

MEETINGS

Thursday
8 a.m. - Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association Board, meeting for coffee and conversation, second Thursday at Neely and Company Insurance.
12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club, H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center, 909 E. King St.
6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, Central United Methodist Church.

Monday
7 p.m. - Grover Town Council, first Monday of

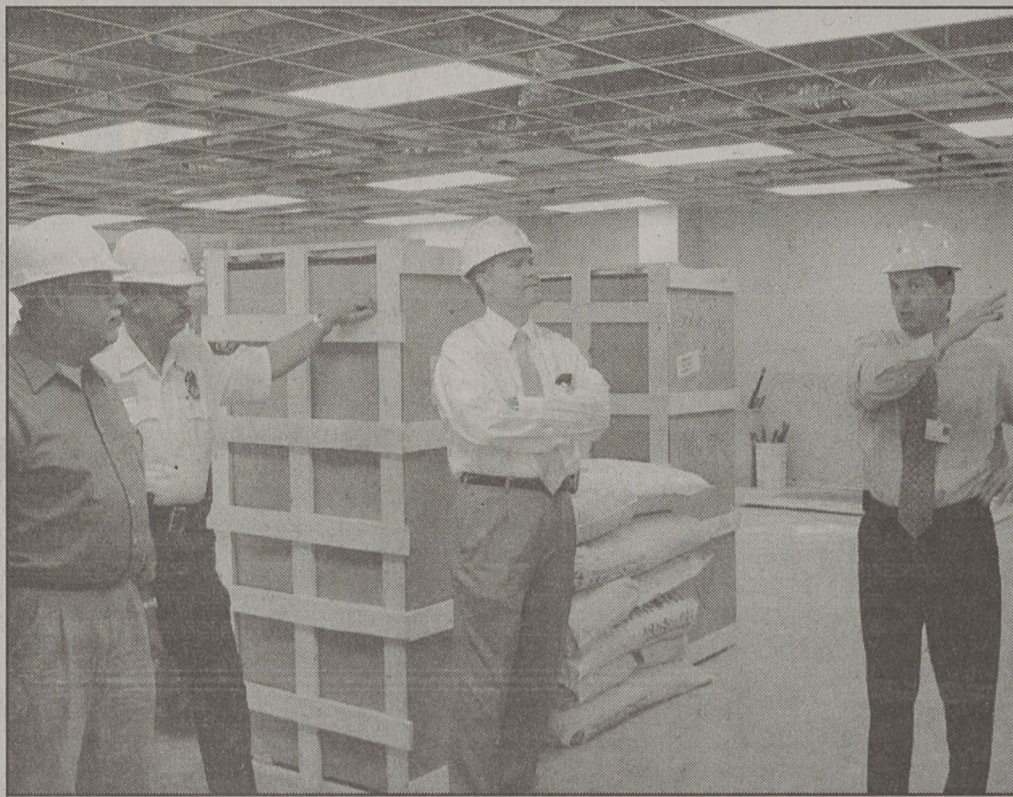
month, Town Hall, 207 Mulberry Road, Grover.
Tuesday
5:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association, third Tuesday, at First National Bank.
5:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Board of Adjustment, third Tuesday, City Hall, E. Gold St.
6 p.m. - Moss Lake Commission, first Tuesday of month, City Hall Council Chambers, East Gold St.
6 p.m. - Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, first and third Tuesday, Cleveland County Administrative Building, Shelby.
6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesday, at Kings Mountain Woman's Club, East Mountain Street..

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Alex Bell of Kings Mountain Hospital, right, talks with city leaders during a tour Monday. Also picture is City Manager Greg McGinnis, Police Chief Melvin Proctor and Public Works Director Jackie Barnette.

City officials tour hospital construction

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Staff Writer

City officials and department heads toured construction at Kings Mountain Hospital Monday afternoon.

The new emergency and surgery departments, main entrance and cafe should be open by late July.

The emergency waiting area alone is half the size of the current ED. Alex Bell, a hospital official, called the waiting area "accommodating, comfortable."

"It's the first glimpse (of the hospital) many people see," he said.

Sixty percent of admissions come through the emergency department. In the new ED there will be two rooms for orthopedics, two for observation, four for trauma, six for fast track/urgent care and two for behavioral health.

In the new emergency department patients can be transported to the radiology department without having to enter public areas of the facility. The operating room will be located directly above the ED. Now the ED and radiology share bathrooms but with the new construction each department will have its own.

A cafe sits in front of the ED. A curved partial glass wall frames the front of the area. Food will still be prepared in the existing kitchen but served in the new cafe which includes outdoor seating. The area can be used as a community room in the evenings.

