been an occasional brush fire, but nothing large.

"We haven't had a rash of fires or anything like that," said Lovelace.

In Kings Mountain, the last two weeks has seen the fire department respond to a grass fire near Benton Express on York Road and a possible grass fire on E. King Street near the new Senior Center construction

site. Bill Ware with the KMFJ cautioned folks to be careful about what they toss out of their cars.

"A cigarette thrown on the side of the road can start a grass fire very quickly," said Ware.

According to Hunt and Ware, there are several fire safety rules to keep in mind during the current dry spell. One is to have a garden hose nearby and charged with water ready to keep the fire under control. If you burn brush, stay with the fire the entire time. The person doing the burning is responsible for not only the cost of con-

trolling any wildfire that might occur, but also for any damages the fire may have caused.

Remember, all trash burning is illegal. All household garbage should be taken to the county landfill.

According to Ware, no ban on burning has been put into effect. However, if it doesn't rain soon, that could change.

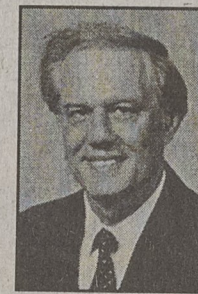
"The Forest Service monitors humidity and moisture levels every day," said Ware. "If they feel like things are critical, they can ban burning."

# Dr. Horton interim at KM Baptist Church

Kings Mountain Baptist

Church has called Dr. Charles Horton as full-time Interim Pastor.

Dr. Horton currently serves as Director for the Center for Congregational Enrichment at the School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. He



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will remain in that position but will relocate to the Kings Mountain area.

Dr. Horton holds a B.A. from Stetson University, M. Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Th.M. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children and three grandchildren.

# Zoning hearing slated at February meeting

Kings Mountain City Council has set public hearings for February 27 at 7 p.m. for the following rezoning requests:

- Keith Calhoun, to rezone property at 120 Earney Road from R-10 to R-20.
- Howard Swofford, to rezone property at 1422 Phifer Road from R-10 to R-20.
- Roy O. Smart, to rezone property at 129 Earney Road from R-10 to R-20.
- Sam Leigh, to rezone property at 1506 Phifer Road from R-10 to R-20.
- Jack Eaker, to rezone property at 1402 Phifer Road from R-10 to R-20.
- Tim Gaddy, to rezone property at 107 Camelot Court from R-10 to R-20.
- Tommy E. Hall and Tina Hall, to rezone property at 204 Cansler Street from R-10 to Conditional Use RS-6 PUD.

Baptist Church Road, from R-10 to Conditional Use R-20.

- John Mitchell, to rezone property at 138 Putnam Lake Road from R-10 to Conditional Use R-20.
- Wayne D. Blanton, to rezone property at 105 Alex D. Owens Dr. from R-10 to Conditional Use R-20.
- David and Nancy Smith, to rezone property at 309 Oak Grove Road from R-10 to Conditional Use R-20.
- Robert C. Phifer, to rezone property at 2048 Shelby Road from R-10 to CU R-20.
- Jeanette Phifer, to rezone property at 2040 Shelby Road from R-10 to CU R-20.
- Jerry and April Morris, to rezone property at 2045 Shelby Road from R-10 to Heavy Industrial.
- Jerry and April Morris, to rezone property at 2277 David Baptist Church Road from R-10 to CU R-20.
- Jerry and April Morris, rezone property at 2167 Vestibule Church Road from R-10 to CU R-20.
- Russell Falls, rezone property at 1976 Bethlehem Road from R-10 to CU R-20.
- Summit Place International, rezone property at 1001 Phifer Road - Eden Care, from Residential R-0 and Residential R-10 to Conditional Use Residential R-6 PUD.

Council approved the following rezoning requests at last week's meeting:

- Nancy and Edward Short, to rezone property on Margrace Road from R-20 to GB.
- Cecil Burton, to rezone property on Shelby Highway from R-20 to GB.
- John and Rose Richardson, rezone property at 1222 Bethlehem Road from R-10 to Conditional Use R-20.
- Clyde and Faye Kerns, to rezone property at 2352 David

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**ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD**  
Worker Mark Hunt was getting ready to fire up this piece of machinery at the site of the new Kings Mountain Woman's Center. Hunt said the recent good weather had speeded up the job.