

POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Dennis Webber, 36, Lincolnton, obstruct and delay, domestic violence assault on female, no bond.

Robert Crawford, 38, 313 Scotland Dr., assault on a female.

Jessica Boesen, 22, 1512 N. Cansler St., two counts obtaining property by false pretense, \$3,000 secured bond.

Alexander Chambers, 20, 110 E. Double Shoals Rd., driving while license revoked, carrying a concealed weapon, \$1,000 secured bond.

Gary White, 49, Fallston, intoxicated and disruptive, \$1,000 secured bond.

Ginger Johnson, 28, Gastonia, possession of drug paraphernalia; resist, delay and obstruct; and felony warrant from State Department of Corrections, \$10,000 secured bond.

Earl Pirtle, 41, 803 W. King St. Apt. 16, 3 counts worthless checks, \$500 unsecured bond.

INCIDENTS

Harris Teeter, 610 e. King St., reported larceny of steaks.

Premier Federal Credit Union, 106 W. Gold St., reported forgery of a check.

Timothy Price, 400 S. Cansler St., reported that someone broke into a home and caused \$200 damage to a door and frame. Nothing was reported stolen.

Patricia Dougan, Clover, SC, reported being assaulted.

Lizabeth Bedlion, 1012 Second St., reported being assaulted.

Shane Adams, 105 Country Club Dr., reported a break-in and larceny of a 4-wheeler valued at \$1,500 and a tool box and tools valued at \$1,000.

Marshall Beheler of Wade Ford reported that someone broke the window out of a vehicle owned by Thomas Philbeck, Blacksburg, SC. Damage was \$200.

Kevin Allen, 915 First St., reported being assaulted.

Tabitha McKinney, 415 Scotland Dr., reported that someone kicked the driver's side door of a vehicle owned by Enterprise Leasing Co. of Shelby. The damage amount was not known.

City of Kings Mountain reported meter tampering at a home on Church St.

CITATIONS

Jeffery Neeley, Bessemer City, fictitious license plate, no insurance; failure to register vehicle.

Richard Greene, 800 Katherine Ave., seat belt violation.

Kellie Perez, 300 E. Gold St. #2, seat belt violation.

Melissa Bumgardner, 1009 Mary's Grove Church Rd., driving while license revoked, fictitious plate.

Larry Robinson, Bessemer City, expired registration plate.

Kenneth Mull, 1560 York Rd., expired registration plate.

Shakesha Williams, Shelby, driving while license revoked.

Mario Nava, 208 Unity Church Rd., driving while license revoked.

Maurice Morris, 1210 Lewis Farm Rd., no operator's license.

Lyticia Deskins, 612 Charles St. Apt. 86, passing a stopped school bus.

Carl Burris II, 1710 Northwoods Dr., driving while license revoked.

Martin Allen Jr., 134 Putnam Lake Rd., speeding 57 in 35 zone.

Ella Leach, 1507 Shelby Rd., speeding 51 in 35 zone.

Cathy Syda, 804 4th St., speeding 52 in 35 zone.

Dana Howell, Grover, no operator's license.

Kevin Scism, 238 Scism Rd., possession of open container in passenger area of motor vehicle.

OBITUARIES

HAROLD C. CLONINGER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Harold C. Cloninger, 81, 400 Maner Road, died January 30, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late John L. and Ethel Goldsmith Cloninger. He was a retired Public Designer from Minette Mills, Grover. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church and was a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Marian Ivey Cloninger of the home; son, J. Scott Cloninger and wife M. Kay of Kings Mountain; brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Fanchon Cloninger of San Antonio, TX, Bill and Jeanette Cloninger of Mooresville, Sam and Marie Cloninger of Gaffney, SC, and Jerry Cloninger of Marion, OH; sisters, Grace Broome and Virginia Norris of Kings Mountain, and Frances Strand of Eau Claire, WI; grandson, Brian J. Cloninger and wife Leah of Gastonia; and great-grandson, Jackson Cloninger.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Turner at 3 p.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ESTELLE THOMPSON
GASTONIA - Estelle Frazier Thompson, 96, 511 W. Eighth Avenue, died February 1, 2002 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late James and Dora Trull Eury. She

was also preceded in death by her husbands, John Arthur Frazier and Oscar Thompson; her children, Johnnie A. Frazier Jr., Carl Thomas Frazier, James Fredrick Frazier, Wynonia Frazier Conrad, and Coyt Ray Frazier; her brother, James Eury Hamrick; and her sisters, Winnie Bell Eury, Viola Tate, Honoree Meeks, and Mary Hamrick Seagle.

She was retired from Wix Corporation.

She is survived by 20 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Cole at 4 p.m. Monday at El Bethel United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LARRY L. CARROLL
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Larry H. Carroll, 50, 800 First Street, died February 3, 2002 at Wendover Hospice Unit in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Charles Lewis and Opal Lingerfelt Carroll. He was a self-employed carpenter and was a member of Kings Mountain's 1966 State Championship VFW Teener All-Star baseball team which was inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

He is survived by his sons, Ricky Lewis Carroll Sr. and Larry Dean Carroll and wife, Rachael, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Tammy Lynette Carroll and friend, Richard Greene, of Kings Mountain;

brothers, Charles Carroll of Texas and Melvin Carroll of Bessemer City; sisters, Brenda Carroll Hodge, Shirley Carroll Wells and Carolyn Carroll Burton, all of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Ricky Carroll Jr., Tangie Carroll, Kenneth Greason III, Deanna Carroll, Heidi Carroll, and Zachary Carroll.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Howard Hardin and Jerry Millwood at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Missionary Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Larry Carroll Funeral Fund, 800 First Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RONNIE GRIGG

VALE - Ronnie Allen Grigg, 51, 1315 Hull's Grove Church Road, died February 4, 2002 at his home after a long battle with cancer.

