

Board of Adjustments to discuss video poker

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Video pokers machines will be on the agenda when Kings Mountain's Board of Adjustment meets Tuesday. Roadside Truck Plaza, R&R Stores, Inc., and the Silver Express have applied for conditional use permits to have the machines.

State law allows up to three video gaming machines.

Roadside Truck Plaza is located at 400 Dixon School Road. R&R Stores, Inc. is located at 903 Bethlehem Road and is owned by Jerry

and Tony Ruppe. The Silver Express gas station is located at 507 East King Street and is owned by Rajendra Gandhi.

The board of adjustment is a quasi-judicial board which makes recommendations to city council.

During the same meeting, the Ramada Inn at 728 York Road will ask for a sign variance allowing it to exceed the 75 square foot maximum by 25 feet.

The meeting will be held at city hall and begins at 5:30 p.m. The meeting includes a public hearing. The public is invited.

SMOKING

From 1A

County Sheriff's Office for a plan at Grover Elementary since it is outside the Kings Mountain city limits.

Board members learned that an energy audit program began in June has saved \$68,139 in the last four months. David Heffner, an instructor at Kings Mountain High School, is in charge of that program. He inspects schools after hours to see if electrical equipment is turned off and if thermostats are adjusted properly.

Principals and staff from all schools were recognized for performance on state ABC testing. Framed congratulatory collages were given out.

Cleveland County Commissioners also recognized Kings Mountain District Schools for high test scores with a plaque.

"We know we've got wonderful schools. It's nice to be recognized in other

parts of the county," said Shearra Miller, board chairperson.

Five North Elementary School students led the pledge of allegiance. Those students were Amber Sellers, Joshua Reid, Ali Prow, Sarah Scism and Jamie Reid.

The following people were approved to work as substitute teachers: Natalie Barnes, Florence Brooks, Scott Byers, Tracie Deaton, Miranda Dixon, Heather Elmore, Jennifer Falls, Linda Ann Grant, Richard Greene, Tamela Harris, Joseph Henderson, Sue Kelly, Pamela Kolometz, Jodi Shade, Thomas Simpson, Jason Sizemore, Amanda Smith, Sheree Smith, Sylvia Strong, Amanda Tackett, Reggie Whitmire, Beverly Black and Kimberly Ann McDaniel.

Board members approved three transfers from Cleveland and Gaston county schools. They approved two releases to Cleveland County Schools.

WESTOVER

From 1A

from tax revenues which go in the general fund, Ponder said.

Bradley says that many of the homes in his neighborhood were built in the 1950s and 1960s meaning septic systems are aging. Many of these individuals are on fixed incomes making repairs cost prohibitive, Bradley said.

Cost is also a factor facing the city. It would cost around \$500,000 to run sewer lines to Westover, Ponder said. Across the entire city, it would cost \$7 million to supply sewer to all residents who do not have that service.

Bradley says that the money for Westover's sewer is there. He says the city

could have provided it by not spending \$250,000 to build a playground and by not paying the YMCA \$300,000 annually to run its recreation program.

The cost of installing sewer has increased four fold over the past 10 to 12 years, Ponder said. He credits his new safety regulations, rising labor costs for what is often a dangerous job and greater demand by municipalities and developers for the increase.

Bradley says the city is using a legal loophole to get out of installing sewer. According to Ponder, the city is following the law. The law reads that a major line must run in the area but the law does not specify direct service to residents, Ponder said. The closest sewer line is along Jason Drive.

OBITUARIES

DR. EDGAR E. MARLOWE
GASTONIA - Edgar Earl Marlowe, M.D., died unexpectedly of natural causes at his home in Gastonia.



A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of Edgar Earl Marlowe and Alliwie McDaniel Marlowe. A graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Dr. Marlowe attended Wake Forest University and North Carolina State University. He received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee.

He served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant and flight surgeon. He received a Presidential Commendation for his medical work during his Naval service. He was formerly a member of the Charlotte Opera and performed with local theater groups.

Until his untimely death, Dr. Marlowe practiced medicine at Marlowe Medical Clinic in Gastonia for almost 40 years as a family and general practitioner. During his career he delivered more than 3,000 babies. He served a term as Chief of Staff of Gaston Memorial Hospital and was Chief of Staff at Garrison General Hospital until its closing.

Dr. Marlowe's patients always came first. He treated everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of who they were. A deeply spiritual man, he viewed his career as a gift from God. A beloved physician, he will be profoundly missed by his family, friends and many patients.

