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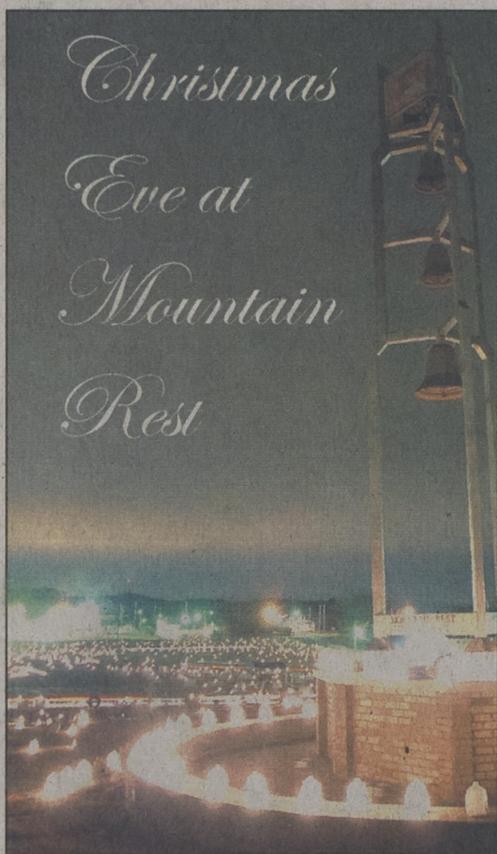
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View captured at Mountain Rest Cemetery on Christmas Eve.

## Cemetery luminary service Friday night

City-owned Mountain Rest Cemetery will be aglow with candles Friday night for 15 hours as citizens continue a Christmas Eve tradition in Kings Mountain.

"We had a big crowd last year and expect even more this year if the weather is good," said Cemetery Supt. and Public Works Director Jackie Barnette. He invites volunteers to come to the cemetery at 2 p.m. Friday to help light the candles in the milk jugs being placed all around the entrances to the cemetery and on every grave. City crews will place the milk jugs filled with sand and a candle on each grave earlier in the week.

The City of Kings Mountain sponsors the Christmas Eve event which draws hundreds of people who pay respect to loved ones by riding through the beautifully-decorated cemetery grounds.

"The candles the city is using this year will burn for 15 hours and we invite citizens to enjoy the beauty and reverence of the city's special Christmas gift to the community," said Barnette.

## Patrick plugs into the sun

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff writer

With the sun you never get a bill and Patrick Yarns is cashing in on the benefits of solar energy.

The Kings Mountain plant, an innovative industry leader in technology, is now a first in the area in generating electricity with solar energy.

Partnering with the City of Kings Mountain in its recently adopted Regeneration electric rate, the company will be selling back the kilowatts it produces to the city.

Patrick Yarns President Gilbert Patrick said that Patrick Yarns is installing



Workers brave the cold, installing solar panels at Patrick Yarns on York Road at the Kings Mountain industry putting in one of the largest privately-owned systems in the Greater Charlotte area.

468 solar modules for a total system size of 105.3 kilowatts (KW). The mounting system is a ballasted, non-roof-penetrating system, one of the largest privately

owned systems in Cleveland County and in the Greater Charlotte area.

Patrick said the new system is expected to generate over 140,000 kilowatt hours

(kWh) per year, enough electricity to power 12 average US homes with annual environmental impact. According to EPA calculators, over

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### EXPLANATION

In "Sleep Tight, Don't Let the Carpet Beetles Bite", a story that appeared in last week's Herald, we chose not to identify the "one local hotel" that was investigated after two complaints of bed bugs because the complaints were unfounded. No bed bugs were found.

In both investigations, officers of the Cleveland County Health Department found no signs of any living bugs. A few dead bugs were found and were sent off to the state lab in Raleigh for identification. The dead bugs were identified as carpet beetles, not bed bugs. Carpet beetles feed on fibers, not humans. And they seem less likely to follow a traveler home. According to the CCHD, there are still no confirmed cases of bed bugs in Cleveland County.

We hate to say a certain hotel has bed bugs or was rumored to have bed bugs when those initial claims turn out to be false.

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