

## OBITUARIES

### Patrick Eugene Slayton Cleveland County native



KINGS MOUNTAIN - Patrick "Gene" Eugene Slayton, 55, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, at Kings Mountain Hospice House.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Pascal and Margie Tom-

lin Slayton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his uncle, Clarence Tomlin.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Slayton of the home; step-son, Kevin Winbarger of Dallas, NC; daughter, Tracie Worley and husband Justin of Hickory; sisters, Susan Stewart and husband Clint of Kings Mountain, Candy Slayton of Shelby, Debra Perry and husband Ricky of Kings Mountain; brother, Charles "Randy" Slayton and partner Brad Bradway of Shelby;

grandson, Hunter Worley of Hickory.

A memorial service was held 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015 at Sunrise Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Harmon officiating the service.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

On-line condolences can be made at [www.claybarnette.com](http://www.claybarnette.com)

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, was in charge of arrangements.

### Isabelle Wilkinson

PUNTA GORDA, FL - Isabelle Wilkinson, 84, of Punta Gorda, FL, formerly of Jamestown, NY, passed away February 21, 2015.

She was born November 27, 1930 in Curwensville, PA to Charles and Catherine Bailey. Isabelle was a retired Cosmetologist and a member of the Moose and Peace River Baptist Church. Isabelle will be re-

membered for her sense of humor, smile, and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

She will be greatly missed by her husband of 36 years, Geoffrey Wilkinson; daughters, Cathleen Peterson and Colleen Barrick; sister, Elizabeth Sheidler; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters, and three brothers.

Interment will be in Busti, New York.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Boys Town.

To express condolences to the family please visit [www.Ltaylorfuneralhome.com](http://www.Ltaylorfuneralhome.com) and sign the online guest book.

Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation, Punta Gorda, FL, is in charge of arrangements.

### Guy Bickley

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Guy Bickley, age 49, a resident of 1301 Wales Rd., died February 19, 2015 at his home. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, February 24, at 11:30 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Visitation was 5:30 p.m. - until on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the home, 1301 Wales Road, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Interment is at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

### John Barber, Jr.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - John Baity (Johnny) Barber Jr., 68, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 at home.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain.

### Ed Lovelace, Jr.

SHELBY - James "Ed" Lovelace Jr., died Sat., Feb. 14, 2015, at Kings Mountain Hospice House. A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Lovelace Sr. and Hester McSwain Lovelace Justus. He retired at 36 years and 10 months from PPG.

The memorial service was held at Ascension Lutheran Church.

### Bobby Sanders, Jr.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bobby Sanders Jr., 59, of 1004 Katherine Ave., died Monday, Feb. 23, 2015 at his residence.

Funeral services, which are incomplete, will be announced by Genesis Funeral Home.

The family will be meeting at 1004 Katherine Ave. in Kings Mountain.

Condolences may be made to [www.genesisfuneralservices.com](http://www.genesisfuneralservices.com).

## Patrick Senior Center Support Groups

First Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. Evening Alzheimer's Support Group, Neisler Life Enrichment Center, Kings Mountain; first Wednesdays at 10 a.m. depression support group, Patrick Center; second Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. Evening Dementia support group, Life Enrichment

Center, Shelby; fourth Tuesdays 6 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Life Enrichment Center, Shelby; last Mondays at 2 p.m. diabetic support and education, Patrick Senior Center.

Senior Center Christmas party is Dec. 12 from 1-3 p.m.

## Take precautions if traveling alone and enjoy some new adventures

Perhaps more than ever, women are willing to ditch their traveling companions and go solo when it comes time to hit the road and see the world.

A survey by Small Luxury Hotels of the World, for example, revealed that between 2011 and 2012 there was a 53 percent increase in the demand for rooms by women traveling alone.

The London Daily Mail also reports that some hotels have taken steps to make their accommodations more appealing to women traveling on their own, with such features as women-only floors.

Still, despite the trend, many women may worry that such solitary excursions carry too many risks, making them a target for thieves, kidnappers and other criminals.

But one woman who has logged endless miles exploring the world and finding romance says it doesn't have to be that way.

"There is no reason to let your fears keep you from the adventures you can experience," says Barbara Foster, a veteran globetrotter and author of the book, "Confessions of a Librarian: A memoir of loves."