He is survived by his wife Connie Buchanan Marlowe, sister-in-law Donna Nickols and husband John Nickols, son John Marlowe and wife Jennifer, daughter Caroline Clemens and husband Eric, daughter Tonya Anderson and husband Kevin of Seattle, Washington, son Trip Rezack and wife Jo of California, grandsons Alexander Marlowe, Adam Anderson, Andrew Anderson, granddaughter Daisy Rezack, brothers David Marlowe and wife Rudene, Stephen Marlowe and wife Connie, sister Punkin Higginbotham and husband John, nieces Leslie Marlowe of Atlanta, Georgia, Ryn Marlowe of Raleigh, Marlowe Higginbotham and Sissy Morgan of Gastonia, nephews Daniel and Stewart Marlowe of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Jay Marlowe of Hendersonville, NC, Seth Marlowe and wife Donna of Charlotte, Brandon Morgan and wife Jill of Spartanburg, SC. Dr. Marlowe was preceded in death by his parents, his brother James Marlowe, and his former wife Donna Marlowe.

Visitation is at McLean Funeral Home Thursday night from 6-8.

The funeral is at McLean Funeral Home Friday at 11 a.m.

RUBY GLADDEN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruby Joy Gladden, 82, 534 Baker Street, died October 9, 2003 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late James Harvey and Nola Lawing Joy. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Luther Joy, Grady Joy and Jimmy Joy and her sisters Lorene Pearson, Eva Humphries and Margaret Millwood.



She is retired from the textile industry. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir.

She is survived by her son Donald Gladden and wife Judy of Fountain Inn, SC; daughter Pat Smith and husband Don of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Tracie Merchant and husband Chris of Blacksburg, SC, Lisa Sisk and husband Darrell of Kings Mountain, Dona Carey and husband Scott of Gastonia, and Ava Joyner and husband Eddy of Nashville, TN; and great-grandchildren Corey Phillips, Katie Sisk, Jacob Merchant, Courtney Carey and Caleigh Carey.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J.R. Robbins at 4 p.m. Sunday at Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 1820 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 or Faith Baptist Church, 1009 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARY NICHOLS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Gunn Nichols, 74, 205 Patterson Road, died October 12, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Lancaster, SC, she was the daughter of the late Ebbin and Nellie Brown Gunn and wife of the late Bethel Leroy Nichols. She was also preceded in death by her brother Lugene Gunn.

She was a homemaker and seamstress. She attended Temple Baptist Church.

She is survived by her companion of 17 years, Carl Sears of Lewisburg, WV; sons, Randolph Nichols and wife Kathy of Gastonia, Ron Nichols and wife Roseanne of Clover, SC and Robbie Sacco and wife Terri of Mt. Holly; daughters Mary Ann Quigg of Kings Mountain, Jeanne Lineman and husband Donald of Kings Mountain, Debbie Jacobs and husband Ray of Gastonia, and Sherri Ramsey of Gastonia; brothers Lewis Gunn of Lancaster, SC and Olin Gunn of California; sisters Louise Lily of Virginia and Lucille Gunn, Emily Gunn and Sarah Gunn, all of Lancaster, SC; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Haynes at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Temple Baptist Church, P.O. Box 915, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 and Serenity Baptist Church, 115 Ridge Street, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JUDY BIDDIX
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Judy Ann Poole Biddix, 57, 119 Yarbrow Road, died October 10, 2003 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a native of Alamance County.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Biddix of the home; son Timothy Biddix of Raleigh; daughter Sarah Biddix of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren Heather Barnett of Kings Mountain and Joey Biddix of Lowell.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bob Hope at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Greene Funeral Service West Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Midview Baptist Church, P.O. Box 33, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Greene Funeral Service West Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

MABLE ROSS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mable Smith Ross, 92, former resident of Kings Mountain, died



October 13, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Andrews, she was the daughter of the late William Fletcher and Elda Josephine Holland Smith and wife of the late Emmett Edison Ross Sr.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers Leonard Smith, Clarence "Grassy" Smith and Fred Smith and sisters Dessie Earley and Lessie Cable.

She was a member of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church and was retired from Sadie Mills. She was also well-known for hosting wedding receptions.

