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Fallen soldier comes home to rest



A hearse bearing the seal of the United States Army and carrying the body of a local fallen hero, Spc. James Justice, pulled into Harris Funeral Home Monday morning past crowds of supporters.

Funeral today for Spc. James Justice who died of combat injuries in Afghanistan

EMILY WEAVER
 Editor

Flags fluttered throughout the City of Kings Mountain Monday morning as the body of a fallen hero - Army Spc. James Justice - was carried home to be laid to rest with full military honors today (Aug. 29) at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Some flags rippled from half-mast. Some danced on the wind from the backs of motorcycles in the motorcade. Some were waved in the hands of supporters, who lined the streets, as the procession trailed through two counties and the two cities Justice called home.

One giant American flag flew from the top of an extended ladder on a Kings Mountain Fire truck, marking the procession's stop. But another flag - the one draped over Justice's coffin - remained still, very still.

Soldiers saluted their fallen comrade as the silver hearse, bearing the United States Army emblem, pulled up to the curb outside of Harris Funeral Home.

Justice was 21 years old when he died Aug. 16 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, of injuries from small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. He was a father to three girls, a husband to Sissy Justice, a son to Randall and Melissa Justice and Paula Black, and a brother to many who died a hero to all.

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Members of the Patriot Guard Riders motorcycle unit and friends led the funeral procession Monday that carried fallen soldier, Spc. James Justice, home to Kings Mountain through Cherryville, where he last lived before his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Photos by EMILY WEAVER



Soldiers in the United States Army carry their fallen brother, Spc. James Justice, inside Harris Funeral Home in front of a crowd of family, friends and supporters who gathered to pay tribute to the young soldier. Justice died of injuries from small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Sewer rates rise in Grover

EMILY WEAVER
 Editor

Grover citizens will see an increase of 10 percent in their sewer bills this month and may see the rate they pay climb up to 52 percent or more in the next few years. In a special Grover Town Council meeting Friday night, city leaders voted to move ahead with plans to seek funding for a nearly \$2 million wastewater project.

The goal is to transform the old Grover Industries treatment plant into the city's new wastewater treatment plant.

The town is seeking grants of up to \$1.25 million to help pay for the project, but is also relying on approval of a 0% interest loan. It was decision time for the council Friday night as they stared down a Sept. 4 deadline on applying for a 0% interest loan from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

"I think you have about a 100% chance of getting a 0%-interest loan from them (NCDENR) and a 50/50 chance at the grants," said Brian Tripp, vice president of WK Dickson, who reminded council that without the no-interest loan the town's payments will be higher.

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King of NC Delegates Gets Party Going in Fla.

Isaac or no Isaac, a storm is brewing

EMILY WEAVER
 Editor

Kings Mountain's Wayne King, vice-chairman of the NCGOP, "young gun" of the Republican Party, is in Tampa, Fla., this week serving as one of two delegates from the state, drafting the party's future at the Republican National Convention.

Tropical Storm Isaac, which forecasters feared would wreak havoc at the convention, seems to have only brought enough drenching rain and wind to make the RNC's first day a short one. Party Chairman Reince Priebus gavelled the convention into session Monday af-

ternoon inside the Tampa Bay Times Forum. Minutes later, influenced by Isaac, he recessed activities until Tuesday.

Rain or not, there was no canceling this parade. On Friday, King potted the show would still go on, whether or not Isaac came a-calling.

More than 2,200 delegates and 2,100 alternate delegates from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories were expected to attend this week's convention. King is among them, serving in a special role on the Party's platform committee.

"It's a true honor to be the Chairman of our delegation to Tampa as well as to serve on the platform committee to help shape what our Party ideals are," King said. "I am very excited about Gov. (Mitt) Romney and Congressman (Paul) Ryan. There

has been a new level of energy in our Party since Congressman Ryan was chosen as VP."

A storm is brewing

King told The Herald in June that this week's convention would be an "important step to taking back the White House and to painting North Carolina red in November."

As Isaac moved on toward Louisiana, Tuesday, the eyes of thousands of Republicans turned their focus on the White House. The mission? Select a nominee who will defeat and unseat President Barack Obama.

"We must put forward a platform that appeals to the majority of Americans that self-identify as Conservatives, and we must put forward a platform that highlights the contrast between the pro-growth, pro-freedom, pro-America



WAYNE KING

policies of the Republican Party and the far-left extremist views of President Obama and his liberal cronies," King told The Herald in June.

Two "debt clocks" click in the Tampa Bay Times Forum, one showing the national debt and the other showing how the nation's debt has climbed during the convention.

"We have got to get the economy jump-started from the terrible economic times

See KING, 3A

Jammin' 4 Wishes concert Sept. 8 at 238 Cherokee St.

EMILY WEAVER
 Editor

Fourteen bands. Two stages. One chance to grant a once-in-a-lifetime Wish.

Kings Mountain's Isaac Pearson has teamed up with 238 Cherokee Street to present his 3rd annual Jammin' for Wishes benefit concert, headlining the George Hatcher Band, from noon until 10 p.m. Saturday, September 8, at 238 Cherokee Street.

While musicians will be performing soft acoustic melodies inside the restaurant during the day, bands, including the local sensation Southern Experience, will be jamming outside on a stage across the street.

All proceeds and donations raised will be used to grant wishes in the Make-A-Wish® Chapter's 51 counties of Central and Western North Carolina.

The day-long concert will feature performances by the Sonshyne Boys, Tanner, Lovewell, Curt Collins, Carson Hill, JohnJack, One Leg Rooster, Don Ray, Jeff Putnam, Gary Harvey, Thistle Dew, Traffic Jam Band, Southern Experience and the George Hatcher Band.

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