

## Husband of KM native dies in rescue effort off coast of Georgia

A Naval air crewman who died in a helicopter crash while trying to rescue victims of another crash will be buried Friday in Kings Mountain.

Hospital Corpsman First Class Kevin J. Frank died Saturday and his body was recovered by Navy divers at 3 p.m. Sunday near the sight of the crash of Angel One, a search and rescue crew helicopter from Marine Air Corps Air Station in Beaufort, SC. The helicopter went down off the coast of Brunswick, GA at 9:05 a.m. Saturday. It experienced mechanical difficulties while helping the US Coast Guard search for the victims of a Friday helicopter crash. Four other crew members were aboard Angel One and were rescued shortly after the incident.

Frank was married to the former Scarlett Lovelace, formerly of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service for Frank was held Wednesday morning at the Marine Corps Air Station Chapel in Beaufort, SC. A private funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church near Kings Mountain. Burial, with full military honors, will be in the church cemetery.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Petty Officer Frank," said Captain Gary Zuckerman, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Beaufort. "Frank loved being a SAR Corpsman. Our thoughts and prayers are with

the family and we share in their grief."

Frank, 39, joined the U.S. Navy in 1980 and reported to Naval Hospital Beaufort in 1997. He received numerous military awards including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal with four bronze stars, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon with Operational Device, Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon. He qualified for the Naval Air Crewman and Fleet Marine Force designations.

He was a 1980 graduate of Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta, NJ and enlisted in the Navy under the delayed entry program on October 14, 1989. He began recruit training July 24, 1981 in Great Lakes, IL.

The exact cause of the helicopter crash is still under investigation.

"Corpsmen are widely known and respected for placing service above self," Captain Zuckerman stated. "And Hospital Corpsman First Class Kevin John Frank epitomizes this philosophy."

## Township Three Fire Station will soon have new quarters

Cleveland County Emergency Medical Service employees working a 24-hour shift at the Township No. 3 Fire Station may have new quarters.

County Commissioners recently approved a search for a modular building and septic system to be placed at the station's site.

Previously workers on a 24-hour shift at the station lived in a camper and used portable toilets.

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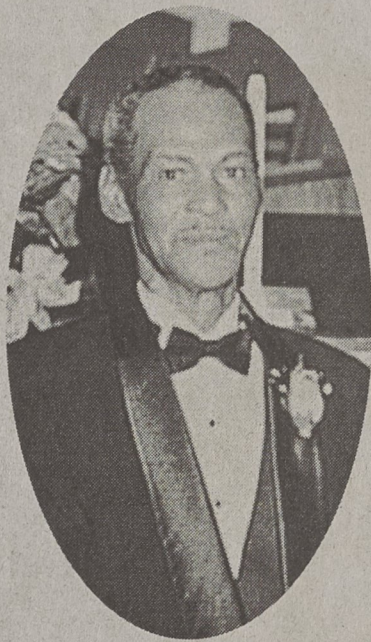
At a time when America pauses to pay tribute to its heroes, your hometown newspaper salutes local people who give of their time, talent and resources to the community. Our upcoming section, *Vision 2002 - Service to the Community*, highlights people in Kings Mountain, Cherryville, Bessemer City, Belmont and Mt. Holly who make a difference as a community servant.

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## OBITUARIES

**LILLIAN SPEARMAN**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lillian Caveny Spearman, 77, 722 Dixon School Road, died March 7, 2002 at her home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late John Lester and Nora Elizabeth Spurling Caveny. She was also preceded in death by her sons, Danny Earl Spearman and Dennis Wayne Spearman; brothers, Lester Caveny, Harlin Caveny and Robert Caveny; and sister, Velma C. Bolin.

She was retired from Mauney Hosiery Mill and was a member of Oak View Baptist Church where she was an active member of the choir, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of The Young at Heart.

She is survived by her husband, Earl L. Spearman of the home; daughter, Rhonda M. Spearman of Kings Mountain; brothers, Luther "Luke" Caveny and wife Parthenia, and Marvin "Pete" Caveny and wife Shirley, all of Kings Mountain; and sisters, Bertie C. Hamm, Evelyn C. Graham and husband Allen, all of Kings Mountain, and Letha C. Sheppard and husband Harrill of Blacksburg, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jamie Billings and Ed Sessom at 1 p.m. Saturday at Oak View Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Oak View Baptist Church, Parsonage Building Fund, 1517 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MAYBELL FARRIS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maybell Parker Farris, 77, Century Care, Shelby, formerly of Kings Mountain, died March 8, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

She was a native of Kannapolis and the daughter of the late Charlie and Cordie Griffin Parker. She was the wife of the late Ira Mack Farris. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sister, Ruby Wright of Grover; nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery, Clover, SC.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**SUE WEAVER CARROLL**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sue Weaver Carroll, 69, 905 Church Street, died March 10, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Ira Allen and Corrie Huffstetler Weaver. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, where she was a member of the King's Chorus, The Golden Fellowship, and The Lydia Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, George N. Carroll Sr. of the home; sons, George Nelson Carroll Jr. and wife Carolyn of Bessemer City, Arthur Allen Carroll Sr. and wife Jessie of Kings Mountain, and Phillip Edward Carroll and wife Denise of Chicago, IL; daughters, Cathy Carroll Bridges and husband Ken of Kings Mountain, and Dorothy C. Adkins and husband Fred Jr. of Colonial Heights, VA; brother, J.B. Weaver and wife Sue of Kings Mountain; sister, Helen Chaney and husband Jack of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Angela Parsley and husband John, Rebecca Hunt and husband Sam, Randi Carroll, Kenny Bridges, Laura Bridges, and Allen Carroll, all of Kings Mountain, John Carroll and wife Mia, and Mark Carroll, all of Bessemer City, Theron Carroll of Norfolk, VA, Gina Adkins and Fred Adkins III, both of Colonial Heights, VA, and Jacob Carroll, Thomas Carroll and Michael Carroll, all of Chicago, IL; and great-grandchildren, Summer Carroll, Christian Parsley and Hallie Hunt.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 3 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**STEVE R. HICKS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Steve R. Hicks, 46, 204 Croft Drive, died March 10, 2002 at his home.

