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Students from East Elementary take time to pose before heading home from school.

WATER

From 1A

"Personally, speaking for myself, I think we've got enough on our plates right now," Spears said.

Council also:

- Set the date of October 29 at 7 p.m. for a public hearing regarding a request from William and Donna Huffstetler to rezone property located at 236 Wright Road from residential R-10 to conditional use R-20.
- Budget amendment for the Planning Department for \$599 to cover Lake Norman RPO dues
- Resolution to add wood enclosed dumpster pad and brick enclosed dumpster pad to the City Standard Details
- Resolution to add standard street cross section 60' right of way 24'/28' back to back
- Resolution approving

the Hall Crossing Phase two subdivision plan.

- Resolution for extensions of water, sewer and street drainage into Hall Crossing Phase 2
- Resolution authorizing the sale by auction of municipally owned personal property on Saturday October 19.
- Authorize a cross walk and three-way stop behind East Elementary School.
- Budget amendment for \$261,641 for the water/sewer department to complete the second street sewer main extension project and Floyd Street Sewer Main Extension Project.
- Approved a request from Wanda Conner for rezoning of property at 703 West King Street from Residential R-8 to Office.
- Approved sending back David A. Scism's request to rezone property located at 133 Scism Road from residential R-10 to conditional use general business.

DSS

From 1A

Bob Wooten said he filed a complaint with DSS after the facility allegedly tried to transfer his father-in-law Robert Goforth Sr.

According to Wooten, this was after he spoke with Summit Place Executive Director Kristi Anthony about alleged abuse of Goforth.

rounding the possible transfer was Goforth's condition. Goforth had been on dialysis before he died on February 22.

In a letter dated February 8, Anthony requested that Goforth's family keep a nurse on-site to be with Goforth, which would meet the requirements for skilled care.

The letter said skilled care requires assessment and observation of licensed nurses on a 24-hour basis.

PARK

From 1A

efforts. We don't have as many rangers to do as much programming."

Other areas, such as maintenance also had to adjust to the state's financial situation.

Sox said some trail and grounds maintenance have had to wait while his staff concentrates on maintaining the park's buildings and picnic areas.

While the state budget situation has not been catastrophic, Sox said the biggest impact has been the hiring freeze.

But Crowders has been able to acquire land that connected the park with the Kings Mountain National and State Parks in South Carolina. That occurred in December 2000.

"In some ways, on capital projects and land acquisitions, we were able to get some things done that may have been delayed right before all of this happened," he said.

The state didn't pass a budget before the July 1 start of the fiscal year for the second consecutive year. With that in mind, Sox said there is a possibility certain facilities could be closed a couple days a week.

"We hope not, but that is still a possibility until we receive some direction from the administration," he said.

Sox said he's seen job freezes while at Crowders, but he did not want to speculate on the current financial situation.

But despite the recent financial situations in the state and nation, Sox still sees positive things in his job.

"The greatest joy for me in working for parks is being able to be involved in preserving and protecting unique and significant natural resources," he said.

One of the difficulties with his job is the hours. Rangers work most week-ends a year.

Since he lives at the park, Sox could be called 24 hours a day during an emergency,

something he cited as both an advantage and disadvantage.

Sox, who became interested in working with the outdoors in college, said the job does have its perks.

"It's a wonderful job. There's not a lot of money involved," he said. "It's one of those jobs with great variety to the work and there are frequent rewards - instant and long-term."

COUNTY

From 1A

sion participants had to stop using.

"Somewhere we've got to get away from a county-wide tax to provide Shelby water," he said. "That is simply a misnomer."

Kings Mountain City Manager Jimmy Maney questioned whether the plan would benefit Kings Mountain like it would Shelby and the Sanitary District.

"The question is, is this the right plan," he said. "Is this the answer to the county's water problem?"

Maney said most of the tax dollars in the plan would go to either Shelby or the Sanitary District.

He said it would be tough to explain a tax increase for water to someone who is not served by one of the county's water providers.

COMPLEX

From 1A

request for the land, said the construction company was turned down for the credit because it did not have enough points to qualify.

The application only needed a couple more points, Beam said.

"We are in the process of renegotiating with the Eagan group to put in another application for the project using a local lender," Beam said. "They feel confident, with a local lender, they can be successful in the next round."

MURALS

From 1A

get this big," she said. "Once I got started I just couldn't stop. I think he was wanting something quite a bit simpler but I ended up covering every single wall that he gave me."

Although she paints many afternoons, Hardee also works at an area doctor's office and teaches at the Kings Mountain branch of the Cleveland County YMCA.

Having painted on walls in her hometown of Sanford during high school, Hardee had few problems with the walls at Grace.

