

LOCAL

\$113,000 paid by city for engineers

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The City of Kings Mountain paid four engineering firms approximately \$113,000 during the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The four firms are Byers Engineering, \$9,601; Moretz Engineering, \$69,320; Progressive Engineering, \$34,704 and W.J. Turpish and Associates, \$203.

According to a memo from Finance Director Lori Hall, those fees can include engineering services, surveying, construction administration and observation, preparation and design of construction plans, preparation on bid documents and contract documents, professional services, technician services, clerical services, environmental consultant fees, geo tech and miscellaneous expenses such as mileage, meals and printing.

The memo was given to utility committee members Chairman Rick Moore, Houston Corn and Howard Shipp during Tuesday afternoon's meeting. No reason

was given for the memo.

A year ago the city hired an engineer but he left within months to take another job. Some local residents have questioned if another engineer should be hired.

In other business, Water Department Director Dennis Wells told the committee that four pump stations should be on line by Dec. 31. Officials say these stations will save the city \$20,000 a month by diverting the sewage from a Gastonia treatment facility.

Gas Director Mike Nicholson reported four people have hooked onto new lines in the Ebenezer community. Eleven more are in the process.

The gas department will extend lines further into Midpines. There are 65 homes there, though not all are expected to connect.

Corn asked Nicholson to survey Phifer Circle for potential gas customers. Some residents had expressed interest, he said.

MANAGER

From 1A

"They know their jobs," McGinnis said. "Everybody was supportive."

Council member Jerry Mullinax cast the lone dissenting vote against appointing Sellars acting manager.

"Nothing against Marilyn. The whole situation I don't agree with," Mullinax said in an interview after the Oct. 26 council meeting.

Council granted McGinnis a leave of absence Oct. 22 in a closed session meeting. According to Murphrey, the council reached a consensus. It is unknown if a formal vote was taken.

McGinnis was paid for sick time he had accumulated while working at other governmental entities, Murphrey said. While the council hired McGinnis with the same benefits package as other city employees, the council can negotiate any compensation package they choose because he serves at the pleasure of the council, according to Dr. Fleming Bell, professor of public law and government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

McGinnis and his family are moving to Kings Mountain Saturday. His oldest daughter will enroll at West Elementary where he attended grade school.

CHRISTMAS

From 1A

3 p.m. Participants should register by Nov. 29. Line up position will be determined by noon on Dec. 1. Positions should be claimed by calling

704-730-2103 between 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 3. Late entries will be added to the back of the parade.

Candy should be tossed from entries, not thrown, according to Noell. Horses must wear a diaper.

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All Papers Classified Display and Line Ads to run in the paper November 24th & 25th. (Belmont Banner, Mount Holly News, Cherryville Eagle & Kings Mountain Herald)
Friday, November 19 - 12:00 noon
All Classified Display Ads to run in the paper November 24 & 25th. Cherryville Eagle & Kings Mountain Herald
Friday, November 19 - 4:00 pm
Line Ads wanting to run in the Cherryville Eagle & Kings Mountain Herald
Monday, November 22 - 3:00 pm

Regular Ads

All Papers Ads to run November 24th & 25th (Belmont Banner, Mount Holly News, Cherryville Eagle & Kings Mountain Herald)
Friday, November 19 - 4:00 pm
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Monday, November 22 - 4:00 pm

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.



Paul Fulton plays TAPS at the Veterans Day ceremony Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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VETERANS

From 1A

The Veteran's event began at the War Memorial on Railroad Avenue. The memorial consists of a 75 millimeter Howitzer atop a platform depicting a map of battles. The original monument was donated to the scrap metal collection effort during World War II. It was

replaced in 1968.

Police Chief Melvin Proctor along with Boy Scouts from Pack 95 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Area vocalist Shanna Adams sang "God Bless America" and the National Anthem.

City Councilman Rev. Howard Shipp gave the benediction. Rev. Bruce Hobson read his poem "Ode

to the Gallant Warrior."

