

OBITUARIES

ROGER BELL
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Roger Dale Bell, 49, 935 Stony Point Road, died August 24, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Edwin Bell and Edna and Bob Fortenberry. He was a 29 year employee of KoSa.

He is also survived by his companion of 15 years Lena Lail Gardner of Kings Mountain; daughter and son in law Laura and Eddie Newton of Shelby; stepson and his wife Jeff and Trisha Beaver of Polkville; brothers Carl Bell and Donald Bell both of Shelby; half brother Lee Fortenberry of Shelby; granddaughter Jada Bell; step grandchildren Ashley Beaver, Courtney Beaver, Lindsey B. Beaver, Dylan Beaver.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 7:30 pm at Stamey Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Scott Norton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Memorial Fund: Laura Bell Newton for the benefit of the grandchildren and step grandchildren of Roger Dale Bell, First National Bank, PO Box 168, Shelby, 28151.

KENNETH MAHAFFEY
BESSEMER CITY- Kenneth Woodrow Mahaffey, 59, 137 Helen Avenue, died August 25, 1999 at home.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Daniel Boone and Myrtle Belle Fink Mahaffey. He was former manager at Hillbilly's Barbecue and Steak House of Gastonia. He served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman in Company C, 720th Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

He is survived by sons Roger Kenneth Mahaffey of Bessemer City and Daniel Dustin Mahaffey of Gastonia; grandson Cameron Kenneth Mahaffey of Bessemer City; sisters Arlene Chappel of Gastonia and Naomi Mitchum of Stanley; also three nieces and one nephew.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 11 am at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home of Bessemer City was in charge of arrangements.

HAYWOOD OWENS
SHELBY- Haywood Billy Owens, 70, 719 Smith Street, died August 22, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Carl Lee Owens and Mamie Lee Goins Owens. He was also preceded in death by brothers Bobby Owens, Jack Owens, and June Owens. He was retired from Esther Mills and was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Doris B. Owens of Shelby; daughter Cheryl Perry of Las Vegas, Nevada; step daughter Debi Rawlings of Prince

Frederick, Maryland; step son Mike Smawley of Fairfax, Virginia; brother Dennis Owens of Shelby; also four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 pm at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel by the Rev. Ed Hutchinson. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Park.

JONATHAN ELMORE
SHELBY- Jonathan Ray Elmore, 32, 3400 Fallston Road, died August 25, 1999 at Susan Road in Casar, N.C.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Carolyn Greene of Shelby and the late Donald Ray Elmore. He was a paver with James Parker Asphalt Construction and a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter Jarica Lynn Elmore of Shelby; brother Jerry Wayne Elmore of Shelby; grandparents John and Lucille Greene of Shelby and A.F. and Dorothy Elmore of Hickory.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at Lily Memorial Baptist Church at 11 am by Dr. Ernest Arnold. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

ELWYN WRIGHT
SHELBY- C. Elwyn Wright, 86, 1404 N. Lafayette Street, died August 28, 1999 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Thomas and Minnie Wilson Kiser and the husband of the late Ada Louvenia McSwain Wright. He was also preceded in death by daughter Mary Wright Garver and son Douglas Wright. He was a retired farmer and a member of Mulls Memorial Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter Patsy W. Gomez of Naples, Florida; sons Milton D. Wright of Cary, N.C., William R. Wright of Naples, W. Bradford Wright of Morristown, Tennessee; also eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 am at Mulls Memorial Baptist Church by the Rev. Wade Dellinger. Burial was in Mulls Memorial Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mulls Memorial Baptist Church, 3299 Fallston Road, Shelby 28150.

JOANNE SHEPHERD
SHELBY- Joanne Correll Connelly Shepherd, 67, 722 W. Sumter St., died August 28, 1999 at home.

