



JOHN DILLING

SOMEWHERE: the ducks still fly for the great John Dilling

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North Carolina.

Dilling's desire to keep duckpin bowling alive went much farther than Kings Mountain. He became a duckpin bowling advocate nationwide and served many years on the Board of the National Duckpin Bowling Congress. His success on the lanes and his dedicated leadership nationally led to his induction into the National Duckpin Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. He has also been honored by the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame.

John bowled in Kings Mountain leagues for about 60 years. If he didn't carry the highest average every year he was, as Dizzy Dean would say, "right up there amongst them."

As years passed John's eyesight dimmed but he continued to bowl and enjoy the fellowship at the lanes. When he couldn't see the pins other bowlers would tell him which ones were standing and, more often than not, he'd knock some of them down.

John always encouraged the other bowlers and he always promoted them. Until his health deteriorated, the first thing John did on Wednesday mornings was to bring the bowling score sheets to The Herald and tell me, "Okay, here's the bowling scores, you can put the paper out now."

John Dilling was a business and bowling icon in Kings Mountain, but of first importance he was a great man who was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Every time duckpin bowlers gather for league action, John's presence will be missed. But as long as there is duckpin bowling in Kings Mountain he will be there in spirit.

WALLACE: gets two grants to improve downtown buildings

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In other actions, council:
+authorized Mayor Rick Murphrey to submit an Economic Infrastructure program grant application for \$99,250 and an Industrial Development Fund Utility account grant for \$94,287 for a waterline associated with the expansion of Chemetall Foote.
+Formally approved an-

nexation petitions from T5@Kings Mountain LLC (Project Roosevelt) to extend the corporate limits, a 54 acre tract, on Riverside Court in Northwest Kings Mountain and annexed property of Dennis and Lou Ann Goforth on Shelby Road.
+Okayed several committee appointments, including Joni Smith and Ken Pfeiffer to the Historic

Landmarks Commission; Mickey Corry, commissioners Howard Shipp and Rick Moore, mayor pro tem Rodney Gordon and Steve Killian to the redistricting committee to work on placement of newly-annexed areas in city wards; and reappointed Ragan Harper to the ABC board.
+Approved use of the Kings Mountain firing range

for a concealed weapons class for the public for Saturday, April 9, and Saturday, April 23.
+Set public hearing April 26 at 6 p.m. to consider a CDBG close-out on a water project on Battleground Road, and to consider a request from John Young to rezone property at 809 E. King St. from General Business to Residential.

REMEMBERING: JD Barrett, police chief and councilman

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Barrett met his wife, Arlene Schneider, while on furlough from the Navy and the Corydon, Indiana native became his bride 56 years ago. In Kings Mountain they raised two children: Cheryl, who is married to Randy Butler, and David, who is married to Carol Fleming Barrett. Grandson Morgan Alexander Barrett was his Grandpa's pride and joy. Arlene retired as secretary at First Presbyterian Church and in retirement like her husband started vol-

unteering in a number of organizations. Jackie Barrett was hired as a patrolman at the Kings Mountain Police Department in 1956 by the late Chief Hugh Logan, Jr., was promoted to sergeant in 1968, lieutenant in 1970, captain in 1974, and chief in 1983. He retired after 31 years in law enforcement, promoted through the ranks to the top job in the department. He saw a number of his friends and co-workers become officers and chief, including Warren Goforth, Bob Hayes,

Richard Reynolds and Houston Corn. Upon retirement in 1987 Barrett got into politics and ran for a seat on Kings Mountain City Council; he won his first two-year term in 1987-89. He was re-elected to a second two year term in 1989-91. Jackie Dean Barrett will not only be missed by his immediate and church family but by scores of Kings Mountain area people and local police whose lives he touched as he passed our way.



Photos by LISA ZYBLE

Part of a tree fell on a house on the corner of Gold and Tracy streets - damage from a heavy thunderstorm that rolled through Kings Mountain early Tuesday morning.

STORM: leaves damages, outages in its wake Tuesday morning

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out from the force and pressure of the gales. "It was a really bad storm," Stewart said.

A teacher at a local preschool where Stewart works said that a window blew out in her home, too. No one was hurt.

But many local families were awakened by the storm. Kids sought comfort with their parents while some sought shelter away from windows.

Along Goforth Road, trees blocked driveways and landscaping equipment stood next to shreds of

metal where a shed once stood.

On Tuesday afternoon, the city conducted a test of its emergency alert siren system.

Duke Energy was overwhelmed with blackouts, but the city was lucky in that regard.

City Manager Marilyn Sellers said that there were only a "handful" of outages reported by city customers Tuesday. She said that workers in the electric department ventured out after the storm around 2 a.m., looking for electric disruptions.

Only finding a few, Sellers credits

the city's great tree trimming practices, keeping infrastructure upgraded and sheer luck for most of the limbs falling away from the lines.

Duke Energy has requested assistance from the City of Kings Mountain's Electric Department to restore power to its customers. Sellers said that city linemen and electricians may be sending aid today.

As of 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, 154,724 Duke Energy customers were without power. More than 5,000 of those were disruptions in Cleveland County.

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Initial plans for the connection include a route from Moss Lake to the old Bennett Brick building near the high school, along a creek, down Landing Street, to Patriot's Park and then to the Patrick family property along Battleground Ave. where it will hook up with part of the Gateway Trails.

The public is also encouraged to get involved by submitting feedback through an online survey. To participate, visit the project site at www.wikiplanning.org, password: CCTT (Cleveland County Thread Trail).

The Carolina Thread Trail is a 15-county, two-state initiative designed to inspire and facilitate the creation of a regional network of trails, blueways, and conservation corridors that will grow together over time linking more than 2.3 million citizens. With technical resources and catalytic funding from The Thread, local communities will plan and implement their portions of this green interstate system. Catawba Lands Conservancy is the lead agency for The Thread, working in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Foundation for the Carolinas, and many local partners.

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