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raised \$1.6 million for construction of the KM Hospice House—mostly from individuals, families and businesses in Kings Mountain," McGinnis said. "The support from these donors has been amazing, especially considering the challenging economic times. The living room, conference room, and hospice house still have not been named, and we think these are perfect opportunities to honor people in the community."

Naming opportunities are available through donations to the Hospice house project.

"We're also actively seeking \$3,000 and \$10,000 pledges, which can be paid over several years. All of these gifts will be acknowledged with recognition plaques at the hospice house," McGinnis said.

To make a donation to the new Hospice house, contact Myra McGinnis at 704-487-4677 or the project's Capital Campaign Chairman Jay Rhodes at 704-739-8194.

The City of Kings Moun-

tain submitted a second grant request on Hospice's behalf to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. If approved, the grant will provide \$156,000 for the Kings Mountain Hospice House, based on \$12,000 for each of the 13 new full-time jobs that will be created there, according to Hospice Cleveland County.

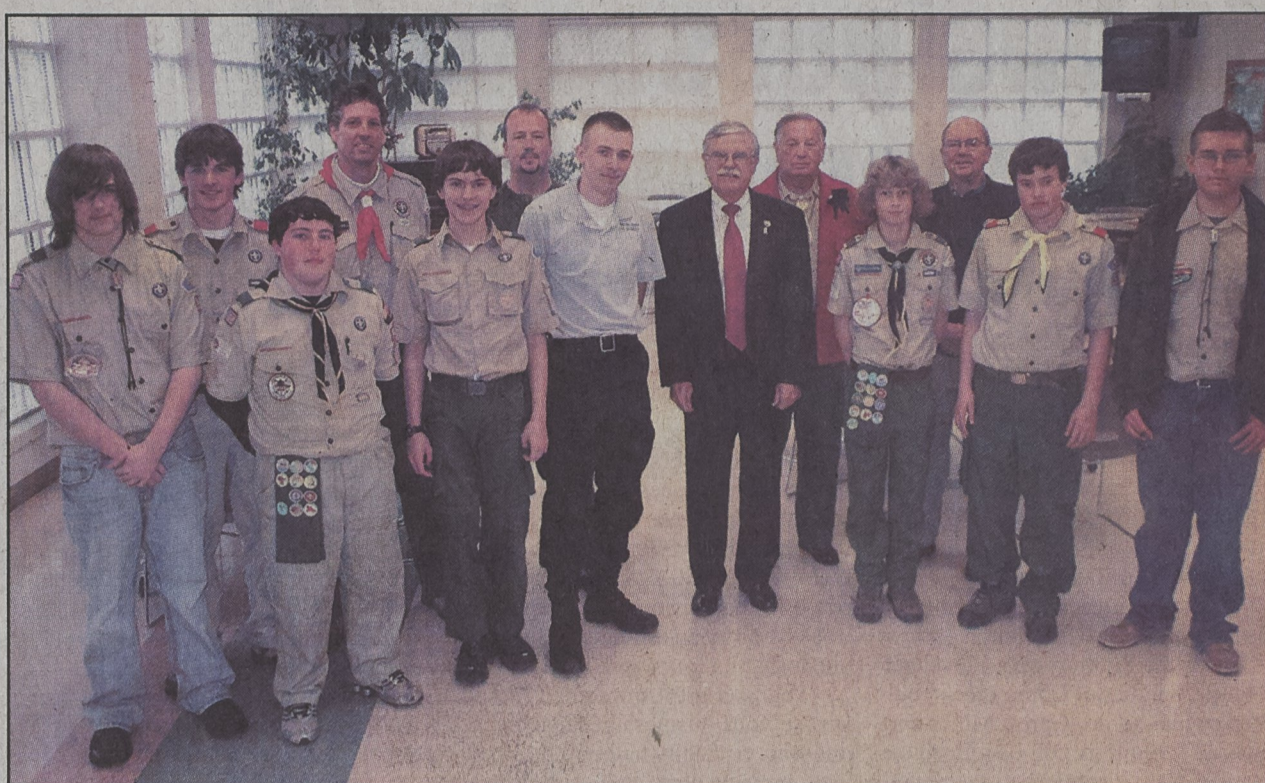
"Honestly, we've worked so hard for so many years to bring a hospice house to Kings Mountain—it's difficult to believe that we're so close to achieving this goal," McGinnis said. "It really is the culmination of a lot of work by a lot of people who have a heart for Hospice and the care we provide to people at the end of life."

"We're thrilled that the Kings Mountain Hospice House will open soon and that when it does, it will provide greater access to hospice care for people throughout Cleveland County."

The Kings Mountain Hospice House, located on Kings Mountain Blvd., looks out on a serene view of the mountains.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Work continues on the new KM Hospice House.



