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Representative Tim Moore recently presented an American flag which flew over the nation's capital to Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns.



Council postpones vote on incentive for industry

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A vote on a \$390,000 industrial incentive was postponed Tuesday night. The Kings Mountain City Council was scheduled to vote on giving the money to an undisclosed company. However, according to

Mayor Rick Murphrey, more information was needed from the Economic Development Commission. "We're still very excited," Murphrey said. "It's an on-going process. It's going to happen it looks like." Murphrey said the date for the public hearing would be set at the next city council

meeting. The name of the company would be disclosed at the public hearing, he said. The company is expected to create 120 jobs within the next year. The average salary would be \$30,000. The company is planning to make a \$26 million investment inside the city.

CONDOS

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Road with its limited sight distance. Neighbor Jay Rhodes praised Hall's integrity and said he would not want any other builder given permission to do the project. Rhodes said he was concerned about increased traffic in the surrounding neighborhood. If a conditional use permit is granted and the property sold before construction, another builder could legally do the project, planning department staffer Tripp Hord told the board.

Gina Collias, who is four doors down from the proposed site, asked the board to cut the density in half at least. She told the board she was concerned with traffic and economic impact to the surrounding neighborhood. "I want to keep it a nice neighborhood," Collias said. The complex will have six units per acre. Hall called that "relatively light" compared to complexes in Gastonia. Scott Cloninger described the location as "one of the best places to put it" but called on the Department of Transportation to study safety concerns on Shelby Road.

Cloninger is Hall's real estate attorney. He told the board he was speaking as a private citizen, however. Clarence Denton called the potential project a "big plus for Kings Mountain" and said it would be ideal for doctors working at near-Kings Mountain Hospital. Board member Ron Humphries was concerned about water quality. He said run-off from the complex would flow into the Food Lion parking lot, picking up oils. The board is scheduled to vote at its September 14 meeting.

HICKS

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manager's job. Mayor Rick Murphrey has supported Hicks all along and praised him for his experience.

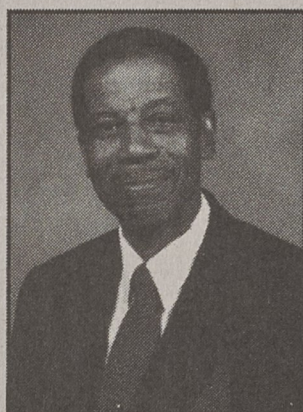
"Gary's doing a good job," Murphrey said. Hicks was pleased with council's decision. "I'm glad to do it," he said. The search for a permanent manager continues.

City council members agreed Thursday night to advertise the position again. Currently there are between 85 and 90 applications on file, according to Murphrey. The city hopes to begin the interview process in the next 30 days, Murphrey said. Mullinax believes only between 12 to 15 of the applicants meet the hiring criteria. Mullinax would like the council to form a committee to make the job offer. Currently the mayor communicates the offer to the candidates and then reports back to council. Mullinax feels if a candidate turns down the offer, the city would get a better understanding of why through a committee. "You would have two or three people listening to see what was said," Mullinax said. Tom Lynn of Mauldin, S.C. turned down the position in early July. He told the Herald this was because of family concerns and was not a reflection on the city.

REMEMBERING JOHN LLOYD BESS

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As we approach the 80th birthday of John Lloyd Bess we remember him as a family person. One of his loves was teaching Sunday School in his church, Vestibule AME Zion, in Kings Mountain, NC. He was a person of kindness and patience. He didn't like wrongness but was glad when truth prevailed. John always knew to have faith, hope and morality. - Victoria, Charles, Gale, Natavian and Shaun



OBITUARIES

FRED WITHERS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Fred Withers, 79, 406 Phifer Road, died Friday, August 6, 2004 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of High Shoals, he was the son of the late Raymond and Marie Summey Withers. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Withers and Danny Withers, and a sister, Christine Withers. He attended high school in Dallas and served in the Marine Corp in the South Pacific, including Iwo Jima, during World War II. He received his undergraduate degree from Lenoir Rhyne College and his Masters from the University of Southern California. He devoted his life to education. He began his career as a teacher in Sumter, SC and moved to Kings Mountain in 1958 where he taught until 1967, when he became principal of Central and the middle school until his retirement.

