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## New Hospice house in KM to open as early as April

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

The Kings Mountain Hospice House is set to open as early as April and accept its first patients this Spring.

"We're very pleased that we are still on schedule to open in April," said Executive Director of Hospice Cleveland County Myra McGinnis.

Upon completion of the new house, Hospice Cleveland County will undergo two state surveys and a Medicare survey for the site. The first Hospice patients will be admitted after the surveys have been completed.

"Right now, we are in the process of interviewing and hiring five RNs, five LPNs, and five certified nursing assistants who will staff the Kings Mountain Hospice House," McGinnis said.

She added that Charlene Crepps, of Kings Mountain, has been selected as the director of nursing services for the Kings Mountain Hospice House.

"Charlene has worked as our weekend call nurse for over four years. We're really



Crews finish up work on the new Hospice house in Kings Mountain.

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glad that we were able to promote from within the organization and that Charlene has such strong ties to Kings Mountain," McGinnis said.

Hospice is still seeking donations to fin-

ish the project. Capital campaign committee members continue to make contacts to reach their \$2.7 million goal.

"We feel incredibly fortunate to have

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## OH BROTHER Mills brothers arrested in Movie Gallery robbery Friday Thief fled scene with \$1

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

Friday, 12:52 p.m.: the Movie Gallery, 207 E. King St., has just been robbed. Within hours the Kings Mountain Police had arrested not one, but three suspects, two of whom are brothers.

Police say that a call came into the station at 12:52 p.m. The caller stated that a robbery had occurred at the Movie Gallery.

The complainant stated that a white male entered the business wielding a knife and demanded money, according to police. "The clerk complied and the male suspect fled out the door in an unknown direction with an undisclosed amount of money."

According to the police report, the suspect was able to get away with \$1 in stolen currency.

Within 15 minutes, Kings Mountain Police officers had arrested Brandon Scott Mills, 22, of

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### IN THE SHADOWS

## City-scouts continue yearly tradition

By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

In a tradition that began over half-a-century ago, several young men, in an organization 100 years old, cast their shadows behind department heads and city leaders Friday morning.

This annual City-Scout Shadow day began in Kings Mountain as early as the 1950s, according to Scout Master Tommy King, who took over leading the program in 1958. "I know they had it several years before I started," he said.

And there was something about this year that made this time-honored city tradition even more special. The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

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## ELECTION 2010 Contests develop for seats as new candidates file

With eight days remaining until the filing period for the May primary ends, contests developed between two local candidates who tossed their hats in the ring last week.

US Congressman Patrick McHenry (R) of Cherryville officially filed with the State Board of Elections for re-election to the 10th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives Feb. 12. Republican Vance Patterson, a Burke County business owner, filed Tuesday at the Burke County Courthouse.

A contest developed for county coroner Feb. 10 when Bruce Wayne Arton, 302 Cherryville Rd., Shelby, filed at the Cleveland County Board of Elections to challenge the incumbent, Dwight Tessner, 108 Plantation Drive, Kings Mountain. Both are Democrats.

"I'm focused on doing everything I can to keep Washington from making the economic recession worse, to getting the federal budget

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### Weather

## City sees more snow, more to come?

A second winter snow storm blanketed the area with the fluffy white stuff Friday and the bitter cold kept Kings Mountain citizens inside by the fire-side.

City crews were out until about 5 a.m. Saturday clearing the roads. No power outages were reported.

"We had everything ready to go before the first flakes fell with supplies, salt and snow-plows on standby until thawing began and our crews were out on both sides of town under the direction of Supt. Jackie Barnette," said Mayor Rick Murphrey.

The mayor said he measured about three inches of snow in his

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### 25 years a legend

## Wilson steps down from elections board, honored for years of service

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff writer

Ruth B. Wilson's influence on the Cleveland County Board of Elections is legend.

Early during her nearly 25 year tenure on the board Wilson pushed for new voter machines for the county to speed up the election process. Not so in the early days when hand counting of ballots was a tedious all-night job.

Wilson also published the first handbook for officers and committees and the first by-laws for the state association with her inauguration as the state president. By all accounts she was an advocate in fair and honest conducting of non-partisan elections.

Even before she became active on the county board as secretary she served as precinct judge and registrar and ran for office on the Republican ticket against Demo-

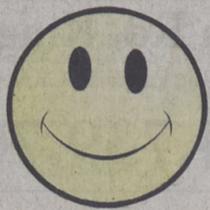
crat Joyce Falls Cashion of Kings Mountain for a seat on the county board of commissioners.

"I lost," said Ruth, who was asked to run again but declined saying that her goal was to serve on the board of elections.

Wilson retired last March after nearly a quarter century on the elections board. Now she can put bumper stickers on her car supporting her favorite candidates and get out and "beat the bushes" for them.

The lifetime Republican has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement award from the Cleveland County GOP and the first Ruth B. Wilson leadership award from the Republican Party. The State Board of Elections recognized Ruth for outstanding service and the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners recognized her at a recent meeting. Debra Blanton, Director of the Board of

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