A native of Burke County, she was the daughter of the late Floyd Asbury Connelly and Beulah Clark Connelly. She was also preceded in death by brothers Alden Connelly and Clark Connelly, and a sister Sarah Katherine Newman. She was retired from First Union as a teller and was a member of

Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of the home Robert Jackson Shepherd; son and daughter in law John Robert and Lou Ann Shepherd of Raleigh; daughter and son in law Donna and Toby McKenzie of Charlotte; brother and sister in law Irvin and Helen Connelly of Berea, Kentucky; sister in law Anne McDowell Connelly of Morganton.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 11 am by the Rev. Delores Queen. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Morganton.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby 28150, or Cleveland Rutherford Kidney Association, 1017 N. Washington Street, Shelby 28150.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

"PAT" CROSBY-
CHARLOTTE- Mrs. Vernon P. "Pat" Crosby (Ottie Renette White) 80, of Charlotte, formerly of Kings Mountain, passed away early Saturday morning after a long struggle with cancer.

She was the wife of the late Vernon P. Crosby and the daughter of the late C. Glenn and Velda Hamrick White of Kings Mountain. During WWII she worked with the War Department Mobilization Planning Board in Washington, D.C. A member of First Presbyterian Church, she was active in church and civic affairs throughout her life. She was a charter member of the local PEO chapter and was active in organizations work throughout the Carolinas.

A devoted wife and mother, she is survived by her family, son C. Steven Crosby, and beloved daughter in law Tina P. Crosby, along with their children: Alex, John, and Olivia; sister Mrs. John Ed Queen and their children, John C. Queen, and wife Nancy, their children Elissa and Lee, Kathy Queen Blanton and husband Henry Boyd Blanton and their daughter Kristin, her sister Mrs. Ernest Mauney and her children, C. Glenn Mauney and wife Doty L. Mauney and their children Chris, Andrew, and Matt, Jeanne Mauney Chambers and husband Robert L. Chambers and their daughter Kimberly.

A memorial service took place at Carriage Club in Charlotte Sunday at 2 pm with the Rev. Richard Newsome officiating. A graveside service was held Monday at Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, and to Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

REV. RALPH STEWART
SHELBY- Rev. Ralph Edward Stewart, 56, 907 Parkwood Rd. died August 28, 1999 at his residence.

A native of York County, S.C., he was the son of the late Sidney and Mamie Leola Hambright Stewart. He was also preceded in death by brothers Eugene Stewart and Elton Stewart. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. He was a graduate of Fruitland Baptist College, a member of DAV, and a member of Liberty Baptist Church, Ellenboro.

He is survived by his wife of the home Susan Bedenbaugh Stewart; daughter and son in law Donna and Mike Wallace of Richburg, S.C.; son Michael Stewart of Sharon, S.C.; stepson and his wife Kevin and Missy Bedenbaugh of Hickory, N.C.; stepdaughter and her husband Kim Bedenbaugh Eford and Russ of Tega Cay, S.C.; stepdaughter and her husband Kelli Bedenbaugh Smith and Glenn of Tega Cay; stepdaughter Gail and Charlie Johnston of Richburg, S.C.; stepdaughter and her husband Judy and Zack Lester of York, S.C.; brother and sister in law Sidney and Joan Stewart, Jr., of York; brother and sister in law Jesse and Gail Stewart of Jupiter, Florida; brothers Harold Stewart of York and Robert Stewart of Forest City, N.C.; sister Helen Beckham of York; sister and brother in law Margaret and Ray Medlin of York; sister and brother in law Barbara and Larry Staton of Belmont, N.C.; also twelve grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel, Monday at 2 pm by the Rev. Owen Duncan. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Co-ed Sunday School Class Memorial Fund c/o Martha Goforth, Treasurer, 205 Pleasant Ridge Church Road, Shelby 28152.

DAVID T. MURRAY
GROVER - David T. Murray, 51, 207 N. Timberland Drive, died August 31, 1999 at Wendover Hospice Center, Shelby.

A native of Boston, Mass., he was the son of the late Norbert W. Murray. He was a retired Financial Officer and General Manager of Azdel, Inc. and served in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his former wife, Patricia Garland Murray of Grover; mother, Dorothea Mueller Murray of Plainville, Ma.; daughters, Christina Murray of Gastonia and Sara Murray Rippey and husband, James, of Grover; brother, Stephen Murray of Medway, Ma.; sister, Patricia Guerrini of Mansfield, Ma.; and grandchildren, Samantha Rippey and Noah Murray.

