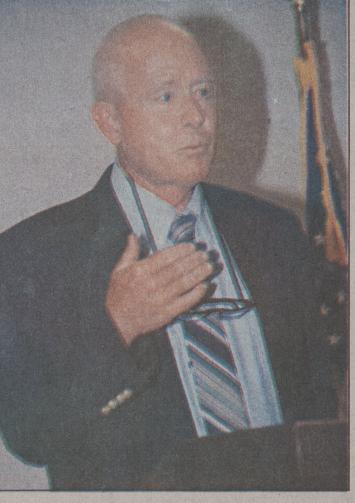
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Longtime Kings Mountain umpire Pressley Anderson speaks to the crowd after receiving the Kings Mountain Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award at Saturday's banquet and induction ceremony at the Patrick Senior Center.



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Former Kings Mountain High football coach Denny Hicks inducts his former player Aubrey Hollifield into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Saturday night at the Patrick Center.



## Overhead Bridge may to added to national register

## BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD Staff Writer

The Kings Mountain Historic Landmarks Commission is currently applying to have the Overhead Bridge added to the National Register for Historic Places. The historic district in Kings Mountain is already on the register.

The Overhead Bridge was built in 1934, as many other bridges and roads were, said Mary Neisler, chair of the commission. The old post office in Kings Mountain was also built during that time, she said. The government was finally beginning to put people back to work by having many construction projects around the country.

The Overhead Bridge is basically in its original state, although its lighting is not original, said Neisler.

Before the application process is complete, the commission will employ a National Register Consultant, Davyd Foard Hood, from Vale, to put together a history of the bridge. Hood will help the commission justify the bridge as a historic site.

The historic district was justified for the register because many of the community's founders had homes there when the community was founded in 1874.

Hood will begin his work on the bridge at the end of May. When the bridge is added to the register, the commission will have a plaque put in place to designate it as a historic site.

After the bridge is added to the register, Neisler said the commission would probably try to get a mill village on the register. Kings Mountain has two mill villages. The commission will, of course, have to choose one before it begins the process of getting one added to the register.

## Lake water flips, causing bad taste, odor

## BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD Staff Writer

Perhaps Kings Mountain citizens have noticed problems with their water recently. Sometimes it is no longer clear and has a strange odor and taste.

The Kings Mountain water department is addressing the problem, and it should be cleared up within a day or two, said Dennis Wells, director of distribution and collection systems. In the mean time, many citizens have questions about their water. What caused the problem? Twice a year the three levels of the lake flip due to temperature, bringing the water from the bottom of the lake to the top. This time, the problem was exacerbated by the amount of rain the area has received.

near the water sources are dropping more pollen and sap into the water than usual. To get rid of the material, the city is using extra carbon at the water treatment plant. The carbon absorbs the material and is then removed by filters.

Can people safely drink the water? Yes, the water is safe to drink, said Wells. The water is tested regularly to make sure that it still meets the state requirements. Health-wise, the water is fine, although it may have a bad taste, said Wells.

"This is the worst I've ever seen it," said Wells. In addition to the additional rain, plants and trees How long will it take to fix the problem? The problem has been jumping around from one area of the city to another as the city works to fix it, said Wells. Once one area is fixed, the problem shows up in another area. However, the problem should be completely taken care of in the next day or so.