Kings Mountain Police color guard presented the colors. The ceremony ended with Paul Fulton playing taps.

Special guests included Cleveland County Sheriff Raymond Hamrick, Chief Deputy Danny Gordon and council members Houston Corn, Jerry Mullinax and Brenda Ross.

MRI

From 1A

The state has given KMH the green light to spend \$3.4 million on the unit.

The unit at KMH will cost \$100 more per procedure than if CaroMont had build a freestanding MRI. Cost is

driven up by building codes which require more expensive safety shielding than is required at freestanding clinics.

While the state approved KMH's application in February, CaroMont filed an appeal which was only recently denied.

The MRI should be installed at KMH by late 2005, Bell said. There are no immediate plans to hire additional radiology staff.

The hospital plans to have additions to its operating room and a new emergency department completed by late May or early June.

SMOKE

From 1A

another baby (to quit)," Jenkins said.

While many folks report feeling better physically after quitting, because Jenkins is pregnant she hasn't had that positive experience. She's chewing straws and playing with pencils to keep cravings from taking over. Jenkins realized that smoke breaks were a way of taking a few minutes away from her desk.

"It's been hard. It's getting easier," she said. "You just have to take it one day at a time."

Jenkins hopes her child will not take up the habit.

Her husband is not a smoker.

She suspects the seeds of addiction were sown early in her subconscious. Jenkins ate candy cigarettes as a child. Today she "hates those things." Jenkins' mom sent her on errands to the corner store to pick up smokes. Both her mom and step-mother would ask her to light their cigarettes.

"I felt like a big girl," she said. Murray Stollwerk, a Kings Mountain Hospital pharmacist, gave up cigarettes 25 years ago. He and his wife agreed to kick the habit but Stollwerk continued to sneak puffs.

"I loved to smoke," he said. "I so-called stopped."

His wife discovered his nicotine stash by accident. She didn't talk to him for a month. He quit for real.

"I never looked back. She was so adamant and angry," Stollwerk said. "I upset her so."

The pharmacist says he of all people should have known better than to smoke. He believes the habit is both physiologically and psychologically addictive.

For more information on quitting smoking and the Great American Smoke Out, visit the ACS website at cancer.org.

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DEATH

AMOS DUNN

GASTONIA - Amos Dunn, 54, of Brian Center Health and Rehabilitation of Gastonia, died November 9, 2004 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Laddie Thomas and Nellie Jane Mills Dunn. He was also predeceased by his brother, Arilee Dunn.

He was formerly employed by Pinkney Mills and the City of Gastonia Sanitation Department. He was a member of Lincoln Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Mary Ann Coley Dunn of the home; sons Randall Amos Dunn and wife Leigh Ann of Bessemer City and Johnny Philip Dunn of Lincolnton; brother Thomas Andrew Dunn and wife Joyce of Gaffney, SC; sister Myrtle Christenson of Kings Mountain; mother-in-law Laura Coley of Pineville; sister-in-law Nancy Dunn of Dallas; and step-granddaughter Emily Beck of Bessemer City.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Roger Huffstetler and Robert Adams at 3 p.m. Saturday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel, Bessemer city. Interment was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Clover Liberty Pentecostal Church, c/o Eddie Ford, 133 Heatherloch Drive, Clover, SC 29710.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home of Bessemer City was in charge of arrangements.

Cherryville man dies from fall

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A Cherryville man died Monday when he was trimming trees at 1220 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain.

Jeffery Randolph Watterson, 57, fell 60 feet while trimming trees with his son Jeffery Randolph Watterson Jr. A large limb hit Watterson, throwing him off balance and causing the fall, according to Cleveland County Sheriff's Office reports.

The incident occurred at approximately 4 p.m. Cleveland County EMS transported Watterson to Gaston Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Watterson was self-employed and lived on Shelby Road.

KM Council to meet Nov. 30

Kings Mountain City Council will meet Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at city hall. The meeting is open to the public.

The city will close for Thanksgiving Nov. 25 and 26.

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