He was a native of Cleveland County and was a 1968 graduate of Lincolnton High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1972. He worked with the forestry department and was a carpenter and stone mason.

He is survived by his parents, Earl and Bobbie Grigg of Vale; sisters, Brenda Bailey of Myrtle Beach, SC, Gail Bright of Lincolnton, and Debbie Willis of Vale; nieces, Amie Bailey and Miranda Willis; nephews, Aaron Bright and Ryan Fore; one great-niece and two great-nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Marcus Redding at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Hull's Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hull's Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 6263 West Highway 27, Vale, NC 28168 or

to Hospice of Lincoln County, 107 N. Cedar Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

Warlick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARGARET PONDER

GROVER - Mrs. Margaret Horton Ponder, 83, 111 Keel Court, died February 5, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Sharon, SC, she was the daughter of the late Buren Haskel and Macie Jane Sherer Horton and wife of the late James Blanton Ponder. She was also predeceased by her sister, Annette Horton, and half-brother, Hugh Robinson.

She was retired from Jones & Honeycutt Insurance, where she was a secretary. She also worked in the Bilo Deli.

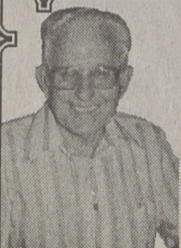
She was a member of Sharon United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Adult Ladies Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her daughter and husband, Rose and Wally Kresley of Concord, CA; daughter, Marie P. Free of Shelby; brother and his wife, Ben H. and Elizabeth Horton of Boone; grandchildren, Terrie Lankford, Sherrie Ledbetter, Brian Curry and Tracy Curry; and great-grandchildren, Jayson Lankford, Jerrod Lankford, and Tanna Curry.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Robin Kingston at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cleveland Funeral Services, Shelby. Burial will be in Sharon United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sharon United Methodist Church Building Fund, 867 College Avenue, Shelby, NC and Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Cleveland Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.



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His Wisdom will carry it safely to the port of His infinite peace, where the light of His love will bless and protect, and will never cease.

With a tear of regret in your eye and grief in your goodbye, your loved one sailed out of sight into the sweet by and by.

The sailing is joyful not grim, for it means a new life, sweeter than the day before, and in closer contact with Him. There's contentment beyond understanding in how God's passengers fare, for our loved ones has no worry or care.

Solace of life will always be, when we change our direction and sail on God's ship out to sea.

The tears shed for our loved-ones are in truth shed for the ones left behind, it hurts to give them up, but the Master is gentle and kind, so trust in Him as you await, for on God's ship, He is the pilot and our loved-one is His Mate.

*Always in Our Hearts,
Your Family*

MERGER

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CHS can or will prop up Kings Mountain Hospital regardless of the cost," Nurkin said in a Jan. 29 letter to Bridges.

Nurkin said he encouraged the merger possibilities be studied.

"While I understand the difficulties that politics, history and self interest can play, I encourage you to fully explore all possibilities in Cleveland County," he said.

In 1994, the hospital was struggling financially, when Carolinas HealthCare system agreed to take over management. A year later a long term lease was signed.

For the past five years, Kings Mountain Hospital has operated in the black, and all cash generated has been reinvested in medical technology and improvements to the facility. That has left a need for cash reserves for a future that may bring financial challenges for hospitals, a hospital press release said.

Projects the hospital wishes to start include renovations of both the operating room and emergency room, which would cost an estimated combined

total of \$4 million. Hospital CEO Hank Neal said the two projects are the reason why the hospital is looking for additional funds.

"We don't want to wait," Neal said. "We're just looking toward the future."

Neal said if the hospital can't find an agreement that would keep Kings Mountain Hospital open, it won't merge with Cleveland Regional.

Cleveland Regional issued a statement that said it would be willing to talk about consolidation options.

"Cleveland Regional stands ready to explore options with its sister hospital in Kings Mountain, to find ways to grow acute care services in both communities and better serve the health care needs of the citizens of Cleveland County," the statement said.

But medical staff at Kings Mountain Hospital has mixed feelings on the issue of a possible merger with Cleveland Regional.

Dr. Everette B. Thombs said he is unsure if potential merger is going to be beneficial to Kings Mountain.

"Primarily, what they're trying to do is get us to send patients to Shelby," Thombs said.

He said a possible merger is

Kings Mountain Weather Report


(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Jan. 30-Feb. 5	Year Ago
Total precip.	Trace	Trace
Max. 1 day	Trace (3rd)	Trace (4th)
Year to date	5.33	2.96
Low temp.	21 (4th)	29 (2nd, 5th)
High temp.	71 (1st)	62 (31st)
Avg. temp.	50.0	46.0

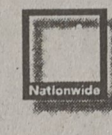
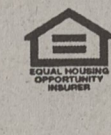
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Hearing set to discuss Sara Lee expansion

By BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

Possible expansion of the Sara Lee Plant will be the topic of a Feb. 19 public hearing, which was set during the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday in Shelby.

The expansion would bring in 140 new jobs and about \$3.5 million in new investment for the county.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, Pathways officials told commissioners about a new state law that could change mental health treatment in the county.



With the passage of the mental health reform act, passed Oct. 4, 2001, by the NC General Assembly could force the agency that serves Cleveland, Gaston, and Lincoln Counties to cut services.

One service that could be cut, according to Pathways Director Karen Andrews, is a program for mothers and their children who have problems with domestic violence.

In other business, Commissioners Ronnie Hawkins and Mary Accor made an announcement seeking people to serve on a committee to study district representation. The committee will be composed of 15 members from various parts of Cleveland County.

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