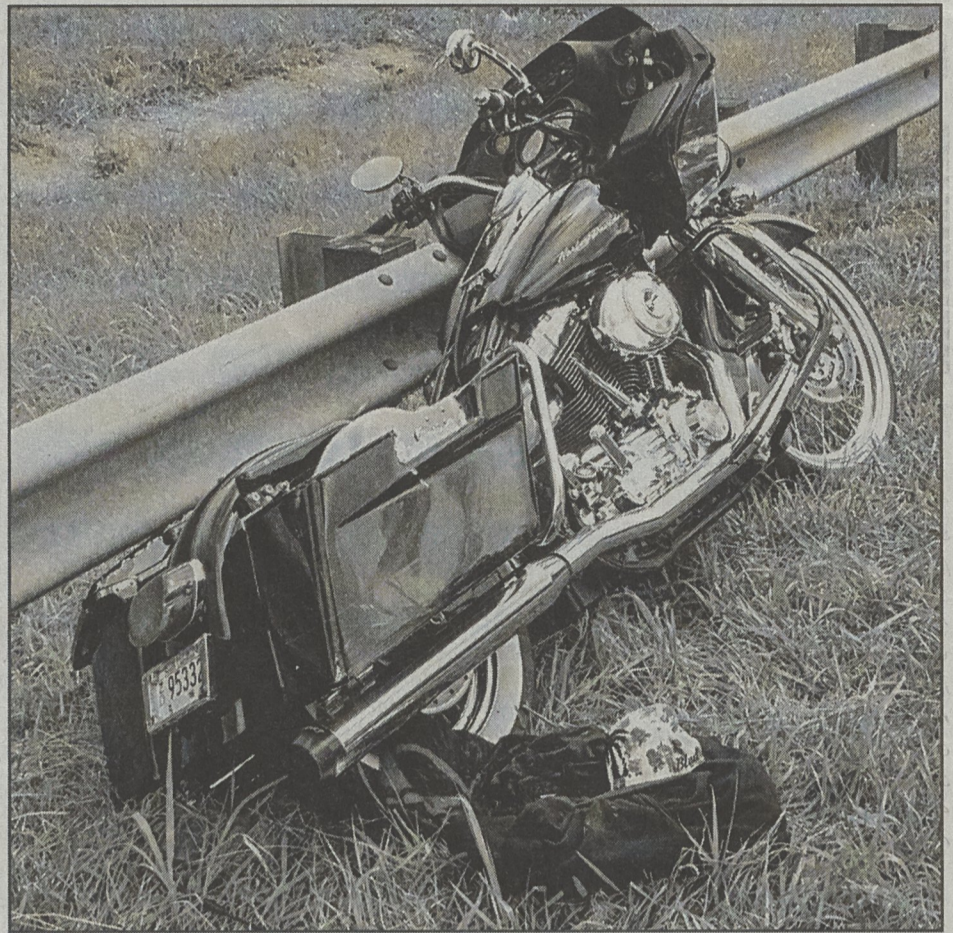


This picture of the VW Beetle was made by Lem Lynch Photography. A Shelby woman was injured in a wrong-way wreck Friday morning in Kings Mountain. Jessica Brewster, 20, was driving a VW Beetle when she missed her exit on US 74, drove west up the east down ramp onto Shelby road and collided with a Ford Explorer driven by Ella Norris, 64, of Shelby. Brewster was hospitalized with serious injuries. Also in the Norris car were her daughter and four-month-old twin girls in the back seat. None of them were hurt.

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Photographer Lem Lynch took this picture of a motorcycle chase and wreck which ended on I-85 South at Mile Marker 5 Friday afternoon when the man accused of fleeing from a state trooper wrecked into the rear of the patrol car he was trying to elude. William Arrington, 27, of Spartanburg, SC was driving the motorcycle and was treated for injuries at CaroMont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia.

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## INCUMBENTS: file for KM Council Seats

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was the new electric wholesale signing with a new wholesale electric provider NTE Energy which is expected to bring savings in the millions annually in the near future. The fiber optic project could pay for itself in seven years and is projected to save the city tens of thousands yearly. Expansion of the Patrick Senior Center is currently underway and the city's partnership with the YMCA brings more benefits to area people.

Murphrey, as mayor, signed for the city's biggest loan ever - \$34 million - at zero percent interest for major water line improvements.

Murphrey said his administration will continue to work with the county EDC and state Department of Commerce in bringing jobs and a productive workforce to the area. Industrial and business investments during his 15-year leadership of city government is estimated to be over \$2 billion dollars and 2,000 new jobs.

Rick and Sandra Murphrey have been married 48 years and have a daughter, Tracy. He graduated from Atlantic Christian College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and is retired after 42 years in the textile industry where he was vice-president of sales and marketing. He was twice honored by Region C as Mayor of the Year. The Murphreys are members of First Baptist Church.

Rodney Gordon, Ward 4 candidate, has served on city council since 2005. He served as mayor pro tem four years.

Gordon said in a filing statement, "Today, with out hesitation and enthusiastically, I filed for re-election for Ward 4. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Kings Mountain since 2005 and I am just as committed today as I was in the very first election to serving with a high level of professionalism, trust, and integrity. Thank you for trusting me with the position.

It is important that Kings Mountain stay on a positive and aggressive movement into the future. The stage has been set and there is strong evidence that Kings Mountain is at the threshold of a positive economic impact that can continue to keep our utility rates and taxes at an affordable rate. One example of this is the partnership we have recently entered with NTE, a power generation plant that will locating

in Kings Mountain. NTE will be breaking ground in the coming months. Not only will they become the largest utility user in Kings Mountain, the savings we will experience through the purchase of electricity will be enormous. The revenue generated from this endeavor must be used wisely and productively for the citizens of Kings Mountain.