"Walls aren't really a stranger to me," she said. "These were a little bit tough. They're textured, almost like a popcorn ceiling. You can see they're really kind of rough. They were really hard to do a lot of detail on. It made it a little

bit harder. It was a challenge, but it was a lot of fun."

Since she had not done a mural in a while, Hardee said she was excited to do the one at Grace.

It started in the nursery and went to the other classrooms.

"I just started in the nursery," she said. "I had a good idea of how I wanted it to look and I pretty much threw that together."

Hardee portrayed scenes from the Bible with 36 species of animals paired together similar to descriptions in the Old Testament story of Noah's Ark.

She has not received any more requests for murals, but Hardee stays busy recreating vacation photos on canvas for family and friends.

With the completion of one mural, Hardee said she might do another one.

"I might consider it," she said.

OBITUARIES

LALA GOSSETT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Lala Wofford Gossett, 92, of Fort Mill, SC, died Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Woodruff, SC, she was the daughter of the late Toy L. Wofford and Leila Victoria West Wofford. She was wife of the late Daniel Cleveland "Clayton" Gossett. She was also preceded in death by her son, Roy W. Gossett of Greensboro.

She was retired from Springs Industries. She was a homemaker and member of Westerly Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Toy Charles Gossett of Montclair, NJ and Donald C. Gossett of Greer, SC; sister, Ila Wofford Allen of Woodruff, SC; grandchildren, Patty Silvestri of Morristown, NJ, Sally Bardi of Verona, NJ, Donna Ferrara of Sussex, NJ, Clay Gossett of Pittstown, NJ, Todd Gossett of Woodbridge, VA, Ashley Harris of Kings Mountain, and Mary Beth Gossett of Greer, SC; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Brown at 11 a.m. Friday at Westerly Hills Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC. Burial was in Philadelphia United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Westerly Hills Building Fund, 1730 Doves Road, Fort Mill, SC 29715.

Wolfe Funeral Home of Fort Mill was in charge of arrangements.

CLIFFORD RIPPY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Clifford Eugene Rippy of Kings Mountain died September 19, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late J.K. and Lucy Payne Rippy.

He is survived by his sons, Timothy S. Rippy of Kings Mountain and Richard Eugene Rippy of Kings Mountain; and sister, Louise Yarbrough of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be held at a later date.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET COOK

LINCOLNNTON - Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Cook, 96, 1410 East Gaston Street, formerly of South Grove Street, died September 19, 2002 at Lincoln Nursing Center.

A native of McDowell County, she was the daughter of the late William B. Griffin and Florence Sigmon Griffin, and wife of the late Loy William Cook.

She was a homemaker and attended South River Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Carolyn Cook of Lincolnnton; daughter, Ruth Winebarger of Kings Mountain; sister, Ann Louise Scronce of Vale;

daughter-in-law, Ruby Cook

of Lincolnnton; 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and eight great great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Lester Paysour at 2 p.m. Sunday at E.F. Drum Funeral Home. Burial was in Crouse Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to South River Baptist Church, Lincolnnton, NC.

FRANK HILL

BESSEMER CITY - Frank Hill, 84, formerly of 103 E. Louisiana Avenue, died September 23, 2002 at Carolina Care Center in Cherryville.

A native of York County, Sc, he was the son of the late James A. and Mary Revis Hill and husband of the late Annie Mae Jones Hill. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Garnet Hill and Alexander Hill, and niece, Sylvia Morgan.

He was a member of Betha Methodist Church and was retired from Firestone.

He is survived by his nephews, Roger Hill and J.C. Hill of Kings Mountain, Ronnie Hill of McCoy, TX, and Howard Hill of Bessemer City; nieces, Betty Koonce, Vivian Landers and Cynthia McMillan, all of Bessemer City; and great-niece, Molly Morrow.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. F. Dick Whitner at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel in Kings Mountain. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, Gaffney, SC.

Pallbearers will be Roger Dale Crisp, Todd Landers, Howard Grindstaff, Brick Hill, Zackary Hill, and Chris Morrow.

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MANDIE M. LEE

SHELBY - Mandie Moore Lee, 78, formerly of Bessemer City, died September 23, 2002 at Century Care, Shelby.

A native of Dalton, Ga, she was the daughter of the late William Richard Moore and Martha Price Moore Wyatt. She was also preceded in death by her husband Leonard William Lee, brother Robert Moore, and sister Frances Hannah.

She was retired from CDA Armstrong Mill in Gastonia after 42 years of service.

She is survived by her brother, Samuel James Wyatt of Kings Mountain; sister-in-law, Rosie Moore of Bessemer City; and grandson, Daniel Wayne Lee of Gastonia.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Williams at 3 p.m. Friday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City. Interment will be in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Visitation is from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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