

Bicycle helmet law goes into effect on October 1

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The City of Kings Mountain Police Department recently received a grant to promote children's bicycle safety.

The Department received a \$2,000 grant funded from the federal government and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for approximately 286 bicycle helmets for children.

"I think it's good for the kids safety," Police Chief Houston Corn said. "The more protection they have the better off they are."

The new law, scheduled to be in effect October 1 would have several new provisions in it:

- Any parent or guardian who fails to require a child under 16 to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle will be fined \$10.

- All bicycle passengers who weigh less than 40 pounds or are less than 40 inches in height must be seated in separate restraining seats.

- No person who is unable to maintain a straight, seated position shall be a passenger in a bicycle restraining seat.

- All bicycle passengers must be seated on saddle seats.

Dr. Bob Harris, Chief Medical Officer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina said helmet costs range from \$10 to \$20. Helmets are available in many chain stores, bicycle shops, sporting good stores, and toy stores.

Employees at a number of bicycle shops may be able to ensure a proper fit.

Additional tips from Dr. Harris:

- Choose a helmet in bright colors
- Make sure the helmet is ventilated, since the foam holds heat in.

- Check the fit in the store. Place the helmet on the child's head and adjust the straps and pads. The helmets should sit level on the child's head and fit securely with the strap fastened.

- Make sure the helmet carries a sticker that reads, CPSC, ASTM, Snell B-95, or N-94. These codes signify the helmet is appropriate for use as a child's bicycle helmet.

- Most child helmets come with two to three sets of foam fitting pads. As the child's head grows the thicker pads can be replaced with thinner pads. The fitting pads do not affect the impact protection of the helmet.

- Always replace a helmet when a child is in an accident. Even if your child does not think he or she hit their head, inspect the helmet for damage or signs of impact. Even minor dents or scratches may be signs that the impact has crushed portions of the foam, making the helmet less protective.

- Be sure to teach your child to remove his or her helmet when finished riding. Always have the child remove their helmet before using playground equipment or climbing trees.

OBITUARIES

MARY BROWN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Colvard Myers Brown, 67, died September 24, 2001 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Bedford, TX.

She was a native of Kings Mountain.
Arrangements will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

JAMES TODD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James M. Todd, 82, 1404 North Piedmont Avenue, died September 24, 2001 at Wendover Hospice in Shelby.



TODD

A native of Huntersville, he was the son of the late William Rufus and Lillie Cagle Todd. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Bessemer City.

He attended several universities. He was a retired teacher and a retired Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He was First Sergeant in the Titan Missile Squadron, Intelligence Evaluator during World War II, Photo Chief during the Berlin Airlift, Research Analyst and Asst. Branch Chief of an Intelligence Unit in Washington, DC, served overseas for 10 years, received 16 awards and decorations including Medal for Humane Action during Berlin Airlift and National Chinese War Memorial Medal presented by the Chinese Nationalist Air Force Commander.

He was Administrator of Education and Training for the Titan Missile Program in Wichita, KS. He was Tech. Rep. in Denver, CO, Management Consultant for the United Postal Service teaching management and problem solving.

He was author of a book on Management for Supervisors and Managers (1965), and he wrote a 40-hour seminar on Management and Problem Solving (1993).

He was certified to teach in North Carolina high schools. He was former chairman of the United Way for local, state and federal employees, was former chairman of fund raising for Bessemer City Statue of Liberty, was a life member of American Legion Post #243, was a member of the Air Force Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, was former Vice President of the Air Force Association for seven Western NC counties, was Public Relations Chairman for the NC Association of Register of Deeds, and was an author of a 400-page novel about "Life in the United States Air Force."

He is survived by his wife, Margie P. Murray Todd of Kings Mountain; and sister, Ethel Harrison of Gastonia.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Randy Harry and Eugene Land at 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Bessemer City. Interment will be in Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery, Bessemer City.

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THELMA ROLLINS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thelma Rollins, 100, a resident of Eden Gardens, died September 20, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Asa Henderson and Sallie Patterson Rollins. She was retired from Ryder Truck Company and was a former public school teacher at Ware and Grover schools.

She was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Grover, and was President of the Evening Republican Women's Club. She would have celebrated her 101st birthday on September 24 and had received birthday wishes from President and Mrs. Bush.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, Ulric Rollins, James Rollins, Alweda Rollins Cobb, Max D. Rollins, Adele Rollins Morris, Richard Rollins, and Gwendolyn Rollins Hamrick.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by the Rev. Nancy Mugford at 11 a.m. Friday at Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 76, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET KIRK
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margaret Herndon Kirk, 83, 1001 Phifer Road, died September 19, 2001 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Grover, she was the daughter of the late Ernest Blanton Herndon and Alice Lorena Bookout Herndon. She was the wife of the late James Edgar Kirk. She was also preceded in death by her brother, E.B. Herndon Jr.

