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Franks is big winner

Ronnie Franks, Kings Mountain banker with Alliance Bank, was the big winner of \$10,000 in Saturday's 9th annual Reverse Raffle & Auction for benefit of Kings Mountain Historical Museum.



Ronnie Franks

"We congratulate Mr. Franks who purchased the winning ticket in the drawing which culminated a fun evening for several hundred people at American Legion Post 155," said Stella Putnam, president of the museum.

Franks and his family are on vacation and the prize money will be officially presented next week.

Putnam said that 272 people bought \$100 tickets and the highly successful benefit was the result of tremendous support from the community. Numerous prizes were donated by local people and firms for door prizes, decorations and refreshments. Ellis Noell, special events coordinator for the City of Kings Mountain, was master of ceremonies, Greg Johnson was ticket barrel operator, and Jason Falls was auctioneer. The buffet meal of shrimp, beef and chicken and the trimmings was catered by Linwood Restaurant.

"Remembering when Cotton was King" was the decorative motif and featured in a brochure developed for the KM Museum by David Neisler and distributed at the event. Threads and cotton, along with a miniature of a bale of cotton from the old Margrace Mill, were artistically intertwined by Susan Patterson among colorful

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Faunce withdraws rezoning request

Developer David Faunce has withdrawn request by Faunce Properties Inc. for rezoning property at 813 W. King St., formerly 814 W. Mountain St., from Residential SH to Residential Office.

City Planning Director Steve Killian said that the withdrawal request will be on the agenda for the Sept. 25 meeting of Kings Mountain City Council which has the final say in zoning matters.

Faunce indicated to the planning board that he may reapply at a later date for conditional use office rezoning which, if approved, would put conditions on use of the property.

West Kings Mountain property owners stated opposition to the rezoning several times that Faunce came before the board and four representatives of the group were in attendance at Tuesday's meeting. Faunce did not attend.

In other actions at Tuesday's Planning and Zoning Board meeting, the board voted to recommend to city council the rezoning of Royster Oil Property at the intersection of Vestibule and Shelby Roads from Heavy Industrial to General Business and another Royster parcel from residential to General Business and B&D Enterprises request for rezoning from county zoning General Business to city zoning General Business. The property is located at the intersection of Oak Grove and Stoney Point Road and was recently annexed into the city.



Need a friend?



photo by JIM ZYBLE
 Cleveland County commissioner Johnny Hutchins, above, is shown with Charlie, an owner surrender dog, at Saturday's 'Pet Adoption Day'. See more about available pets and how you can help Cleveland County Animal Control, on page 5A of this edition.

Busted!

Partying after the game results in teen citations

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Jamie Lynn Gilbert, 38, of 1427 Bethlehem Road, was arrested on 14 counts of contributing to the delinquency of juveniles and her 17-year-old son, a KMHS senior, was charged with one count after sheriff's deputies broke up what some students said was the "biggest after the ball game party of the year" Friday at the Gilbert home.

for three teens under age 16. Scared kids ran everywhere when officers arrived at the scene. Lined up in the carport of the Bethlehem Road residence, a large number were tested for alcohol consumption. Others ran into the woods, officers said. Parents and guardians were called who didn't know their children were partying. One grandmother said her granddaughter was supposed to be spending the night with a friend. Those cited to court will have their day in court, pay a fine and probably serve a period of community service.

"We hope we saved someone's life"
 Lt. Chris Hutchins

At the scene between midnight and about 2 a.m. 14 juveniles and three 18-year-olds were charged. Additionally, officers are securing juvenile petitions

Mrs. Gilbert was arrested
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Hamrick honored with Old North State Award

Larry Hamrick Sr., Kings Mountain businessman, was honored Thursday with the Governor's top award to a civilian - the coveted Old North State Award.

State Rep. Tim Moore made the surprise presentation on behalf of Gov. Bev Perdue to Moore at the regular weekly meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club.

"This is a distinct honor for me to present an award to the best gentleman I know who has exemplified both professionally and in his personal, religious and civic life his commitment for many years working for the community," said Moore.

Calling Hamrick a "pioneer" in Kings Mountain who helped turn the business community around with his leadership, Moore said the award is for "dedication and service beyond expectations every day of his life when some said they can't and Larry said we can."

Hamrick won the Gateway award in 2006 for his contribution to downtown revitalization efforts and was 2011 Main Street Champion. Having seen the effects of suburbanization in the 1970's, he chose to keep his business downtown and in the 1990's he assisted with the formation of the business and Professional Association and contributed to the creation of The Mountaineer Partnership from 2000-2003 and served the non profit revitalization entity as



photo by LIB STEWART
 Rep. Tim Moore (left), on behalf of Governor Bev Perdue, presents the coveted Old North State Award, the highest civilian award to an individual, to Larry Hamrick Sr. The award was presented at last Thursday's meeting of KM Rotary Club.

president from 2005-2008. A native of Shelby, born May 30, 1931, he first visited Kings Mountain at the age of

five in 1937. In 1966 he joined Warlick Insurance Agency and is co-owner of

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Candidate Forum

Kings Mountain Woman's Club will host a candidate forum Monday night, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Woman's Club on East Mountain Street.

All candidates on the ballot whether opposed or unopposed for election Nov. 6, have been invited to attend the meeting to present their platforms. The public is invited.

Three county commissioners from Kings Mountain - Johnny Hutchins, Ronnie Hawkins and Mary Accor - seek reelection. The fourth candidate - Susan Allen of Shelby - seeks one of the four

seats on the board up for grabs. Hutchins, Hawkins and Allen are Republicans and Accor is Democrat.

Kings Mountain attorney Tim Moore, Republican, is unopposed for reelection to his seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Randy McDaniel, also of Kings Mountain, is a candidate for supervisor of the county's Soil & Water Conservation Committee.

Other area candidates on the November ballot, each of

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Police, SWAT teams called in for standoff

"I could easily have lost an officer," said Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman following Saturday's standoff with Steven Charles Randolph, 49, who fired his high caliber rifle at Lt. John Humphries as he got out of his patrol car to respond to a domestic call.

Norman said that another deputy who arrived on the scene moments later returned fire back and the standoff lasted for more than an hour as the suspect fired multiple shots in the ground and declared he "wasn't going down without a fight."

The incident happened at a house on Raft Place, west of Boiling Springs.

Norman said that negotiation and SWAT teams were called in and surrounded the residence and eventually the suspect walked off the front porch, placed his firearm on the ground and surrendered.

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