She is survived by her son, Emmett Edison "Eddie" Ross Jr. and wife Kay of Wilkesboro; daughters Dorene R. Ballard of Kings Mountain and Eva Nell R. Crawford and husband Samuel E. "Sammy" of Kings Mountain; sister Willie Cable of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Jeff Ballard of Gastonia, Anne Ballard Clark and husband Claude of Kings Mountain, Donna Ross of Wilkesboro, Melissa Ross Harrison and husband Jody of Asheboro, and Chip Ross and wife Tiffany of Mooresville; and great-grandchildren Hanna, Ross and Payton Clark of Kings Mountain and Kaylin and Lindsay Beth Harrison of Asheboro.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, P.O. Box 1145, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CARLYLE MOORE
BESSEMER CITY - Carlyle Moore, 79, 202 New Moon Lane, died October 12, 2003 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Spartanburg County, SC, he was the son of the late McKinley and Annie Bates Moore.

He was a retired plumber/carpenter. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy with service during World War II.

He is survived by sons Frankie Moore and wife Ann of Kings Mountain, Gary Moore and wife Pam of Kings Mountain, and Warren Moore of Morganton; daughter Cynthia Moore of Bessemer City; brothers W.C. Moore of Kings Mountain and Larry "Tad" Moore of Holden Beach; sisters Austine Enslay of Kings Mountain and Vera Gibson of Gaffney, SC; grandchildren Kelly Reynolds, Jeffrey Tinker, Frankie Moore Jr., Shanna Moore and Jessica Moore; two step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Georgia M. Fite Smith.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial was in Gilkey United Methodist Church Cemetery in Gilkey, NC.

Memorials may be made to Hilltop Parents and Friends Association, in care of Becky Proctor, 2702 S. Post Road, Shelby, NC 28150 or American Cancer Society, 500 East Morehead Street, Suite 211, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Stamey-Cherryville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Teams make move in duckpin bowling

Last place It Doesn't Matter knocked off second place Quack Attack 6-2 in mixed duckpin bowling action Tuesday night at Dilling Heating.

Joey Whitaker led It Doesn't Matter (20-36) with a 138 line and 335 set. Greg Evans had a 130 line and 372 set for Quack Attack (28-28).

The Duck Douters moved into a tie for second by splitting 4-4 with first place Jomaz. Ed Philbeck led the Duck Douters (28-28) with a 117 line and 327 set. Mark Abernathy led Jomaz (36-20) with a 120 line and 330 set.

On Thursday night, No Prisoners moved into first place by defeating the Alley Rats 6-2. At the same time, previous leader Alley Cats was splitting 4-4 with Dilling's Demons.

Robert Titus led No Prisoners (31-17) with a 90 line and 253 set. Zeke Rybczyk led the Alley Rats (16-32) with a 121 line and 331 set.

Allen Myers rolled a 120 line and 321 set to lead the Alley Cats (30-18). Ed Philbeck led the Demons (23-25) with a 120 line and 289 set.

Happy Birthday!
Alexander Reid Rhames
2 Years Old,
October 3, 2003
Son of Nikkie & Barry Rhames
715 Longbranch Road
Grover, NC

MURDER IS CHEAP IN CLEVELAND COUNTY!!

To Whom It may concern,
What is Justice? Does the Cleveland County System know the meaning of the words, Fairness or Justice? Which of you know the meaning of these two words? In my opinion not one of you have a clue to the meaning of these two words. In this case all of your dealings are crooked! You give up justice and fairness for bribes. The system calls it plea bargaining. Exodus 21: 24, 25. Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth, Hand for hand, Foot for foot, Burning for burning, Wound for wound, Stripe for stripe. They gave Fidel Cruz thirteen years for the stabbing death of Crystal Dawn Perez. He stabbed her thirteen times, so he received a year for each time he stabbed her. She was twenty-five years old with two small children, Octavio, three and Kaitlyn, five. They will never get to know their mother, only faint memories of her will be in their minds. When Fidel Cruz turns forty-one he will be free. My daughter is gone forever! Now will you tell me, what kind of Justice do we have in Cleveland County? It was a hurry up deal to get this trial finished. I guess they did not want to waste any more time or money for a jury trial. The Cleveland County Court System paid for a lawyer, investigator and interpreter for Fidel Cruz's defense. He admitted that he killed my daughter, so why should he ever be able to walk free again? Can anyone answer this for me? While we are bargaining let us not forget these two small children who don't have a mother to hold, comfort, or be there in their time of need. Let's look at it this way, what if this had been your daughter instead of mine? Then what?

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