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Kathy Neeley, Ellis Noell, Dennis Patterson, Tim Plonk, Mayor Rick Murphrey, and Robert Crank, Jr. participated in the Mayor's Ride to Work on Friday morning as part of the national Strive Not to Drive day.

Mayor, citizens take part in Strive Not To Drive Day

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

Six people participated in the Strive Not to Drive Mayor's Ride to Work event on Friday. They biked from McDonald's on King Street to City Hall early Friday morning.

Robert Crank, Jr., an employee of Plonk Tires, rides his bike to work everyday. In all, he rides about 5-6 miles everyday. He is part of the Kings Mountain Bike Club.

"I love riding. I've been doing it for 16 years," he said.

He decided to participate in Strive Not to Drive after Tim Plonk, another member of the Kings Mountain Bike Club, asked him to participate.

Dennis Patterson is also a member of Kings Mountain Bike Club. He participated in the event because he wanted to help promote healthy living. Even though he does not ride his bike to work at Harris Welco, he has been biking seriously for approximately 20 years.

The four other participants were Tim Plonk, Kathy Neeley, Ellis Noell,

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and Mayor Rick Murphrey. After the bike ride, the six participants enjoyed a light breakfast at City Hall and a presentation on the greenways and trails being planned for the city.

Trip Hord, city planner, gave the presentation. He discussed the city's need to create an environment that encouraged youth and adults to get out and exercise. City Council approved the plan for the greenways and trails last summer. The planning has taken approximately two years.

"I think it's time to stop talking and start doing," said Hord.

The three trails planned for the city form a complete circle. They will provide a safe place for people to bike or walk. The trails will connect the historic district, City Hall, Lake Wylie, the three

parcs, and just about every neighborhood in Kings Mountain. In total, the trails will be more than ten miles long.

Since the project is so large, Hord said he expects that it will take years to complete.

"I don't anticipate that we'll see this plan in my lifetime," he said.

However, he will definitely see the beginning stages of the plan. Eventually, the trails will allow people in the park to bike or hike into Kings Mountain or vice versa.

Murphrey stressed the importance of drawing some of the 500,000 park visitors into Kings Mountain. He also stressed the importance of encouraging citizens to get out and exercise. The plan for bike trails and greenways also ties in with the downtown revitalization project, he said. Plus, the city received some grants for sidewalks, which will make it safer for people to get out and walk. The plan as a whole will play a major part in the economic development of Kings Mountain, he said.

EDC to meet in Kings Mountain

The Cleveland County Economic Development Council will hold its regular monthly meeting May 22 at 4 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum.

The committee will hear an update on the senior vice-president position and CEDS.

Reports include financial incentives, prospects report, existing industry report, and travel and tourism report.

OBITUARIES

LOIS GOLD

GROVER - Lois Hicks Gold, 81, of Gold Street, died May 13, 2003 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Warren and Bessie Boheler Hicks and wife of the late John Packard Gold, to whom she was married for 48 years. She was also predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Hicks Haga.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and was retired from Minette Mills.

She is survived by her son, Richard Gold and wife Corliss of Shelby; daughter, Sharon Sizemore of Kings Mountain; brother, Warren Hicks Jr. and wife JoAnn of Charlotte; sister, Martha Hicks Turner of Grover; grandchildren, Richard Gold Jr. of Hiram, GA, Stephanie Gold Hawkins of Woodstock, GA, John Sizemore of Charlotte, and Shana Sizemore of Chapel Hill; great-grandchildren, Amber and Syndi Gold; and step-grandson, Tommy Evans.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Tony Fulbright and Rev. John Bridges at 11 a.m. Thursday at Grover 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.

DOROTHY WILSON

BLACKSBURG, SC - Dorothy Marie Wilson, 62, 138 Fitch Road, died May 18, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Howard and Velonia Ellen Allwood Wilson. She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Craig Fitch.

She was a homemaker and member of Rock Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her spouse, Lester Jones of the home; sons, Michael Bruce Fitch Jr. and Jeffrey Scott Fitch of Lake Wylie; stepsons, Joseph Jones and Ryan Jones of Wilmington, DE; stepdaughter, Sherri Rapposelli of Wilmington, DE; sisters, Linda Wilson Hill of LasCrus, NM and Sandra Wilson of Grover; brothers, Arthur Howard "Bud" Wilson Jr. of Grover, Steven Wayne Wilson of Blacksburg, and Paul Eugene Wilson of Blacksburg; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Brian Harris at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Gordon Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Rock Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Scott Fitch, Allen Nelson, Mark Davenport, Alvin Wylie, Mark Wylie and Troy Wilson.