She was a homemaker and previously worked as dorm counselor at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta and Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She was also a social worker for North Carolina and a social worker in the Woman's Army Corp during World War II.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Columbia where she was a member of the Sarah Circle. She coordinated Lenten services for Kings Mountain churches. She was selected for the Senior Intern Program for Congressman James T. Broyhill in Washington, DC.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Jim and Barbara Kirk and Ken and Julie Kirk of Marietta, GA; grandsons, Christopher Kirk, Patrick Kirk and Kendall Kirk of Columbia, SC and Weston Kirk of Marietta, GA; granddaughter, Katherine Kirk of Marietta, GA; sister, Mable Goforth of Kings Mountain; brothers, Dee Herndon of Aiken, SC, Ot "Red" Herndon of Winnsboro, SC, and Bob Herndon of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor Kenneth Gilliken at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel, Shelby. A memorial service was held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC.

Burial was in Grover cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grover Cemetery Fund, 207 Mulberry Road, Grover, NC 28073 and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest

Drive, Columbia, SC 29204. Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES W. FRANKLIN JR.
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James W. Franklin Jr., 72, died September 22, 2001 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James W. Franklin Sr. and Evelyn James Franklin. He was retired from the textile industry and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle E. Franklin of Kings Mountain; son, Dennis Franklin and wife Elaine of Chester, SC and Nelson Franklin and wife Connie of Dallas; stepson, Marion Johnson and wife Dayna of Lawndale; daughter, Phyllis Pressley and husband Chris of Chapel Hill; step-daughters, Barbara Riddle and husband Clark of Clover, SC and Sylvia Mahaffey and husband David of Clover, SC; sister, Irene Franklin Stewart of Gastonia; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, nine step-grandchildren and seven step great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Stewart at 2 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL WILSON
SHELBY - Michael David "Poochie" Wilson, 24, 518 Plato Lee Road, died September 18, 2001 on Stubbs Road.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Johnny and Lynne McSwain Wilson of the home. He was employed as a pipe layer with Wesson Septic Tank Co., and was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Crest High School and was a member of the NC High School Rodeo and Southern States Rodeo. In 1995 he competed in the National High School finals in Cheyenne, WY. He was an avid fisherman.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, John Hudson Wilson of Shelby; aunt, Colene McCarter of Shelby; uncle and aunt, Marvin Thomas and Mildred Wilson of Kinston; nephews, John Wilson Jr. and Jesse Wilson; and special friends, Shannon Ledbetter and Julie Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hudson and Tenny McSwain Wilson and Alden and Eunice Wright McSwain; and his uncle, Ralph McCarter.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Pruett at 11 a.m. Friday at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 123 Beaver Dam Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152 and Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 639, Shelby, NC 28151.

MICHAEL GODDARD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Michael Thomas Goddard, 14, 113 Heather Lane, died September 24, 2001 at the home of his foster mother in Shelby.

He was a native of Cleveland County and a member of People's Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfather, Frank Hamrick.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas Leon Goddard Jr. and Kimberly Goodson Sanders, both of Kings Mountain; maternal grandparents, Robert Goodson of Grover and Ann Hall of Kings Mountain; maternal great-grandmother, Helen Hamrick of Kings Mountain; paternal grandparents, Inez Goddard of Kings Mountain and Thomas Goddard Jr. of Shelby; foster parents, Eddie and Iva Blanton of Shelby; special worker, Melinda Blanton of Shelby; sisters, Kelisha Goodson and Cheyanne Sanders, both of Kings Mountain, and Tamesha Goddard of Charlotte.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. John Houze and Leroy Esler at 4 p.m. Thursday at People's Baptist Church. Burial will be in Patterson Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to North Shelby School, c/o SPH 2, 1205 Northside Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BUILDING PERMITS

The City of Kings Mountain Building Codes and Zoning Enforcement office issued the following permits for the week of September 17-21.

- 9/17 - 311 Fulton Drive, Gilbert and Carol Brazzell, install vinyl siding, \$7,000.
- 9/18 - 157 Crown Court, Sue Murphey, carport, \$595.
- 9/18 - 105 Pagan Road, Barbara Philbeck Humphries, renovations to bring up to minimum housing, \$10,000.
- 9/21 - 103 South Goforth Street, Samuel Teseniar, new carport, grading work, \$1,500.
- 9/21 - 166 Patterson Road, Clarence Stephen Norkett, new single family dwelling, \$100,000.

RADAR WATCH

Kings Mountain Police will be running radar at the following locations:

- Thurs., Sept. 27 - Cansler St.
- Fri., Sept. 28 - York Rd.
- Mon., Oct. 1 - Sims St.
- Tues., Oct. 2 - E. Gold St.
- Wed., Oct. 3 - E. King at Canterbury
- Thurs., Oct. 4 - N. Piedmont.
- Fri., Oct. 5 - Cleveland Ave.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Sept. 19-25	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.55	2.96
Maximum 1 day	.38 (19th)	2.15 (22nd)
Month to date	5.55	10.06
Year to date	33.71	48.55
Low temperature	44 (25th)	53 (25th)
High temperature	85 (23rd)	86 (24th)
Average temperature	69.4	71.5

BAYCOL MEETING
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Baycol (cerivastatin) a prescription drug designed to lower cholesterol has been linked to liver failure, kidney failure, and muscle wasting in patients. On September 28, we will be in Concord from 9:00AM until 3:00PM at the Wingate Inn in Concord to answer questions and offer free information on Baycol. All information is free and confidential.

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