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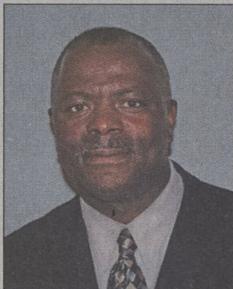
Pressley bumps Spears for Council seat

Incumbents Hawkins, Butler keep jobs

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Curtis Pressley will be the new face on the Kings Mountain City Council, edging out incumbent Dean Spears in the at-large contest, according to late unofficial results. Voting was close, with Pressley collecting 554 votes over the veteran Spears' 529.

Incumbents Tommy Hawkins, representing Ward 3, and Mike Butler, representing Ward 2, held on to their spots on the council, edging out former council member Jerry Mullinax and political newcomer Patty Hall for their respective



Curtis Pressley

seats in Tuesday's voting.

With all precincts reporting, including early voting, Hawkins collected 112 votes over Mullinax' 93, while Butler picked up 123 to Hall's 97.

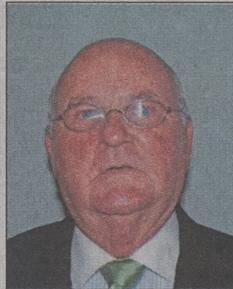
Pressley campaigned on a growth platform, which saw him endorsing a proposed casino and entertainment complex. "I think that with the possibility of thou-



Mike Butler

sands of jobs coming to the county as well as the city and the economic impact it would be a terrific opportunity for our city," he said in a candidate questionnaire.

"I'm ecstatic," said Pressley, who has made three previous runs for the city council. "I don't know if it's sunk in yet ... I look forward to working with the council members. I'm definitely a team player."



Tommy Hawkins

Spears, a retired building contractor, has served 16 years on the council.

Hawkins is serving his first four-year term on the council. Previously, he has served five years on the planning board. He also serves on the Mauney Memorial Library Board of Directors. In his campaign to retain his seat in this

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In unofficial results - Thurman, Glover, Falls, and Blanton elected to Board of Education.

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Veterans Day observance

The City of Kings Mountain will host the annual Veterans Day Parade and Observance on Monday, November 11.

The observance will begin with the parade starting at the War Memorial on Railroad Avenue, across from the Joy Performance Center, at 10:45 a.m. VFW Post 9488 Color Guard will step off the parade with the Loch Norman Pipe Band and all veterans and their families are invited to join in the parade. The parade will proceed to Patriots Park

where the observance will take place. At the Patriots' Memorial, as part of the observance, there will be a dedication ceremony of the WWI plaque at 11 a.m.

The Patriots' Memorial, a public/private partnership, was designed by Ken Pflieger, AIA Architect. Located near the entry to Patriots Park at Cansler Street and Gold Street, the design has plaques honoring those soldiers who died in combat during WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

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It's official...

Walmart is coming to KM!

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Walmart Neighborhood Markets is coming to Kings Mountain in the Kings Mountain Plaza.

The old Winn-Dixie building will be razed and a new 41,000 square foot facility will go up in the next year.

Walmart officials made the announcement Monday.

"We welcome Walmart to Kings Mountain and thank them for their investment and new job opportunities," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. He added, "Walmart is an excellent corporate citizen and we look forward to working together



This is a proposed rendering of the proposed new Walmart Neighborhood Markets in Kings Mountain

to improve quality of life in Kings Mountain."

Walmart Neighborhood Markets were designed in 1998 as a smaller-footprint

option for communities in need of a pharmacy, affordable groceries and merchandise. Each one is approximately 38,000

square feet and employs up to 95 associates. Walmart Neighborhood Markets offer fresh produce, meat and

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POW Schiavo recalls cold, hunger

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"Bitter, bitter cold" is what Sam Schiavo, 89, remembers about the Nazi concentration camp where he was held for six months after being captured during the Battle of the Bulge, the bloodiest of the battles that US forces experienced in World War II.

"That was 70 years ago but I remember the bitter, bitter cold and the near starvation," said Schiavo, who resides with his wife, Gurteen, in Kings Mountain.

Schiavo's parents immigrated to America from Sicily and he was born in the United States. He is the last surviving sibling of seven children.

"I remember the Germans making us march and work for them and we just never got warm," said Schiavo. A loaf of bread was expected to feed 8-10 soldiers and the sawdust taste was terrible. A strapping 140 pound youth when he joined the Army, Sam lost down to 100 pounds during his confinement. Frostbite was hard on the POW's, soldiers suffered from dysentery.

"We had no soap, no toothbrush, they took our watches and boots and anything valuable," said Sam. But they didn't take his eye glasses and



Sam Schiavo

Sam returned home with them safe and sound.

Schiavo said he was younger than some of the other POW's, healthy and came close to getting frostbite in his toes. He said he owes his life to prayers for his safe return to America.

Prisoners were housed in a type of barracks surrounded by wire fence and guarded by vicious dogs and guards. They slept on the

floor. Armed guards came into the compound and marched them to their work assignments.

"Dad got a telegram that I was missing in action," said Schiavo.

In late 1944 in the wake of the Allied Forces successful D D ay invasion of Normandy, France, it seemed as if World War II was all over, but with the onset of winter, the German Army launched a counter offensive that was intended to cut through the Allied Forces in a manner that would turn the tide of the war in Hitler's favor. The battle that ensued is historically called the Battle of the Bulge. The courage and fortitude of the American soldier was tested against great adversity.

Schiavo served in the 106th Infantry Division at

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Wounded Warrior Run is Saturday

Locally owned Finish Well Timing will sponsor the second annual Patriot Jack's Wounded Warrior 4-mile run on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The road race will include a 1-mile fun run and the event will benefit the United Service Organization (USO-NC.) All monies raised will stay right here in the community.

Festivities will begin at 9 a.m., at Patriot Jacks, 832 E. King Street, with the start of the 4 mile course. Along this course, you will encounter

military personnel who will be encouraging runners and walkers along. Different branches of the military will be on hand with military vehicles and activities. Music will be provided as entertainment and a local JROTC unit will present the colors to start the event.

All registered runners and walkers will receive a race t-shirt and an awesome finisher souvenir. Registration can be made online at www.woundedwarrior4mile.com. Call 704-685-3549 with any questions.

New report cards

Report cards that go out to students Thursday will be different.

They will include new test scores and may show that fewer students have made the state's tough, new proficiency standards.

North Carolina legislators recently strengthened the measurements for End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) tests, Cleveland County Schools Assistant Supt. Stephen Fisher told the school board at a recent meeting.

The state's new proficiency requirements are to address how ready students are for college and careers and whether students are on track to be ready for high school graduation.

The new measurements, Fisher said, cannot be com-

pared to previous year standards as the new test measure new content standards. If anyone tries to compare the results, it will appear that scores have dropped and the rhetoric of "schools are broken" will surface. In all actuality, the cut line has been raised making it more difficult for students to achieve "proficiency" in content standards.

Despite these changes, school-grade-subject-level growth will continue to be measured the same as in years past, said Fisher. It is important to note, he said, that students continued to grow academically in 2012-13, even though the tougher achievement measurements will show fewer students making the state's new proficiency standards.



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