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Bolin Day Care recently held its graduation at First Wesleyan Church. Front row, left to right, Chelsea George and Kohn Scott. Second row, Andrew Withers, Taylor Jackson, Steven Smith, Austin Champion and Sarah Lambert. Third row, Leah Puckerin, Emily Dover, Octavia Nixon, Haley Camp and Monique Petty. Back row, Garrett Herndon, Allen Williams, Matthew Belk, Roneshia Byers, Landon Bolin.

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companies choose to locate here.

Ron Humphries, a member of the committee, said the group has spent countless hours planning the playground and said there were concerns that it was being built on Jake Early Field, a facility named in memory of the former Washington Senators baseball star.

"Our aim would be for the entire complex to be named for Jake Early," he said.

Maney and Finance Officer Lori Hall said the funds for the park, as well as those for a new fire station on the west side of town, were allocated in the 2001-02 budget through electrical funds transfers. In order to build the playground on September 4, Maney said ordering of material, landscaping, excavating, etc., would have to begin shortly after the new budget year begins on July 1.

"There are many things that have to happen at a very rapid pace," he said.

White said he is not against the playground, but that it had been his understanding that

funds would be raised by the committee. He asked Maney, considering the absence of conceptual drawings, if \$250,000 would be the absolute highest amount the city would end up spending on the project.

"We allocated \$250,000" during the budget process, Maney said. "We did not know what it would cost. We weren't sure where we were going to put it, and weren't sure about parking and rest room facilities."

Maney said the property has been surveyed, and the city's architectural consultants have developed plans that include a T-Ball field. Final parking and site preparation plans haven't been received yet, he said.

Maney said the park could possibly be built for \$125,000 to \$150,000, "but it depends on how elaborate you want it to be." He said the bank between the ball field and the fire museum could be sloped to make the park more attractive and enhance the east side of town.

Gina Collias, chairman of the playground committee, said she envisions and "King's Crown" entrance that would be clearly visible from highways 161 and 74 bypass.

OBITUARIES

TOMMY BUMGARDNER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thomas Arnold "Tommy" Bumgardner, 50, 206 Countryside Drive, died Friday, June 22, 2001 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ralph Arnold Bumgardner. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Linda Bumgardner Moore.

He was employed by Duke Power Company and was a member of First Wesleyan Church where he served on the Board and sang in the choir. He was a member of the Bethware Progressive Club and was a former member of the Daryl Waltrip Racing Team.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Gregory Bumgardner of the home; sons, Brent Hawkins and wife Sharon of Kings Mountain, and Brad Hawkins of the home; daughters, Melissa Green and husband James of Kings Mountain, and Jennifer Bumgardner of the home; mother, Virginia Moore Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; brother, Jerry Wayne Bumgardner and wife Sallie of Surf Side Beach, SC and Ray Bumgardner and wife Mary Jane of Monroe, GA; and grandchildren, Peyton Green and Greg Hawkins.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Don Williams and Robbie Moore at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Wesleyan Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Wesleyan Church, 505 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JESSE SPURLING

SHELBY - Jesse Spurling, 76, 5050 Pecan Drive, died June 23, 2001 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ivey Spurling and Essie York Spurling, and husband of the late Mary Helen Deskin

Spurling.

He was a retired mobile home repairman, and a member of Manna Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Danny Spurling of Shelby; daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Gary McSwain of Shelby; brother, Lloyd Spurling of Shelby; sisters, Pauline Walker, Janie Duncan and Barbara Phillips, all of Shelby; grandchildren, Chad McSwain of Toluca, Brian McSwain of Shelby, and Katie Hastings of Kings Mountain; and one great-grandchild, Michael McSwain of Toluca.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tom Whitlock at 11 a.m. Monday at Manna Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Manna Baptist Church, 1714 Burke Road, Shelby, NC 28152. Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HAP MCDANIEL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Fred Atwood "Hap" McDaniel Sr., 93, 607 Crescent Circle, died June 23, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Gaither Hoyle and Ada Brown McDaniel, and was husband of the late Ruth Houser McDaniel.