Mr. Withers coached many sports over his career, but his devotion to baseball was always his passion. He played professionally and coached high school and American Legion teams in Sumter and Kings Mountain in the 1950s and 1960s. He married his wife, Ann Spargo of Dallas on December 24, 1946; and is also survived by sons Grafton Withers and wife Michelle of Charlotte and Mark Withers of Wytheville, Va; brother Ray Withers of Cincinnati, OH; and grandchildren Grant and Genna Withers of Wytheville, Va.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Janice Combs at 2 p.m. Sunday at Central United Methodist Church. A graveside service was held at 4 p.m. at High Shoals City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Baseball, American Legion Post 155, York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FRANCES BELL
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC - Frances Elizabeth Bell, 89, died August 10, 2004 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late John and Sally Adams Costner. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Junior Costner and Grady Costner, both of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Lucy Gaddy of Kings Mountain and Ruby Payne of Statesville; son-in-law, Johnny Jones and wife Earline of Little River; granddaughter, Darlene Johnson and husband Johnny of North Myrtle Beach; grandson Sunny Jones and wife Beverly of North Myrtle Beach; and two great-grandchildren, Travis and Brandon Jones.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Bell, daughter Eva Mae Jones, brothers Robert Costner and Jim Costner, and sister Leona Bell.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Dennis L. Williams at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lee Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Lee Funeral Home & Crematory of Little River/North Myrtle Beach is in charge of arrangements.

LARRY CARRINGER SR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Larry Russell Carringer Sr., 68, 504 Ellenwood Drive, died August 8, 2004 at



Courtland Terrace in Gastonia.

A native of Graham County, he was the son of the late Virgil and

Fannie Cable Carringer. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Earl and Chartie Carringer, and sisters Edna Cable, Pearl Jenkins, Nettie Carringer and Ethel Graves.

He was a Gideon, Deacon, Sunday School teacher and was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church. He was a Mason and Shriner, a member of the Oasis Temple, Masonic Lodge 704 in Gastonia, lifetime member of the Gaston County Shrine Club, and Charter member and lifetime member of the White Plains Shrine Club in Kings Mountain.

He was a retired insurance salesman and manager for Kanawha Insurance. He also taught LUTC 1 and 2 at Gaston College for several years and was a member and past president of the Life Underwriters Association. He also served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn McCombs Carringer of Kings Mountain; son Larry Russell "Rusty" Carringer Jr. and wife Sharon of Kings Mountain; grandchildren James and Sara Carringer of Kings Mountain; brothers Willard Carringer and wife Nell of Portsmouth, VA, Herbert Carringer and wife Pearl of Maryville, TN, and Eugene Carringer and wife Joyce of Oak Ridge, TN; sisters Clota Griffie of Gastonia and Dora Lee Scism and husband Miles of Kings Mountain; and special friend L.T. Thomas of Mooresville.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jeff Hensley and Ken Faulkenbury at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Debbie Williams, 950 West Faris

Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JEFFREY LEE MEDLIN
BESEMER CITY - Jeffrey Lee Medlin, 43, 219 Chum Street, Creekside Estates, died August 4, 2004 at his home.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Wilson and Louise Huggins Medlin. He was a painter.

He is survived by his girlfriend, Sherrie Johnson of Bessemer City; brother Wilson Eugene Medlin of Indiana; sisters Carol Darlene Dockery and husband Lonie of Turtletown, TN, Janice Treadway and husband Ray of Gastonia, Cindy Cope of Gastonia, and Patricia Kay Watts of Gastonia; and niece Kimberly Watts.

A memorial service was conducted by Chaplain David Herbertson at 11 a.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BECKY GOFORTH LAIL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rebecca "Becky" Lail, 56, 121 Railroad Avenue, died August 9, 2004 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Kelly and Margaret Goforth. She was retired from Mauney Hosier.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon P. Gibson and husband James of Shelby, and Shannon D. Brakefield of Grover; and grandchildren Scott Wray, Jeremy Gibson, Dillon Dycus and Alysa Dycus.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. Glenn Walker at 4 p.m. Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from 3-4 p.m. prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DONALD TIGNOR
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Donald Edward Tignor, 62, 814 Landing Street, died August 7, 2004 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Audrey "Aud" Edward Tignor. He was a retired accountant with TransSouth and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era.

He is survived by his mother, Ethel Huffstickler Tignor.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Danielle Duncan Monday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 and Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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