

BUSINESS

Withrow's Funeral Home on King Street reopened with new management this week

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Withrow's Funeral Home held a grand reopening Sunday afternoon in Kings Mountain with introduction of the new manager, Marvin Murray, by Kenneth Withrow, son of K. C. and Daisy Withrow of Shelby.

A licensed funeral director and embalmer, Murray said he welcomes the opportunity to serve a multi-cultural community like Kings Mountain and provide professional service at an upscale level for the community and area.

"This is my father's legacy and not just an African American business but a business that welcomes everyone," said Kenneth Withrow.

K. C. Withrow, 84, opened the funeral home in 1976 on the historic site which was the first residential brick building built on King Street in 1903 by Joseph A. Falls, said Kenneth Withrow. Sisk Funeral Home, now of Bessemer City, operated a funeral service from 1949 followed by Withrow and People's Funeral Home but in 1980 the historic building became occupied by Withrow's Funeral Home.



**Marvin Murray
New Manager**

"We have had a period of transition but now we will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Withrow.

In presenting a history of the longtime business, Withrow said that the grand reopening means continued revitalization of King Street, enhancing economic development, something that his father envisions for this area of the community. "We want to part of that growth," he said.

Donald I. Roseboro, Shelby native, will serve as general manager of Withrow's Funeral Home. A licensed examiner and funeral director in the two Carolinas, he has been in the funeral business 20 years. He is a graduate of Elon University and completed graduate studies at UNC in Wilming-



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Murray was educated in the Charlotte public schools and graduated from American College as a certified nursing assistant and with a medical technician diploma. He served six years in the US Army 25th Signal Corps and was employed in the health-care profession 20 years. He graduated from Fayetteville Tech as a funeral director in 2000 and also received his

associate degree in applied science. A member of the International Congress of Examining Board, he trained with Rudy Nelson Lea Funeral Service in Raleigh and worked for several funeral homes in the Charlotte area.

Rev. Charles Webber, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, gave the invocation at the grand reopening service at 3 p.m. in the chapel of the funeral home. Ken-

neth Withrow gave a history of the business, recognized city commissioners Howard Shipp, Curtis Presley and Keith Miller and acknowledged the assistance of Connie Allison, Farris Turner, Teresa Brooks, Melody McGuire and Sharon Ager with special thanks to Clinton Louis Baxter Services, Richard Rodgers, Rita Lovelace, R&R Handyman Services, Donald I. Roseboro Funeral

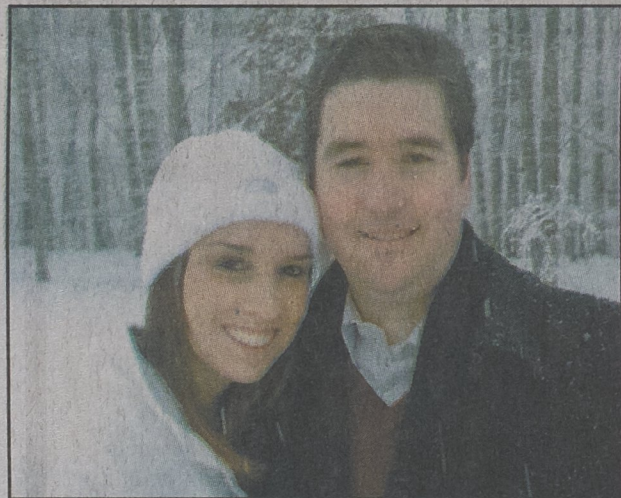
& Cremation Services and Philann's Florist.

"We want to thank the community, our partners and others for helping us to build a better future," said Withrow.

Refreshments were served after the funeral home dedication.

The two-story building is spacious and includes a chapel on the first floor with several offices.

Holiday concert at the Joy signals start of holiday season



Darin and Brooke Aldridge continue a five year tradition on November 22 when their multi-award nominated group performs at the Joy Performance Center in Kings Mountain. Their annual Holiday Concert at the Joy has become the unofficial kickoff of the holiday season for the band's friends, family and fans.

