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Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board member Lou Ballew reviews plans with childcare provider Robin Smith during Tuesday's meeting.

# P&Z Board approves day care expansion

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The Kings Mountain Zoning and Planning Board narrowly approved a request by childcare provider Robin Smith Tuesday.

Smith, owner of It Takes A Village Childcare, hopes to expand her North Piedmont Avenue home based business. Currently, she cares for six children in her home but wants to renovate the basement to accommodate up to 12 children.

Clavon Kelly, representing First Wesleyan Church, spoke out against the expansion on four counts.

According to Kelly, parents sometimes sound their car horns when picking their children up late at night. The day care center provides second shift care.

He argued that the children would create noise when playing which could disturb the nearby parsonage.

"I don't think this is going to fit next to a parsonage," he said.

Kelly said the location was not safe for children because trucks from the city's utility plant use the street.

Kelly called the request spot zoning. Board member Preston Todd made a

motion to deny the request but the motion did not receive a second.

"I don't think we can have too many day cares but once we open the floodgate to businesses others are going to ask," he said.

Board member Ron Humphries made a motion to approve the request which received a second by Lou Ballew.

Board member Dave Allen voted in favor of the motion creating a majority.

Ballew attached a requirement to the motion calling for additional fencing.

"If you don't fence that yard, I'll be out there on you," Ballew said.

Board member Steve Marlowe said he was opposed to approval but did not second Todd's motion because at the time he still had an unanswered question. He said he would have voted against Humphries' motion but when it received majority approval there was no opportunity.

Marlowe called the vote "tough" and praised Smith's day care plan but said he was opposed because it appeared to be spot zoning and because neighbors had issues.

Approval by the planning and zoning board is not legally binding. The city council must approve the request during its Feb. 23 meeting before Smith can expand her day care.

# Man guilty of not filing taxes

RALEIGH - A Cleveland County man pleaded guilty last week to failing to file and pay North Carolina taxes.

Howard B. Roberts, Jr., 54, of 111 Goforth Road, Kings Mountain, pleaded guilty in Wake County District Court to one count of willfully failing to file sales tax returns

and one count of willfully failing to pay sales tax to the North Carolina Department of Revenue. The charges were in connection to a Kings Mountain convenience store owned and operated by Roberts.

District Court Judge Craig Croom sentenced Roberts to 45 days in jail. The sentence

was suspended and Roberts was placed on unsupervised probation for 12 months.

Roberts was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$100 in court costs, a \$200 community service fee and to perform 25 hours of community service within six months. Roberts was further ordered to timely file and remit all future taxes. Before sentencing, Roberts paid the Department of Revenue \$12,038.91 in restitution.

The charges against Roberts resulted from an investigation by a field auditor in the Department of Revenue's Hickory Office and a special agent with the Department's Criminal Investigations Division.

MARTHA WELLS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Martha D. "Becky" Wells, 66, 205 N. Roxford Road, died February 6, 2004 at



MRS. WELLS

Kings Mountain Hospital. A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Madison and Bera Dameron. She was retired from Belk in Charlotte as a Data Entry Operator. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Bessemer City, and the Bera Dameron Circle.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby N. Wells of Kings Mountain; daughters Sylvia St. Just and husband Michael of Kings Mountain, Toni Richmond and husband Jeffrey of Hickory, and Anne Marie Krauth and husband Rob of Lincoln; sister Jane Kaiser of Bessemer City; and grandchildren Jessica Richmond, Danielle St. Just, Joshua Richmond, Shelby St. Just, Erin Krauth and James Richmond.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Cyrus Frazier at 2 p.m. Monday at Grace Lutheran Church in Bessemer City. Burial was in Bethany ARP Church Cemetery in Clover, SC.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, North 14th & Maryland Avenue, Bessemer City, NC 28016 and to the American Diabetes Association, 1820 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LULA TERRY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lula Mae Fisher Terry, 80, 810 First Street, died February 7, 2004 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

Born in Rock Hill, SC, she was the daughter of the late Joseph David and Pearlie Mae Tiller Fisher and widow of Charles Amos Terry. She was also preceded in death by brothers David Fisher, Donald Fisher, Allen Fisher and Caleb Fisher, and sister Beatrice Long.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church was retired from Burlington Industries of Kings Mountain. She was a volunteer at the Kings Mountain Senior Center.