Visitors and patients using the front entrance will drive under a glass ceiling entrance. Handicapped parking will be located next to the door. Currently it is up a hill. The medical staff is leading a fund raising drive to pay for a foundation at the entrance.

"It should be a spectacular front to the hospital," Bell said.

Above the cafe is the waiting area for out-patient surgery. Here also the walls

are glass. A carpeted play area for children is being built.

Bell describes the two operating rooms under construction as "state of the art." All equipment is suspended from the ceiling. Lab and radiology departments are connected directly to the surgery suites by computer.

"We're really proud. This whole floor is going to be fantastic," Bell said.

Additional surgical space can be built onto the end of the unit.

"It's intended to allow us to grow with the community," President John Young said.

The hospital is currently attracting mostly general and orthopedic surgeons. Young would like to see more cardiac work done here.

While some community members have asked for obstetrics, that is unlikely in the near future officials say. Currently 1,400 babies are delivered at CRMC, the only facility in Cleveland with obstetrics. In healthcare that is a low number. Officials say OB is a money losing area.

After the first phase is complete, renovations will begin on existing ED space.

Rodgers Builders is doing the 33,000-square-foot expansion and renovation project. Of that total, 27,000 square-foot is new construction.

Young called the expansion part of a long term plan. The oldest portion of the hospital is on the other side of the facility meaning it could be replaced with little disturbance. After the current project is complete administration will be housed there. Currently administrators are in mobile units.

Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey had high praise for the hospital.

"Healthcare has improved 100 percent. It's state of the art. They really believe in our future as we do," he said.

OBITUARIES

ROY PEARSON SR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Roy Leon Pearson Sr., 76, 803 Katherine Avenue, died May 9, 2005 at Wendover Hospice, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Stanley Robert Pearson Sr. and Emma Jane Hawkins Pearson. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Brian Pearson King; sister Lona Mae Gaddy; and brothers Everett Pearson, Tillman Pearson, Flay Pearson, S.R. Pearson Jr. and Arthur Pearson.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, where he was a member of the Adult 5 Men's Sunday School class and a member of the Senior Adult Choir. He was a former member of the Kiwanis Club, Kings Mountain, and a member of the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame. He took the VFW baseball team to the 1966 VFW National Teen-er Tournament in Hershey, PA, where they placed third in the nation.

He was retired Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Elvia Smith Pearson of Kings Mountain; son R.L. "Butch" Pearson and wife Margaret of Kings Mountain; daughter Linda P. King and husband Billy of Wilmington; brother Olland Pearson of Kings Mountain; sister Roberta Cobb of Shelby; and three grandchildren, Billy King Jr. of Wilmington and Isaac Pearson and John Roy Pearson, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 12 at First Baptist Church. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Brian Pearson King Memorial Scholarship, UNC-Wilmington, University Advancement, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 9140 Arrowpoint, Suite 380, Charlotte, NC 28273; and Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Rd., Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

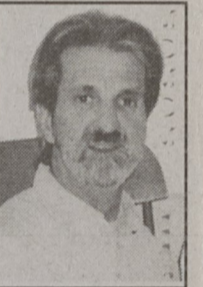
TROY CHESTER SISK SR.
TAYLORSVILLE - Troy Chester Sisk Sr., 59, 840 County Home Road, died May 3, 2005 at home after an extended illness.

He was born September 6, 1945 in Haywood County, son of the late John Sisk and Mary Ball Sisk. He was a carpenter and served in the US Army. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son, John Sisk, and two brothers, Fred Sisk and Sam Sisk.

He is survived by one son, Troy Chester Sisk Jr. of Kings Mountain; five daughters, Tiffany Smith of Denver, NC, Angie Kirkland of Claremont, Candy Black of Kings Mountain, Gina Evans of Taylorsville and Cindy Holz of Cleveland, OH; four brothers, Mark Sisk of Asheville, Charles Sisk of Kings Mountain, J.B. Sisk of Kings Mountain, and Tommy Sisk of Virginia; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Willard Whitted at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at Bethel Community in Haywood County.

Chapman Funeral Home, Stony Point, was in charge of arrangements.



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May 17 at 12:00 Noon
A deli-style lunch will be served at no charge.
Public Invited!

GROVER
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Tee-shirts, jewelry, pillows and birdhouses will be for sale.
The annual festival isn't a money maker for the organization but is a chance for the community to get together, according to Evelyn Willis of the women's club.
The festival also marks the opening of the park concession stand. It will be staffed by women's club members.
Vendors may still register for the festival. For more information, call Willis at 704-937-9047 or Paulette Peeler at 704-937-9211.
The festival ends at 5 p.m.
Contact Andie Brymer at 704 739-7496 or abrymer@kingsmountainherald.com

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