Gordon Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

MAZELLE SHUMPERT

WEST COLUMBIA, SC - Mazelle Lillian Shumpert, 71, died May 17, 2003.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Vivian Burgin Patterson. She was a member of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church and was retired from the Brian Center where she was employed as a nurse.

She is survived by her husband, Hoyt A. Shumpert Sr. of West Columbia, SC; sons and daughter-in-law, Hoyt Shumpert Jr. of Morrow, GA, Gary Phillip Shumpert of Virginia,

Michael Hoyt and Lisa Shumpert of Lexington, SC, Arthur Daryl Shumpert of West Columbia, SC; sisters, Faye Dixon of Greer, SC, Virginia Short of Cherryville, Marie Grigg of Gastonia, and Faye Rushing of York, SC; brothers, Odell Patterson and Boyce Patterson of Kings Mountain, John Patterson of Gastonia, and Marshall Patterson of Laura Hill; grandchildren, Susan Shumpert and Janet Renee Brownlee of Monroe, GA,

and Adam Michael Shumpert of Lexington, SC; and one great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Carl Koon at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

CHARLES COSTNER

SHELBY - Charles Leonard Costner, 75, 157 Ridgewood Street, died Monday, May 19, 2003 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Robert Yates Costner and Elizabeth Lail Costner and husband of the late Margaret Holtzclaw Costner. He was also predeceased by his brothers Play, Harold and Bill Costner, and sister Helen Grant.

He was a veteran of the Navy during World War II, and a member of Westover Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. He was retired from the Department of Corrections.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Bobbie Costner of Boiling Springs; grandchildren Holly Costner and Jessica McSwain and her husband, Derek; and great-grandson, Brody McSwain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Dale Angel at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FLORENCE SMART

FOREST CITY - Florence Herman Smart, 101, formerly of Ellenboro, died May 17, 2003 at Summit Place in Kings Mountain, where she was a resident.

A native of Catawba County, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Franklin L. Herman and Carrie Etta Cline Herman and wife of the late T.W. Smart.

She was a homemaker and graduate of Concordia College, Newton-Conover. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Catherine H. Mauney of Gastonia and Margaret H. Guy of Charlotte; brother-in-law Dr. Hubert Park of Raleigh; nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Rev. David Hughes Hobson, OSL, at 2 p.m. Monday at Cool Springs Cemetery.

The Padgett & King Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Local Marines reboarding ships

Marine Corps lance corporals Christopher W. Hogue of Kings Mountain and Nicholas B. Harlow of Bessemer City are preparing to reboard ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Camp Lejeune, NC.

Hogue is the son of Julia A. and Dennis Hogue of Kings Mountain. He is a 2000 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and joined the Marine Corps in September 2000.

Harlow is the son of Elizabeth and Micheal A. Harlow of Bessemer City. He is a 2000 graduate of Bessemer City High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 2000.

Their unit had been on a routine overseas deployment since August 2002 participating in exercises and operations in Djibouti, Kosovo, Kenya, the Arabian Gulf and Iraq. They were preparing to return to their

home base when they received orders to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in March.

Degree completes U.S. Navy training

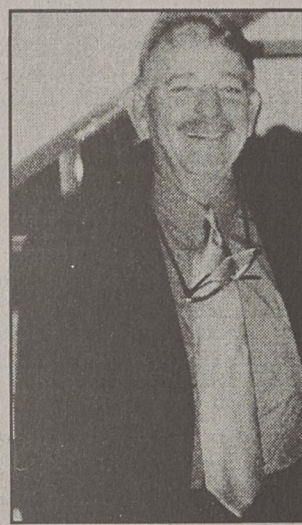
Navy Seaman Recruit Adrian D. Degree, son of Iris A. and Xavier L. Degree of Kings Mountain, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, Degree completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Degree is a 1999 graduate of Burns High School.

BESSEMER CITY-KINGS MTN 704-739-2150
DRIVE-IN 7-9 PM
BRUCE ALMIGHTY 9:00 PM
Also DADDY DAY CARE PG

In Memory of Phillip T. Wright Vietnam War Veteran - September 16, 1948 -March 13, 2003



Saying good-bye to a loved one will never be easy. In our humanity we would like to keep them with us in this life. Sometimes it would be much easier to just pretend that we will never be faced with the loss of someone we love. But, then death knocks on our door and we must face the reality of it. We must then reach out to our Lord for comfort and strength. I did not have an opportunity to say good-bye to my Brother, so I want to say some things in honor and memory of his life. Phillip was born into a loving, Christian home. Early in life he developed a love for music and sports. He played the guitar and could do a great impression of Bob Dylan. He also enjoyed Scouting and earned many merit badges. He was a star football player at KMHS. He was a natural and once compared to Paul Horning. His trademark was to kick

the football barefooted.