He was retired from Dicey Fabrics in Shelby, and was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his son, Fred A. McDaniel Jr. of Tega Cay, SC; daughter, Carolyn Reed of Kings Mountain; brother, Robert McDaniel and wife Wilma of Columbia, SC; sisters, Virginia Arnette of Kings Mountain and Wilma Hope of Gastonia; grandchildren, Sherri Brown and husband Eddie of Charlotte, Dr. Charles Reed and wife Jill of Hickory, and Dr. John Reed and wife Carolyn of Greenville, NC; and great-grandchildren, Katherine, Patrick, Natalie, Elizabeth, and Alichia.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Donald Mitchell at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Arnette-Cranford Scholarship Fund, c/o First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1188, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SUZANNE DAVISON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Suzarine Branigan Davison, 73, a resident of Eden Gardens, died Sunday, June 24, 2001 at her home.

A native of Rock Hill, SC, she was the daughter of the late William Parnell and Charlotte Laurey Branigan, and wife of the late Thomas Harold Davison Sr. She was also preceded in death by three grandchildren; Teresa Davison, Christopher Brian Davison, and Scarlett Erin Davison; brothers, Thomas Branigan and William Parnell Branigan Jr.; and sisters, Peggy Gibson and Sarah Dingee.

She was retired from the cafeteria at Kings Mountain High School. She was a homemaker and a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. She was a former member of Christ the King Altar Guild.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas Davison Jr. of Napa, CA, James Davison of Gastonia, Richard Davison of Kings Mountain, and Paul Davison of Florence, AL; daughters, Ruth Ethridge of Greenville, NC, Charlotte Flynn of Winston-Salem, and Sarah Parker and Peggy Wheeler, both of Kings Mountain; brother, Dan Branigan of Rock Hill, SC; sister, Patricia Jonas of York, SC; and 22 grandchildren.

The funeral Mass of Christian Burial was conducted by Father Thomas P. Clements at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AGNES B. ROSS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Agnes B. Ross, 72, 211 North Carpenter Street, died June 20, 2001.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia.

JEANETTE HOLLAND

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jeanette Corriveau Holland, 52, 1500 Northwoods Drive, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at her residence.

A native of Douglas County, Nebraska, she was the daughter of the late Hollis James and Viola Lieb Corriveau. She was a native American Indian, Winnebago Tribe in Omaha, Nebraska. She was a graduate of Gaston College.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Faile of Kings Mountain and Hollis Faile of Huntersville; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Jill H. Faile of Gastonia; daughters, Joyce Haynes of Gastonia, Lucy Black of Gastonia, and Jenny Dix of Mount Holly; and grandchildren, Jeremy Burgess, James Haynes, Jason Haynes, Madison Faile and Paul Faile.

Burial was private. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

McLean Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

ALLEN HERNDON SR.

BELLEVUE, FL - Allen H. Herndon Sr., died June 18, 2001 at Sylvia's Hospice House.

A native of Kings Mountain, he moved to Bellevue 47 years ago. He was a retired farmer and mill supervisor for Seminole Stores.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Bellevue, and was an avid gardener, fisherman and reader.

He is survived by his wife, Lucile Herndon of Bellevue; daughters, Lee Godwin of Morrilton, FL and Lynn Batelli of Heldon, NJ; son, Allen H. "Sonny" Herndon Jr. of Lincolnton; sisters, Sara Simpson of Kings Mountain, Luann Holden of W. Palm Beach, FL, and Cora Montgomery of Charlotte; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478.

BECKY HAMPTON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Becky Roper Hampton, 56, 900 Boyce Street, died Sunday, June 24, 2001 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Jesse Hillard and Flora Ailene Bookout Yarbro. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Derek Roper; brother Jimmy Yarbro; and sisters Judy Marlowe and Grace DiSabato.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and was employed by Eaton Corporation.

She is survived by her husband, Charles H. Hampton of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Kim Roper Bolin and Tracy of Kings Mountain, Kim Hampton Brymer and Roger of Gastonia, Lisa Hampton Austin and Chuck of Kings Mountain, and Robin Hampton Bridges and Jeff of Kings Mountain; brothers, Doug Yarbro, Mike Yarbro and Jeff Yarbro, all of Kings Mountain; sisters, Shirley Guyton and Kathy Yarbro of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, April Roper, Elizabeth Roper, Laura Howell, Chad Bridges, C.J. Austin, Cody Austin, and Jordan Brymer.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Dale Swafford and Dr. Marshall Gupton at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1356, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; American Cancer Society, 500 E. Morehead Street, Suite 211, Charlotte, NC 28202; or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Thunderstorms drench county

Thunderstorms drenched Cleveland County last weekend leaving little damage in its wake.