I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to serve you for another term so we can make sure we stay on the right track that benefits everyone. Together, we can keep this movement into our future going in the right direction."

Gordon is a life long resident of Kings Mountain and currently resides at 212 Fulton Drive. He is the co-owner of Carolina Air Solutions, Inc., a commercial and industrial HVAC company located in Charlotte, NC. His wife of 33 years is Vickie Metcalf Gordon and they have two children Catherine McKee and son-in-law Brandon Mckee, and Carol Gordon. They also have two grandchildren. He and his family are active at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain

During Gordon's tenure as Councilmember he has served or currently serves on the Finance Committee, Utilities committee, Travel and Tourism Development Authority Board, Cleveland County Chamber Advisory Board, as a delegate to the Centralina Council of Government, as a Board Member for the Red Cross, and numerous ad hoc research committees.

Rick Moore, Ward 5 candidate, is asking voter support so that he can see the completion of a number of city projects, including the construction of the new Kings Mountain Energy Center, the big water line and treatment plant projects and completion of the senior center expansion. He pledged and wants the board to continue to work with economic development leaders to bring jobs to Kings Mountain. Moore has served on city council since 1976 and is chairman of the Travel & Tourism committee. He and his wife, Jean Falls Moore, have two children: Karla Drennan of Kings Mountain and Speaker of the House Tim Moore of Raleigh and Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren: Wilson and McRae Moore and Sarah and Lily Drennan. The Moores are members of First

Baptist Church.

Howard Shipp, Ward I candidate, has also served on city council since 1976. "I feel like the city is now reaching a high point in prosperity for the first time and I would like to be re-elected and see the completion of many projects that I have worked on." After many years as an active pastor, he has returned to his home church, Mount Zion Baptist Church, to serve where needed until a pastor is called. He and his wife, Kay, have five children, two sons are deceased.

Keith Miller, At-large candidate, is running for his third term on city council and has chaired the city finance committee and served on the youth activities committee and city manager compensation study committee. He has also served several terms on the planning and zoning board and board of adjustments and has been vice-chairman of both boards. He and his wife, Julie, have three daughters. Miller is an investment advisor to institutional individual clients. As a municipal advisor he has been involved in more than \$2 billion of municipal bond issues and currently manages approximately \$100 million for a number of cities, municipal utilities, hospitals and non-profit corporations.

Miller lists some accomplishments of the Murphrey administration and his part in achieving them:

- Helped to analyze and approve the wholesale electric power supply contract with NTE which could save the city \$2 million every year for the next 40 years. Contract includes another gas line tap for the city which creates back-up redundancy to our gas supply lines into the city and sets the stage for expansion of the gas system south of I-85.

- Analyzed and helped pass the contract with the YMCA which could save the city over \$100,000 per year for the next 15 years.

- Passed 5 balanced budgets without tax or rate increases other than a water rate increase which was necessary in order to receive LGC approval for the upgrades to the water lines and water plant.

- Helped analyze and pass smart meter program which could save the city several million dollars over the \$2.5 million implementation costs.

- Helped secure and approve \$36 million 0% interest financing for Water line and Water Plant projects.

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## BIG CROWD: soaks up sun and 4th fun

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Some light, scattered showers that threatened to dampen the fun in the late afternoon came to nil as celebrants waited out the patches of rain.

"We picked a good first time," said Cindy Harrill, a dental hygienist who lives in Gastonia, noting that her and her family usually head to the beach or the mountains for Independence Day. "The weather is great today and we've got great seats for the music and the fireworks."

At the 18th century reenactors camp, which sits adjacent to the walking track, there was an afternoon lecture on the Declaration of Independence, and cannon and musket demonstrations. Visitors could also see pottery and soap being made.

For the big day, many were simply enjoying funnel cakes and ice cream treats by 8 p.m., around the time when crowds really began to swell in order to catch performances by the

The Chris Marks Band.

By 9 p.m. all the light had gone out of the sky and the mood turned briefly somber as Mayor Rick Murphrey delivered a stirring Independence Day message that in turn kicked off a battle and sword fight between mock American and loyalist forces.

The Battle of Kings Mountain was a decisive battle between the Patriot and Loyalist militias in the Southern campaign of the American Revolutionary War. The actual battle took place nine miles south of present-day Kings Mountain in rural York County, S.C., where the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalist militia commanded by British Major Patrick Ferguson of the 71st Regiment.

"We will ride into your town and kill your men if you oppose the crown," warned a strident Major Patrick Ferguson, whose speech was met with loud boos.

Then, on the steep hill-

side, before an awestruck crowd, Americans fended off an invading regiment of British who fired relentlessly at the proud American rebels. As Colonel Patrick Ferguson lay dying, the sky became bright with the first crack and sizzle of a prolonged fireworks display that could be seen (and heard) for miles around.

While visitors relaxed and enjoyed the food, live music and climactic fireworks demonstration, police kept order and maintained safety in the 6,000-strong crowd.

Police officials say the event does not usually lead to any serious problems, but nevertheless is patrolled by about 25 officers. Cleveland County Sheriff's deputies and EMS units were also on hand.

Sponsors for this year's Revolutionary 4th included 238 Cherokee Grill, WGNC AM 1450, Kings Mountain Tourism Development Authority, City of Kings Mountain, Bojangles and Gaston Rentals.

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