He had a great sense of humor and could always make people laugh. During his senior year in high school he decided that Uncle Sam needed him. So he enlisted in the US Army. Being quite the athlete, becoming a paratrooper in 101st Airborne was the ultimate experience. By this time the Vietnam War was raging. At the age of nineteen and after training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky he received his orders to Vietnam. He returned home a decorated war veteran proudly wearing the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. The Phillip Wright that everyone knew did not return home. A part of him stayed behind in the mosquito infested swamps of Vietnam.

He had witnessed events and had experiences that would change his life forever. The United States will never recover from the disgrace of the Vietnam War and its victims. You see, there are victims of this tragedy that did not only lose loved ones in the war but witnessed the aftermath. Many years later he was diagnosed with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and received full disability. PTSD has many symptoms; nightmares, insomnia, irrational behavior, excessive smoking and a host of others. If your loved one has been diagnosed with PTSD or is suffering from any addiction or mental illness, please be patient with them. Educate yourself about the illness, love them and pray for them. There were many years that our family did not understand his behavior. We struggled to understand why his life could not move forward and why he was so bound to the past. These are all classic symptoms of PTSD.

I regret that I did not understand more about his illness. I want everyone to know that I am proud and thankful to God for his service in the Vietnam War. He sacrificed his entire life. I would also like to encourage you to let military personnel know that you appreciate their service to our country. I am thankful that we have learned from past experience and we now know how to welcome our Veterans home. Vietnam War veterans had no "Welcome Home."

I am trusting God that he received his "Welcome Home" when he arrived safely to the outstretched arms of Jesus on March 13th, 2003. Our family circle has once again been broken. A Son, Father and Brother are missed; but never forgotten. He will always be in our heart. His life meant something and made a difference in this world. Phillip was very proud of his daughter, Erin and said to her everyday "I Love You." Let your family and friends know that you love them because you may not get that opportunity to say "Good-Bye."

Until We Meet Again,
Your Sister
Lorraine Norris

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH

246 RANGE RD., KINGS MTN.

Making Disciples Ministry

SUMMER 2003 Bible Study Schedule

This summer there will be ten opportunities to learn and grow in the Lord. Study to show thyself approval unto GOD, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15.

Bible Study	Day & Time	Start Date	Teacher
Crown Ministries Youth	Sunday 6:00 PM	June 22nd	Joe Head
Crown Ministries	Tuesday 6:30 PM	June 17th	Eric Price
First Place Repeaters Seeking God's Best	Sunday 5:30 PM	June 22nd	Audrey Toney
Mind of Christ	Sunday 6:00 PM	June 22nd	Christy Gray
Called and Accountable	Sunday 5:30 PM	June 22nd	Mark Toney
Virtuous Woman	Sunday 5:45 PM	June 22nd	Brenda Black
(Precept Study) Genesis 1 & 2	Wed. 6:00 PM	June 25th	Jonathan Laughter
Begining Steps (New Believers)	Sunday 10:30 AM Sunday School	June 22nd	Rusty Bridges
Prayer Walk "Follow Me"	Tuesday 6:00 PM	June 10th	Katie & Buffy Gray
The Cross or The Crescent? Understanding Islam	Wed. 6:00 PM	June 25 & July 2 2 Sessions 2 Hours Each Session	Vince & Ashley Sullens
Listening Evangelism (Youth Study)	Wed. 6:00 PM	May 21st See Ashley Norris for registration 8 spaces only	Ashley Norris

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION DATES: Sunday, JUNE 1st & JUNE 8th at 3:30 pm

Location: Christian Freedom Baptist Fellowship Building.

All studies will be small group, classes will fill up quickly.

An orientation for each study will be held on these dates, to introduce you to the studies.

Registration will immediately follow orientation. Here you will be able to sign up for the study the Lord has led you, through prayer, to take. At this time, you will pay for the materials needed for the study. If you have any questions concerning the studies contact Vince & Ashley Sullens.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Floydce Jeffries for graduating from Central Piedmont Community College and receiving a degree in Human Services Technology Developmental Disabilities. May you exceed your highest dreams. Love, Ann Hamilton