City of Kings Mountain Electrical Director Nick Hendricks said approximately 2,000 people lost power Friday, with isolated outages on Sunday.

Some of the damage last weekend included lightning hitting transformers and tree limbs on power lines.

Beau Lovelace, Cleveland County Emergency Management Director said Shelby received three to four inches of rain on Sunday.

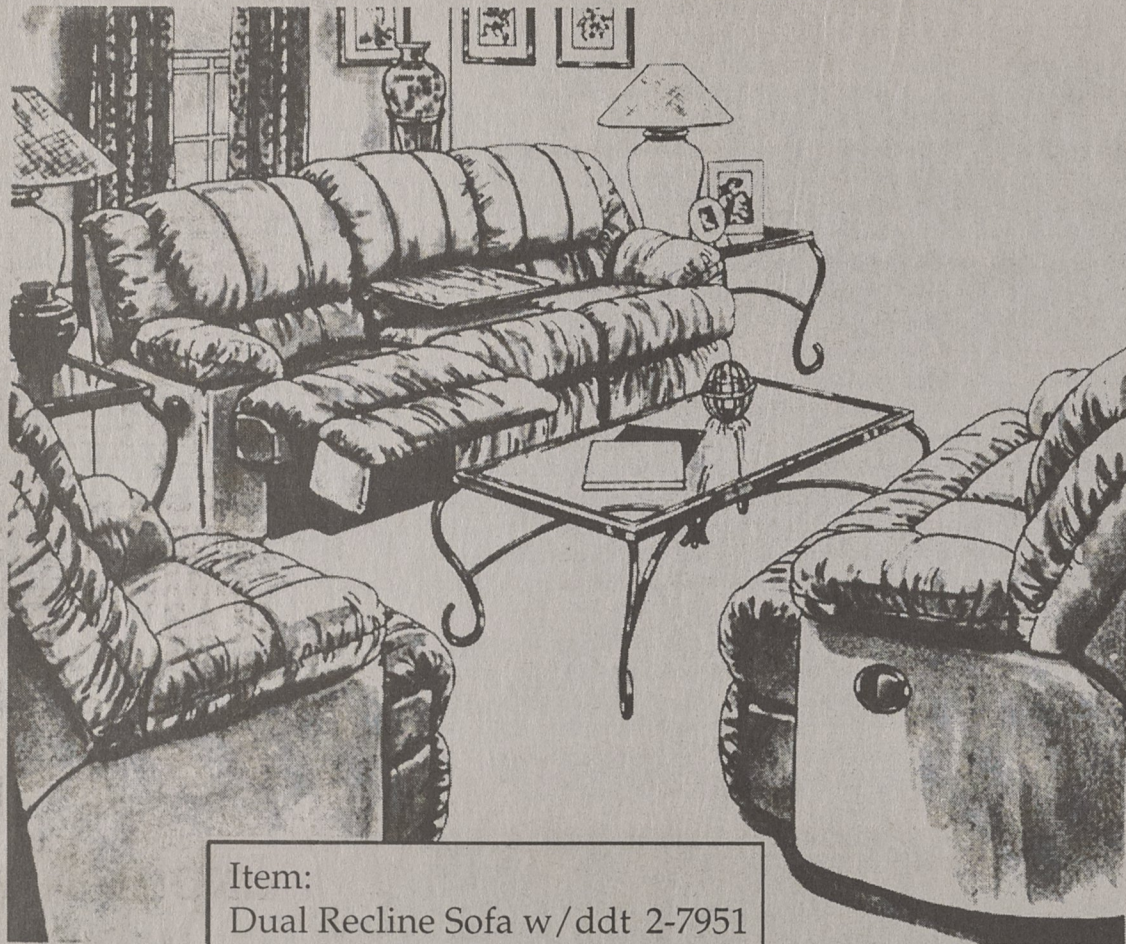
KM students serve as governor's page

Lindsay Jean Varner and Nicholas Ryan Jones, both of Kings Mountain, recently participated in the Governor's Page Program in Raleigh. The program provides students with an opportunity to gain knowledge of the roles of functions of state government.

Varner is the daughter of Randy and Janet Varner and is a rising sophomore at Kings Mountain High School.

Jones is the son of Scott Ferrel and Angelia Jones and is a rising junior at Kings Mountain High School.

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