A native of Orange County, he was the son of the late Charles Alford Hicks. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lib Green.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran

of the Vietnam era. He attended Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. He was a former Kings Mountain fireman, a member of the Kings Mountain Amvets, and an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Gaffney Hicks of Kings Mountain; son, Steven Deshon Hicks of Kings Mountain; mother, Thelma Wills Hicks of Kings Mountain; brothers, Lonnie "Dickie" Burgess of Kings Mountain and Pete Burgess of Blacksburg, SC; and sisters, Doris Chamblee of Shallotte and Margie Lawrence of King.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mitchel Pruitt at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, Canton, OH 44720.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**SARAH MARTIN**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Sarah Sikorski Martin, 83, 112 Cloninger Street, died March 10, 2002 at her home.

She was a native of Benzie County, MI, and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Thomas Martin.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ann Katz and husband Frank, and Joy Lea Arnold and husband Donald G., all of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Mike E. Negus Sr. and wife Tina, Marty J. Negus and wife Teresa, Jack Arnold and wife Marni, and Margie Dunlap, all of Kings Mountain; and great-grandchildren, Michael E. Negus Jr., Patricia Negus, Joshua Negus, Austin Negus and Brooke Dunlap.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Dwayne Burks at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MABEL STEWART**  
BESSEMER CITY - Mabel Lee Day Stewart, 81, Leesville Avenue, died March 10, 2002 at the Brian Center.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late David and Gertrude Decker Day and wife of the late Dan S. Stewart. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Dory L. Stewart Cuomo; granddaughter,

Michelle Stewart; and four brothers.

She was a member of First Wesleyan Church and was retired from Regina Corporation, Rahway, NJ. She was a former member of the Happy Healthy Hearts and co-founder of Davis Plantation Estates.

She is survived by two sons, Gary D. Stewart and wife Lois of Bessemer City, and Ronald S. Stewart and wife Cathy of Ash; two sisters, Lois Benoy of Lowell and Carolyn Cook of Lincolnton; seven grandchildren, Gary Stewart, Kenneth Stewart, Kathy Seymour, Steven Stewart, Sharon Stewart, Linda Marusiefski, and Brenda Varne; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Dick Whitener at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home. Burial will be in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054. Sisk-Butler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**KEVIN JOHN FRANK**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Petty Officer 1/C Kevin John Frank, 39, 744 Althea Street, Beaufort, SC died March 10, 2002.

He was a native of Orangeburg, NJ and had served in the United States Navy for 21 years. He was stationed as a Naval Corpsman at Naval Hospital Beaufort and was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, as a search and rescue corpsman.

He is survived by his wife, Scarlett Lovelace Frank of the home, formerly of Kings Mountain; stepsons, Taylor Wilkey and Christopher Wilkey, both of Beaufort, SC; daughter, Brittany Frank of Salisbury, MD; and brother, Keith Frank and his wife Bridgett of Brooklyn, NY.

A private funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. Jim Brackett and Dr. Tony Fulbright at 11 a.m. Friday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Interment, with full military honors, will be in the church cemetery.

Private visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars, POW/MIA Forum, 2831 the Plaza, Charlotte, NC.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## EDC faces five percent budget cut

By BEN LEDBETTER  
Staff Writer

Money is expected to be tight among North Carolina's municipalities and counties because of the state's budget shortfall.

And departments within Cleveland County government are expected to trim their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

According to Cleveland County Economic Development Commission officials, the agency will be making cuts.

During a recent meeting in Shelby, EDC Director Steve Nye presented a budget with a five percent cut.

Last year, the EDC's budget was \$88,900, with \$27,770 going for membership dues in the Charlotte Regional Partnership. The budget figure does not include a \$9,000 tourism grant and \$61,504.80 for industrial incentives.

County departments have been asked to submit a budget with no increases and one

that shows which items could be cut.

Items titled "motor fuels", "dues/subscriptions", and "professional service had decreased funding in the proposed EDC budget.

Nye said the cuts can't go any lower. "We're about as down to as low as we can get," he said. "I wish I had better news, but folks, it's tight all over."

Board member Kenneth Ledford said the EDC should be spared the financial cuts from the county.

"When you start dealing with economic development, that's one thing you don't need to cut," he said.

In other business, Nye issued a document about several issues currently facing the EDC. Those issues include:

- economic development: Although the idea of merging the EDC with the chamber of commerce has been proposed, Nye said another idea has been to form a committee of 100 people to help add private funds to economic development activities in

Cleveland County. No decisions had been made on either of those plans, but one issue will be important, Nye said.

"One of the most important issues will be the definition of the value to be added and expectation levels of stakeholders due to the additional funding for economic development activities," he said.

Another high priority for the EDC is to develop a five-year strategic plan that would involve all financial stakeholders: the county, Kings Mountain, Shelby, Boiling Springs, Cleveland County Sanitary District, the Cleveland County Chamber, and other municipalities.

- travel and tourism: Maintaining current operating level despite the budget crunch is the main concern for this area, according to Nye's report. He said costs of publication production and their demand have increased. Improving the county's travel and tourism information on its web site was also cited as a priority.

### BellSouth to launch broadband services

BellSouth will hold a short program for the launch of its broadband service in Cleveland County on Wednesday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at its office building, 212 Laurel Street, Grover.

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