The Holiday Concert marks the end of the group's 2014 national tour which took them to Maine, Iowa, Texas, Florida and points in-between. "We are thankful to have been able to start, and now finish the 2014 tour on the stage of the Joy. It's a wonderful place to perform and the room is always full of people who have been such an important part of our success," says Darin Aldridge. "We love to tour and play our music for all sorts of audiences but it is always a blessing to get to entertain people who have befriended me all of my life. They have made Brooke and me feel so welcome and loved that it makes us want to play and sing our very best for them."

Doors to the Joy will open at 7:00 pm and the show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available on line at: TicketsNC.com or by phone: 704 472-7762. Sold-out audiences at previous Holiday Concerts have been treated to hilarious unscripted antics on stage as the band hams it up for the home folks. "We just love the chance to cut up

and have fun on stage and show the audience that we love each other and love everybody who comes out to see us," says Brooke, flashing a quick smile which leaves little doubt of her playful intentions.

2014 was another big year for Darin and Brooke's career. For the fourth consecutive year they were finalists for an International Bluegrass Music Award and they signed with Buddy Lee Attractions, Nashville's oldest and largest talent development agency. BLA has represented artists ranging from Hank Williams, Jr and Willie Nelson to Jason Aldean. Darin and Brooke are only the second "bluegrass" group to be signed by the agency during its 50 year history. "They see us as a group that appeals to both bluegrass fans and to more mainstream Country and Americana music lovers. The plan they have for us will mean even more travel and shows to promote our new record which will release in February 2015," says Darin. Guest artists appearing on the new album include Sam Bush, Ricky Skaggs, Doyle Lawson, Bobby Hicks and Steve McMurray. It will be the couple's sixth album and will come out less than two months after their sixth wedding anniversary.

Darin and Brooke Aldridge make their home in Cherryville, and other band members live in NC, SC, and TN



The staff of the Gentle Moon Café (Dan Kukulka, holding scissors, Betsy Kukulka and Courtney Kukulka, in center) celebrates a ribbon-cutting with city officials and members of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday. The 126 Gold St. restaurant offers paninis, homemade soups, herbal teas, fruit and vegetable smoothies and vegetarian options. Stop by and have a cup of herbal tea, read a book, or play a game of checkers or chess. Call (704) 750-6112 to learn more.

Cherryville Little Theatre presents "The Nerd"

The Cherryville presentation of "The Nerd" has some familiar faces from Kings Mountain since the show was presented here five years ago by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre under the direction of Wendy Walega.

Kings Mountain favorites Jim Champion, Michael Medlin, Dawn Rickus and Robert Jenkins are featured in the cast. Also: Bryan Denton, Denise McCoy and Noah Neal.

"The Nerd," set in 1976 is a hilarious comedy which features Gastonia actor Robert Jenkins as Rick

Steadman, the world's worst houseguest who won't leave. Steadman shows up at the home of a stranger, Willum Cubbert, played by Michael Medlin. Cubbert often lets people take advantage of him, according to Walega who says that goofiness takes center stage. William Cubbert has it all - a promising career as an architect, devoted friends, even, maybe, a serious girlfriend. But then Rick Steadman, the ultimate social misfit, comes to visit and puts everything in peril. The Nerd

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Dunham's Sports holds Grand Opening Friday

Dunham's Sports, one of the nation's largest sporting goods chains, will hold grand opening Friday, Nov. 14, at 9 a.m. at the new Shelby Mall, 2001-53 East Dixon Boulevard location. Store hours are Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The first 100 adults on Friday will receive a Dunham's Sports t-shirt. Also on Friday, there will be free 6-packs of Coke or Diet Coke to anyone making a \$10 purchase.

On Sunday, the first 10 people/families in line will

receive a \$10 Dunham's Sports gift card. Also on Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. the Remington Firearms Truck will be at the store. Get hunting and shooting tips from the experts and see the latest Remington firearms, ammunition and accessories.

"We are excited to be opening a store in the Shelby community," said Jeff Lynn, chairman and chief executive officer of Dunham's Athleisure Corporation.

The Shelby location will be the 10th Dunham Sports in the state.

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