Sure, there are risky places and bad types out there. But with the right precautions, women can

travel solo with confidence, visiting the places and meeting the people they always dreamed of and returning home with wonderful stories and memories.

Foster speaks from experience. Her travels have taken her across the country and around the world, with stops in Istanbul, Bombay, Buenos Aires, Jerusalem and other locales.

As an adventurer, Foster is something of a contradiction. She describes herself as a librarian who has difficulty reading flight schedules, and suspects a haggling merchant in an Arab bazaar would view her as easy pickings.

He would be mistaken. While Foster has spent a professional lifetime in academia, and co-authored books on such esoteric subjects as Tibetan Buddhism, she also is steeped in real-life experiences.

Foster, who says solo trips can be deeply rewarding for women, offers five tips for traveling boldly while staying safe.

Steer clear of the most dangerous locales. Some places just aren't worth the risk.

Connect with friendly contacts. If you travel abroad make yourself known not only to the U.S. embassy or consul but also to people in your field.

Learn the language or at least useful phrases if you go overseas.

Dress wisely, pay attention to manners and spend money in moderation. Don't draw unnecessary attention to yourself.

Travel in the USA. You will miss many of the world's must-see places, but if the thought of traveling abroad holds too much stress for you, it might be better to stick closer to home. Foster says two of her favorite places are New York and New Orleans, both great places to explore.

## Warning to citizens Scammers are calling

Scammers are calling people in the area saying there are from the IRS and demanding money before lawsuits are filed against them for payment of taxes.

A Country Creek Sub-Division resident received a call last week at 8:45 a.m. and again at 2:15 p.m. and the man of the house called the number that was left on his answering machine and called police.

The telephone number

## POLICE

### ARRESTS

FEB. 18: Byron Keith Fite, 50, 311 Fulton St., harassing phone calls, \$500 bond, secured

FEB. 20: Brian Keith Wilson, 41, Grover, driving while license revoked, \$5,000 bond, unsecured.

FEB. 20: Micheal Tyrone Roberts, 38, 510 N. Piedmont Ave, DWI, \$5,000 bond, secured.

FEB. 21: Dale Dewan Moses, 52, Elkin, NC, resist, delay, obstruct, open container, \$1500 bond, unsecured.

### CITATIONS

FEB. 10: Chelsea Buckner, 21, Gastonia, revoked driver's license, driving on wrong side of road.

FEB. 10: Joseph John Torres, 31, 104 Cenco Dr., stop sign violation.

FEB. 13: Bertha Bell, 67, 423 Mountain Spring Court, Apt. 103, no child seat belt.

FEB. 14: Penny Roseboro, 52, Grover, no electronic inspection of vehicle, expired tag, no insurance.

Feb 14: Kenneth Aaron Frix, 21, Bessemer City, failure to maintain lane control while driving on a street with clearly marked lanes.

FEB. 14: Rhonda Hunley, 46, Edgemont Dr., expired tag.

FEB. 14: Gerald Anthony Smith, 33, 823 Cleveland Ave., revoked license. No seat belt.

FEB. 15: Tina Howell Clayton, 46, 239 Jim Patterson Rd., revoked license.

FEB. 15: John Michael Clayton, Jr., 29, Grover, revoked license, expired tag, failing to comply with restrictions on license.

FEB. 17: Jeffrey Scott Johnson, 32, Shelby, speeding, improper passing.

FEB. 18: Brittany Joann Jones, 24, 206 Morris St., no insurance, fictitious tag.

FEB. 19: Latoya Ancranat Hopper, 34, 114 Pearce Court, parking in a fire lane.

FEB. 19: Rodney O'Brien Degree, 32, Gastonia, expired tag.

FEB. 19: Kayla Joyce Thomas, 25, 114 Matthews Dr., speeding.

FEB. 20: Brian Keith Wilson, 41, Grover, operating a vehicle in a direction contrary to that indicated by a one-way traffic sign.

FEB. 21: Markel Hemphill, 20, 807 Boyce St., running red light, revoked license.

### INCIDENTS

FEB. 17: A resident of Hillside Drive reported theft of a cell phone.

FEB. 20: A resident of West King Street reported someone broke a window and broke into his apartment.

FEB. 20: A resident of Phenix Street reported a break-in and damage to a door frame.

