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## AFTER THE PRIMARY



**SHERIFF RACE**

**ALAN NORMAN**  
Democrat



**DON ALLEN**  
Republican



**DWIGHT TESSNEER**  
Coroner



**KELLY HASTINGS**  
Republican



**JEFF GREGORY**  
Democrat



**US DISTRICT 10**

**PATRICK McHENRY**  
Rep - Incumbent

By **ELIZABETH STEWART**  
staff writer

The voter turnout at the six Kings Mountain area polling places was higher than expected May 4 - a total of 2,538 - even though the county-wide vote total vote of 12,196 in the May Primaries was light at 20 percent.

Kings Mountain citizens, along with Democrats at all 26 precincts in the Primary, overwhelmingly supported Alan Norman and Republicans at all 26 precincts in the GOP Primary heavily supported Republican Don Allen for the High Sheriff position.

Norman and Allen face off in the No-

vember general election.

Norman swept a four-man field, including Danny Gordon, who placed second; Mike Chapman, third; and incumbent Raymond Hamrick, fourth. Allen won over challenger David Morrow.

Captain Norman and Chief Deputy Danny Gordon returned to work in the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department the morning after the election.

"First and foremost I thank the Lord and my family for standing by me and for the overwhelming support of the voters for their confidence in me and believing in my platform and what I stand for. It's very humbling," said Norman who carried 68 percent

of the votes cast in the Democratic Sheriff's Primary.

Said Allen, "The grassroots people really came out and we had the biggest turnout of voters in a Republican Primary for sheriff because of the efforts of a lot of people." He added, "The challenge now is get people out to vote in November in a non-presidential election year because Republicans have a lot of important races at stake." He said he appreciates the support he received and thanks everyone who turned out to vote in the May primaries.

A total of 11,898 votes were cast in the sheriff's race - 8,926 in the Democratic Primary where Norman received 6,087 votes

and garnered 68 percent in a four-man field and 2,872 in the Republican Primary where Allen, a former SBI agent, garnered 2,122 votes or 74 percent of the vote in a two-man field.

Kings Mountain citizens also supported other local candidates on May 4.

County Coroner and Medical Examiner Dwight Tessonner of Kings Mountain won reelection over two first-time runners Steve Hamrick and Bruce Arton and Kelly Hastings of Cherryville upset Rep. Pearl Burris-Floyd's re-election bid. Neither Tessonner or Hastings face opposition in November.

See **PRIMARY, 3A**

## KM Hospice house now open

**Rooms full  
already**

By **EMILY WEAVER**  
Editor

The Kings Mountain Hospice House, yet to be officially named, opened its doors last Monday morning to its first two patients. As of this Monday, the eight-bed facility is full.

"That shows there is obviously a great need for it," said Myra McGinnis, executive director of Hospice Cleveland County.

The Wendover Hospice house in Shelby started with six patient rooms. It expanded to accommodate 14. But in the last few years over 100 people on waiting lists to get into the facility, have died. The new Hospice house in Kings Mountain, a nearly \$4 million project, will be an extra haven for the terminally ill.

In March 2008, when the plans for a KM Hospice



**EMILY WEAVER/HERALD**

**KM Hospice's Director of Nursing Services Charlene Crepps answers a call.**

house were officially announced, McGinnis said that the new facility would lessen commutes for local caregivers and alleviate some of the pressure of the long waiting lists they have seen.

But a pre-opening walk-through of the facility

showed signs that the new Hospice house will provide so much more.

The 15,000 sq. ft. facility, which sits on one of the highest elevated spots in Cleveland County, has eight private patient rooms, complete with sofa beds, televi-

sion/entertainment centers, private baths and patios, which overlook a courtyard with a bubbling pond.

The front doors of the new Hospice house open up into a vaulted living room,

See **HOSPICE, 5A**

## WEST END

### Information meeting on new historic district set for Tuesday

By **ELIZABETH STEWART**  
staff writer

Kings Mountain may soon have another area of the city designated as a historical district.

Architectural Historian Davyd Foard Hood has been researching for months some 44 properties in West Kings Mountain which he is proposing for a National Register nomination as The West End Historic District, architecture dating from 1882-1955 bounded by West Mountain, West Gold, City and Sims streets.

Hood, and Becca Johnson, Preservation Coordinator for the N.C. State Historic Preservation Office, will make a public presentation at City Hall Tuesday night at 6 p.m., unveiling the photographs and detailed house descriptions to be presented to the National Register of Historic Places advisory committee at the Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh for review on June 10.

Kings Mountain Historic Landmark Commission is sponsoring Tuesday's informational meeting to which the public is encouraged to attend.

The area encompasses 206, 308-406, 600, 207-613 W Mountain St., 206-506, 301-509 W. Gold St., 204-206 S. Cansler St., 108, 204 S. Tracy St., 200-204 S. Watterson St. and 204 S. Goforth Street and includes 44 structures, some of colonial, Queen Anne,

See **DISTRICT, 5A**

## 2010 KM SPORTS HALL OF FAME



**GARY STEWART/HERALD**

Left to right, Johnny Harris (representing his father Ollie Harris, Jr.), Stoney Jackson and Brent Bagwell were inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Saturday.

## Swim teams, Jackson, Bagwell, Harris inducted into KM Sports Hall of Fame

By **GARY STEWART**  
Sports Editor

Over 200 sports fans, family and friends packed Central United Methodist Church's Christian Ministries Center Saturday night for the 23rd annual Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony.

Local golf legend Stoney Jackson, three-sport athlete and coach Brent Bagwell and the state championship 1993 and 1994 KMHS men's swim teams were honored along with the late Ollie Harris, Jr., a football, basketball and baseball standout from the 1950s.

In addition, four longtime supporters of Kings Mountain sports received Distinguished Service Awards, including Charlie Smith, Chuck Austin, Ken Bridges and Jimmy Jolly. Bridges, Jolly and Austin have given a combined 75 years of service

as the chain crew for KMHS home football games and Smith can be seen on the sidelines of every Mountaineer game taking action pictures to give to the school, coaches, players and friends.

Fifteen members of the championship swim teams were on hand, with Dave Kienlen, coach of the 1993 team coming all the way from the State of Washington to help honor his former players. Conrad Martin, coach of the 1994 team, was also present.

The teams were inducted as one because most of the swimmers swam both years. They were inducted by Sarah Mayse, who was a do-everything lady for the swim teams. She did everything from coach, judge meets, time swimmers, public relations and match swimmers to the events they could best excel in.

After coming close to winning the state in

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