She is survived by daughters Judy Terry Allen and husband Lawrence of Kings Mountain and Mary Terry Stroupe of Clover, SC; sisters Elsie Dixon of Kings Mountain, Lois Brown of Gastonia, Peggy Fipps of Brunswick, GA, and Elizabeth Ven Clovas of Decatur, GA; brother Guy Fisher of Winston-Salem; grandchildren Howard Allen and wife Haley of Shelby, Rodney Boheler of Clover, SC, and Linda Harris and husband Mike of Charlotte; and great-grandchildren Tyler, Erik, and Lauren Allen, Kimberly and Brad Whitworth, and Heather Nichole Boheler.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mike Chambers at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 10 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

IRENE MOORE

WADESBORO - Mrs. Irene Brock Moore, 81, died February 8, 2004 in Anson County Hospital.

She was born in Chesterfield County, SC January 21, 1923, a daughter of the late Ira and Allie McLaurin Brock.

Mrs. Moore was a member of Wade United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was very active and supportive of her husband's business, assisting him as bookkeeper and secretary for 50 years for the Addison Moore and Sons Painting Contractors.

The community was very important to Irene. She always found much pleasure in serving her Lord by serving others. She will be remembered for the many cakes and other goods she has baked and shared over the years.

Funeral services were at 4 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2004 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Tony Allen and Rev. Ronnie Stewart officiating. Interment was in Anson Memorial Park.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Addison Jr. and Libby Moore and Charles "Ted" and Mary Moore, all of Wadesboro; her daughters and son-in-law, Katherine and Dennis Hicks of Kings Mountain and Lynda Goodwin of Harrisburg; her daughter-in-law, Virgie Moore of Wadesboro; her sister, Marguerite B. Tucker of Concord; her beloved 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and four special caregivers, Anne Gaddy, Ida Dumas, Effie Taylor and Mrs. Virginia Burr.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Addison Moore; a daughter, Vivian Irene Wiggins; a grandson, Addison Moore Bates; and brothers, Allen Brock and Lamar Brock.

Memorials may be made to Wade United Methodist Church, 9 Church St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

HAZEL GOAN

SHELBY - Hazel Loveday Goan, 92, 4043 Pleasant Grove Church Road, died February 7, 2004 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Home.

She was a native of Sevierville, TN. She was retired from Alcoa in Maryville, TN, and was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Maryville.

She is survived by her grandsons, Doug Greene and wife Angie of Lattimore and Daniel Greene and wife Cheryl of Shelby; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at Sherwood Memorial Garden in Maryville, TN, with the Rev. Kenny Armstrong officiating.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OPAL HARRIS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Opal Harris, 71, 610 Gantt Street, died February 9, 2004 at her home.

A native of Marion, she was the daughter of the late James Oscar and Zilla Mae Silvers Harris. She attended Midview Baptist Church, and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, James Michael Osment of Kings Mountain and Charlie DeWayne Mullinax of Gaffney, SC; daughters Terese Kay Sloop of Gaffney, SC and Martha Sue Hamrick of Kings Mountain; brother Charles Harris of Baltimore, MD; sister Thelma Parrott of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

## GOP precinct meetings slated

The Cleveland County Republican Party will hold Precinct meetings and Annual Convention March 6 in Commissioners Chambers at the C.F. Harry Administration Building, 311 East Marion Street, Shelby.

Precinct meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. The convention will begin at 9 a.m. There will be a \$5 registration charge for the convention.

Delegates to the District and State Conventions will be elected.

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