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Front row, left-right, Steven Smith, Tyler Sholes, David Warlick, Mayor Rick Murphrey, Nicholas Matola, Alex Martin, and John Bridges. Back row, l-r, Cody Clemens, Jake Brown, Scout Leader Tom Matola, Tommy Painter with the city's water department, Scout Master Tommy King, and Councilman Dean Spears, who was also a Boy Scout.

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Although there have been years when the annual event was not held, the fact that the City of Kings Mountain still honors it today is a testament unique to the program.

King said that Kings Mountain is currently the only municipality he knows of that allows local scouts to shadow city employees.

"We are very appreciative of the city doing this," he added.

Scout Leader Tommy Matola, whose son participated in Friday's shadow program, said that the event is "unbelievably important" for the scouts.

"We're always very proud

to have the scouts come downtown and work with the different department heads," said Mayor Rick Murphrey, who is an Eagle Scout himself. "They learn a lot about the city and we learn from them."

The scouts' day started at 9 a.m. at city hall, where they gathered for their assignments with city employees. Each scout, eight in all, drew an envelope with the name of the department they would shadow.

Jake Brown, of troop 95, drew the detectives division of Kings Mountain Police. Joining him was scout John Bridges, of troop 93, who was assigned to shadow the police chief. Both young men were escorted by police captains Derek Johnson and

Jerry Tessneer.

David Warlick, who is an active member of the award-winning Kings Mountain Police Explorers (a special division of the Boy Scouts), got an inside look at the city's gas department, escorted by David Lawhun.

At the end of the day, Warlick was given a hard hat and other little souvenirs to remember his work with the department. But the one thing he perhaps enjoyed the most was the experience.

He said that employees showed him how all of the gas regulators work and how to change charts. He also helped them check for gas leaks.

"I really appreciate the opportunity," he said. "It makes you think about the different careers."

Although he plans to go into law enforcement, he said that getting an inside look into the gas department was a "great experience."

Scout Nicholas Matola said that he also had a great time shadowing the water department. "I got to drive a track-hoe and move dirt to bury a pipe that was showing," he said, excitedly.

Then, he said, they went to the treatment plant and the sewer plant.

"I learned a bunch of stuff," Nicholas said.

His journey ended at the Patrick Senior Center, where he and his escort, water department employee Tommy Painter, met with the rest of the scouts for lunch.

Alex Martin of scout troop 93 toured the public works department Friday morning with employee Ricky Putnam.

Tyler Sholes of troop 39 toured the city's electric department. Cody Clemens, troop 95, shadowed the fire department.

At fire station No. 2 he learned, along with an Allied Health class from Kings Mountain High, how to operate a fire extinguisher.

Each was quizzed on what to do in the event of a fire and then they each had a chance to put one out with an extinguisher using the P.A.S.S. (Pull the pin; Aim for the bottom of the fire; Squeeze the trigger; and, Sweep the nozzle) method.

Steven Smith of troop 92 shadowed at the library and said that he read a book to children.

Talking over pizza at the center, all of the scouts seemed to have a memorable experience; and experience is one of the key elements in the boy scouts program.

It's more than just teaching them how to earn a merit badge, King said.

"To watch this little man sit down and do something you showed him, like starting fires with rocks and flints, he's accomplished something on his own that not everyone knows how to do. It means a lot to them," he added.

"The skills that they learn they can carry with them all of their life," the mayor said.

"You can see a change in the boys going through the program," King said.

The evolution seems to come as they gain self-confidence, leadership skills, the knowledge of first aid techniques, the value of teamwork and more in their many tasks.

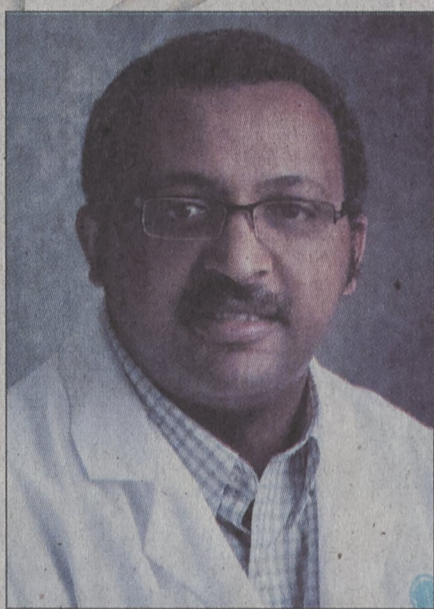
**Beginning of the scouts**

Boy Scouts is not just about going camping or learning how to survive outdoors, but that is how it started, in a way, over 100 years ago.

"The World Scout Movement began in the United Kingdom in 1907 with an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset. During the week-long camp, Robert Baden-Powell and a small party of boys put into practice his ideas for training young people in responsible citizenship," according to scout.org.

The program was adopted and began in America on Feb. 8, 1910, by newspaperman William D. Boyce. Today, Boy Scouts of America boasts over 2 million members. The World Scout Movement has more than 28 million members in over 216 countries and territories.

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