

LOCAL

Summer Time

but finding a job's not easy

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Staff Writer

When school recessed for summer break some teens headed to work while others are still looking for employment.

Bubba Noell who graduated from Kings Mountain High School in the spring went to work before school ended. In December he took a job at Woodbridge Golf Club.

Noell washes golf carts and golf balls, picks balls up from the driving range and and performs an assortment of other tasks.

"I love it here. This is fun," the teen said.

Noell says his job makes him the envy of his friends. While Noell found a job which even comes with free golf and "friendly bosses," many teens are working in fast food, retail and construction.

Noell got the job through a friend who was already employed part time at

Woodbridge.

Heather Walker who graduated with Noell believes networking is the way to find a job. Recently one of her friends got a job through the young woman's future sister-in-law.

"She's got connections," Walker said.

Walker has struggled to find a job this summer. Employers are reluctant to hire someone who is leaving for college in a few months, she said.

Her lack of formal experience hurts too. While Walker has worked with her dad, a Fed Ex driver, during Christmas and summer break and cleaned, pressure-washed and mowed at her grandparents' mobile home park, that isn't enough for would-be employers, she has found.

"I wish they would just let me show them my progress report," Walker said. "It doesn't work that way."

At least Walker is not alone. Another one of her



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Bubba Noell enjoys his job at Woodbridge Golf Club.

friends is struggling to find a job. Walker wants to work in retail but isn't interested in the fast food jobs some of her friends have taken.

Neither the Shelby nor Kings Mountain Employment Security Commission offices report many teen and college-age job seekers this year.

ESC works with people

ages 16 and up. In Kings Mountain the office is located inside the YMCA and is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Employers are welcome to place requests for workers and job seekers may visit that office. For more information, call Lead Consultant Deborah Wood at 704-739-0191.

Final Relay total \$93,121

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Kings Mountain's Relay for Life exceeded its

fundraising goal, garnering \$93,121 this year.

The 2005 campaign which culminated in the two-day Relay for Life walkathon well surpassed the group's \$86,000 goal. Last year's Relay raised over \$75,700.

Co-chairperson Tammy Hogue said she was overwhelmed by Relay's success.

"I knew we would do well but I didn't realize we'd do this well," she said Monday night, just before announcing the total to a group of volunteers who had assembled for a wrap-up party at the Patrick Center.

After a month off, Hogue and other volunteers will

start planning next year's event.

"I do it for my mom, my kids, me," she said.

She co-chaired the event with Melissa Davis. Fatz Cafe catered Monday night's party. For more information, call Linda Neal 704-473-0815.

P&Z Board approves subdivision

A new subdivision may be built on Phifer Road.

The Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board approved a request by the Phifer Downs Subdivision during its Tuesday afternoon meeting. City Council will vote on the request during its June 27 meeting.

In other business, the board refused a request by Laura Fannin to consider rezoning a portion of

Cansler Street. According to officials, Fannin had heard a rumor that a muffler shop would be built beside her residence. She was not at the meeting but appeared on the agenda.

The board cannot consider rezoning before a request is brought by the property owner, according to board Chairman Jim Childers.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	June 8-14	Year Ago
Total precipitation	3.08	5.50
Maximum one day	2.17 (8th)	2.8 (14th)
Month to date	5.23	5.64
Year to date	24.72	17.94
Low temperature	68 (10th)	66 (12th, 13th)
High temperature	91 (14th)	92 (11th)
Avg. temperature	78.7	75.9

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OBITUARIES

THELMA PARROTT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thelma Harris Parrott, 74, 200 Fulton Street, left this earth on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 to be with the Lord Jesus.

She was born in Marion, NC, daughter of the late James Oscar and Zilla Mae Silvers Harris. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, James W. Parrott, her son, Johnny Eugene Black, sisters, Opal Harris and Dale Gantt and a brother, Paul Harris.

She was a retired textile worker and a member of the Kings Mountain Missionary Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Rev. David L. Black and wife Shirley of Shelby, and Mike Black of Kings Mountain; daughters, Rhonda Lambert of Kings Mountain and Joyce Evans and husband Larry of Kings Mountain; step-daughters Wanda Henry of Greenville, SC and Nancy Drennan of Grier, SC; brother Charles Harris of Baltimore, MD; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. David L. Black and the Rev. Allen Knicely at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2005 at Shelby Missionary Methodist Church, Shelby. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DAN HAMRICK

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dan Hamrick, 59, 115 Remington Drive, died Friday, June 10, 2005 at Hospice at Wendover, Shelby.

He was a native of Cleveland County and was employed with Dodge Motorsports. His church family was Bethlehem Baptist Church and Christian Freedom Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Hamrick of Kings Mountain; son, Danny Hamrick and wife Sharon of Cary; daughter, Kelley Sroufe and husband, Ralph, of Kings Mountain; mother, Betty Hamrick of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Jessica Hunt, Jayme Ellis, Alex Hamrick and Emma Hamrick.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Blanton at 1 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2005 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church Building Fund, 1012 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GENE WARE

SHELBY - David Eugene Ware, 77, Dellinger Road, died Thursday, June 9, 2005 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, he was born June 26, 1927 and was a son of the late Thomas B. and Maggie McDaniel Ware.

He retired from the auto body repair business and from Ingles Food Market. He was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Selma Tessener Ware; seven brothers, J.D. Ware, Buford Ware, Woodrow Ware, Horace Ware, Maynard Ware, Charles Ware, and Marshall Ware; and a sister, Delta Humphries.

He is survived by one brother, George Ware, and a sister, Inez Eskew, both of Shelby; a daughter, Anne Ware of Forest City; a son, Tim Ware and Wanda Crotts, both of Shelby; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family, Bobby and Frieda Guffey of Shelby, and Pat and Pauline Murphy of Hillsborough.

A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at The Episcopal Church of The Redeemer, 502 Sumter Street, Shelby, with the Rev. Dr. Gene McDowell and The Rev. Dr. Nancy Mugford officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 76, Grover, NC 28073.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pop Warner sign-ups set at local businesses

Kings Mountain Optimist Club will be registering players and cheerleaders for Pop Warner football during June and July.

The first day of practice is August 1 from 6-8 p.m. at City Stadium.

Sign-up locations are:
June 18 - Food Lion, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
June 25 - Wiener Works, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
July 7 - Subway, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
July 16 - Wal-mart, 1-5 p.m.
July 23 - City Stadium, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
July 30 - City Stadium, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each person must bring a birth certificate with raised seal, last year's report card and \$10 registration fee.

For more information call 739-0296 or 739-7102.

The Pop Warner coaches will be soliciting businesses in the community during the next several weeks to ask for help with youngsters' registration fees.

In the past the club has charged a \$50 registration fee, but recognizes that the large fee causes many youngsters not to be able to participate.

The club has sponsored four teams in the past, but beginning this year can sponsor up to six if enough players come out.

According to Jeff Putnam, longtime Pop Warner coach, it costs about \$250 to outfit a player. The teams have a lot of usable equipment left over from last year; however, each year equipment has to be repaired and updated.

Including up to six football and cheerleading teams, approximately 300 youngsters could participate, Putnam said.

The Kings Mountain teams use game receipts and special fund raisers to provide the majority of the funds needed to finance the football program.

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