

McKinney In Running For Sheriff

Filing for county offices in the May primary began Monday at the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby and will continue until noon, February 1.

Buddy McKinney, 43, of Mooresboro, was the first local person to file for office. He will seek the County Sheriff's office, currently held by Dale Costner, who was appointed to the position after the retirement of Haywood Allen in 1980.

Costner has not officially announced his candidacy, but has said he plans to run.

McKinney served 10 years in the Sheriff's Department but was fired a year ago by Costner. McKinney said he was fired because he had said he planned to run for sheriff in this year's election.

He began his career in the sheriff's department as a jailer, and was a detective sergeant in the narcotics division when he was fired.

He attended numerous schools while with the department and graduated with honors from Cleveland Technical College with an associate degree in criminal justice. He has also attended Gardner-Webb College.

He holds an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and while with the Sheriff's Department received three commendations from the Region C Criminal Planning Agency for felony apprehensions.

He is married to the former Ruby E. Cash, a school teacher, and has one son.

He is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Number 2 township.



Photo by Gary Stewart

WINTER SCENE - These icy limbs lining this country road in rural Kings Mountain were typical of scenes around the area during the New Year's Eve ice storm which hit the county. The ice storm and and thunder and wind storm early Monday morning dumped several inches of rain on the area and fallen trees and limbs kept local utility companies busy restoring power to citizens.

Winter Comes To KM

Mother Nature ended 1981 and began 1982 in style for Kings Mountain area residents by giving the area an ice storm on New Year's Eve and a thunderstorm with evil winds early Monday morning.

Both storms caused some residents the inconvenience of having their power knocked off

briefly, but neither storm resulted in major damages.

Area residents awakened the last day of the year to find freezing rain falling, and it presented some slippery situations until the temperature rose to the early 40s around nightfall.

By New Year's Eve night, most of the icy spots had disappeared.

Ted Huffman, supervisor of the City Public Works Department, said city crews stayed on the job until 8 p.m. New Year's Eve restoring power and removing trees and limbs which fell on lines in several areas of town. The most affected areas were the Southwoods sub-division near Kings Mountain High School, South Cleveland Avenue and Crescent Hill.

Upper Cleveland County was the hardest hit area. In the Lawndale area, several trees were reported in the roads and on power lines.

A blown transformer and a tree which fell on a power line caused power to be off in the Compact School area for about two hours late Thursday afternoon.

Citizens awakened during the wee hours of Monday morning to the sounds of thunder and lightning, and accompanying high winds resulted in more fallen trees and tree limbs which caused additional power outages.

Limbs which blew into power lines knocked out the 4160 sub-

station on North Gaston Street but city work crews restored power within an hour, Huffman said.

Altogether, Huffman said, about 15 to 20 trees fell in Kings Mountain, including six in the front lawn of the Earl Siercy residence on North Piedmont Avenue. Huffman said there were three trees down at one time on Piedmont.


A sub-division in the Bethlehem Community was also out of power for several hours, as well as many other smaller sections of the greater Kings Mountain area.

Both the city and rural areas experienced some minor flooding. Many creeks were out of their banks and many city streets flooded because the drains could not handle the huge amounts of water.

The storms did bring some good news, though. The water level, which has been down drastically since last summer's drought, rose considerably and, according to television reports, is now only six inches below normal.

On Dean's List

Cathy Denise Heavener of 203 Morris Street and William Eugene McCarter of 801 Crescent Circle were among the 1,240 undergraduate students who were named to the fall semester Dean's List at Appalachian State University.



Pharmacy Topics

By RAY JOYE

Some Chicago hospitals offer telephone video hookups that enable patients who are parents to "visit" with underage children in the lobby. Sort of reassures everyone.

Preliminary tests indicate that vitamin C will reduce bronchospasm in patients with exercise-induced asthma, if a large dose is taken 1 1/2 hours before exercise.

Scientists report the synthesis of Cantharidin, a substance that removes warts without needles or knives. Natural source of this substance is very rare.

Under-the-skin contraceptive, said to offer protection up to ten years, has been developed in Finland. Implanted containers release progesterin slowly. Government testing is due soon.

Flu fighter: a drug that treats flu patients effectively and seems to limit the spread of the disease was studied in the Infectious Diseases Unit of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, N.Y. Amantadine works against Influenza A.

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