A funeral mass will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Mansfield, Ma. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

New Senior Center still short of goal

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

The steering committee planning a new \$1.2 million Senior Center in Kings Mountain will go to the Cleveland County Commissioners on Tuesday, Sept. 21 hoping to get a pledge that will put the fund-raising campaign over the top.

Councilwoman Norman Bridges and Senior Center Chairman Jim Belt told the Council at its meeting Tuesday night at City Hall that \$875,000 has been pledged, and about \$300,000 is needed by the end of the month.

"We hope to see a little more activity," said Bridges. "People need to know that they can donate anything. It doesn't have to be a big amount of money."

Bridges said many people are pooling their pledges to provide a room costing anywhere from \$15,000 to \$75,000. Thus far, the cost of five rooms has been pledged. Donations can be earmarked in memory or in honor of someone.

Bridges said the purchase of land is complete, the deed has been registered, and soil testing is being conducted.

The 20 members of the steering committee have pledged \$500 each, and the four chairmen have pledged \$1,000 each, providing enough money for one room.

Belt said donations can be paid over a three-year period, with the first payment being made by the end of this year.

"We're pushing to hit one million dollars by the end of next week," Belt said. "The

committee chairmen have a meeting with the County Commissioners and hope they will go ahead and commit to this project."

Belt said permits have already been applied for and site clearing could begin soon.

In other business, Council: ■ Set a public hearing for September 28 on a request from Petroleum World to rezone property at 1726-1728 Shelby Road from R-20 to Conditional Use G-B.

■ Approved a \$7,400 amendment to the Codes/Inspections Department budget to cover demolition expenses of properties at 931 Grace Street, 121 Bridges Street, and 951 York Road.

■ Recognized Trey Krieger for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 92. For his Eagle project he adopted several streets in the Phifer Road area.

■ Proclaimed September 12-18 as National Assisted Living Week at EdenGardens. Denise Leonard, Director of Marketing; Kim Roper, office manager; and residents Lena McGill and Susie Davison were recognized by Mayor Scott Neisler.

■ Presented a Key to the City to Hilda Goforth, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School at First Presbyterian Church for her 49 years perfect attendance in Sunday School.

■ Recognized East Elementary School for being one of the top 25 Schools of Distinction in North Carolina in the most recent ABC testing program.

City recreation director planning celebrations

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Mountaineer Days and Christmas are just around the corner, and Kings Mountain Recreation Director Tripp Hord is already making plans for big celebrations.

Hord reported to City Council Tuesday night that Mountaineer Days will revert back to "the old days" when the celebration is more than a one-day event; and that hopefully part of the Christmas celebration will center around the proposed new gazebo near Railroad Avenue.

Mountaineer Days will run October 13-16 beginning with a gospel sing on the lawn of City Hall.

Hord said the gazebo, which will include the cupola off the old City Hall/Police Station, is scheduled to be completed by October 13 at the vacant lot at Railroad Avenue and West Gold Street which has been undergoing a facelift for over a year. Activities on the 14th will center around that site.

A big fireworks display is planned after the Kings Mountain football game on Friday, Oct. 15, and the typical downtown activities which in-

clude arts and crafts, food and children's games will be held on Sat., Oct. 16.

The Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4. Six floats have already been secured and Hord is looking for groups to ride on them.

The Kings Mountain Business Association will also sponsor a number of Christmas activities around the gazebo/park.

Mayor Scott Neisler appointed a Christmas decorating committee which includes Sandra Murphrey, chairman; Tripp Hord, Mary Neisler, Evelyn Hamrick Shirley Austin, Shirley Brutko, Mary Anne Hendricks and Ashley Harris.

In another matter, Hord reported that the renovation of Davidson Park is almost complete and should be ready for the start of soccer season in a couple of weeks. Lights have been installed, fencing is up in the outfield area, goals have been delivered, and gravel is being placed in the parking areas.

Hord also reported that he is working on a possible grant of up to \$25,000 from the North Carolina Division of Tourism which, if approved, would provide funding for the "finishing touches" to the gazebo.

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