### WRECKS

FEB. 6: Officer J. L. Dee said that a hit and run driver damaged a 2010 Honda operated by Autumn Roper, 713 Long Branch I, on US 74 Business at NC 161.

FEB. 9: Officer H. W. Carpenter said that a 2008 Nissan operated by Brooklyn Roberts, Gastonia, hydroplaned on wet roadway and hit a concrete bridge support on the US 74 Bypass at NC 216. Property damage was estimated at \$1,000.

FEB. 10: Officer H. W. Carpenter said vehicles operated by Morgan Woodring of Wellford, SC and Miranda Kirkley of Blacksburg, SC were involved in an accident on I-85 South. Woodring said that she slowed due to traffic congestion. Property damages were estimated at \$18,000.

FEB. 13: Officer H. W. Carpenter said that vehicles operated by Michael Hefner, Gastonia, and Melissa Wise, 5075 Pennington Place Apt. 33, were involved in a wreck on 161 at Linwood Road. Property damages were estimated at \$6,000.

FEB. 13: Officer H. W. Carpenter said that vehicles operated by Vincent Mates, 718 Canterbury Road,

and Robert Alan Walters, Blacksburg, SC, were involved in an accident on US74 Business. Property damage was estimated at \$3650.

FEB. 13: Officer M. J. Howard said that Jessie Willis, 805 Kingswood Court, operating a 2008 Dodge, said a black and brown dog ran in front of his vehicle doing \$1500 damage to the bumper area of his car. The accident happened on NC 216.

FEB. 14: Officer M.D. Butler said that Joel Camp Jr., 408 N. Cansler St., operating a 2005 Toyota, struck a parked 2001 BMW owned by Curtis Walker of Gastonia. The accident happened at the Movie Palace parking area at 207 E. King Street. Camp said the accelerator on his car malfunctioned. Property damages were minor.

FEB. 14: Officer G.L. McKinney said Sheridan Thompson, Shelby, operating a 2000 Chrysler, said the sun blinded her and she struck a 2004 Chevrolet operated by Mark Baucom, 804 Lee Street. Property damages were slight. The accident happened on the US 74 Bypass.

FEB. 15: Officer G.L. McKinney said Tony Alan Ronald Willis, 805 Kingswood Court, was transported by Kings Mountain Rescue Squad to Cleveland Regional Medical Center with injuries and then to a Charlotte hospital after a wreck on Shelby Road involving his Super Motorcycle and a 2001 Toyota operated by Barry Brogdon, 109 Jason Drive. Property damage was slight.

FEB. 17: Officer F. L. Wittington said that Marcus Hugley, Smyrna, SC, operating a Freightliner truck for Us Food Service, hit ice on North I-85, slid and rolled over on its side. Both the driver and passenger were transported to a Gastonia hospital. Property damage was estimated at \$6500.



## Cleveland County officers arrest three Shelby men

### CATLIN

Mark Anthony Catlin, 47, 1202 Fredrick Street, Shelby faces three counts of making obscene telephone calls and one count of communicating threats, according to Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman.

Norman said that Catlin was allegedly calling elderly women at random and harassing them.

He is being held at the Cleveland County Detention Center under \$5,000 bond.

### KEATON

Byron Keaton, 54, 909 Earl Road, Shelby, faces charges of felony breaking

and entering and possession of burglary tools, according to Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman.

Deputy M. Blanton initiated a traffic stop at 1011 Gantt Street in Shelby after dispatchers received a 911 call that Ingles Supermarket, 1512 S. Post Road, Shelby, reported that an unknown suspect had broken the glass door of the business and entered the premises. Dispatchers said the suspect was traveling north on South Post Road in a gray colored Dodge.

"The incident was caught on video surveillance system at Ingles," said the sheriff.

Keaton was given a

\$15,000 secured bond.

### HAMRICK FACES DRUG CHARGES

Thursday, February 19, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Vice / Narcotics Investigators stopped and arrested James Matthew Hamrick, 2407 Bramble Wood Drive, Shelby, on drug charges and seized 40 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of \$4,000.

Hamrick faces two counts of trafficking in methamphetamine, three counts of sell and deliver methamphetamine, and four counts of possession with intent to sell methamphetamine.

### Patrick Senior Center Blood Pressure Clinic

Blood Pressure Clinic meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Patrick Senior Center, 909 East King Street, Kings Mountain, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Craft Room, sponsored by Gentiva.

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