

**GARY STEWART / THE HERALD**  
Employees of the North Carolina DOT repair the bridge on Stony Point Road Tuesday. The bridge, which has been closed for two weeks for repair to diaphragms and guard rails, was scheduled to be re-opened yesterday.

# Relay for Life celebrates most successful year ever

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According to organizers at a Monday night wrap-up party, the Kings Mountain Relay for Life has surpassed its goals for fund raising by bringing in \$84,052.97.

And the fund raising didn't stop there as relay participants from this year passed a bag collecting more money during the evening event.

KM relay organizer Joyce Roark said the combined total for the county is \$364,853.71.

"This has been an exciting relay season and its all

because of you," she said.

Beside money, 645 luminaries were set out around the Cleveland Avenue Walking Track, which was up from last year

The amount raised comes on a waning economic downturn and several layoffs that have hit the Kings Mountain area hard.

Several awards were handed out for different parts of the relay including survivors, corporate sponsors, team fund raising and team campsites.

Two teams, Foust Textiles and David Baptist Church, received awards for raising \$400 dollars or more per person.

One of those receiving a

survivor award was Sylvia Millwood, who died of a non-cancer related cause before the survivors' dinner earlier this year.

Accepting the award for Millwood was her daughter, Melanie Anderson.

Autumn Malpass, who was awarded for being queen of the relay, is scheduled to go to Charleston, S.C. later for a bone marrow transplant. Malpass, who is diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer recently was hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Autumn's web page can be found at <http://www.caringbridge.com/page/ncangel/index.htm>

Haithcock faces charges from Kings Mountain PD, the Highway patrol in Gaston and Stanly counties, and the Sheriff's offices in Stanly and Montgomery counties. Kings Mountain Police charged him with felony fleeing to elude arrest, reckless driving to endanger, resisting a public officer, and driving while license revoked.

Among charges in other counties are communicating threats and DWI.

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
The Kings Mountain Building Codes and Zoning Enforcement Office issued the following permits for the week of July 8-12.  
7/9 - 320 Waco Road, rebuilding front of building because of accident, \$4,200.  
7/10 - 1018 Bethlehem Road, Debbie Martin  
7/12 - 206 Margaret St., Ken Breakfield, adding room to existing home, \$15,000.

## OBITUARIES

**CHARLES BLALOCK SR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Edward Blalock Sr., 92, 719 Bethlehem Church Road, died July 10, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Lawson Goforth and Fairy Whisnant Blalock. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Miller Blalock, and his second wife, Nora Lowe Blalock; his daughter, Joe Ann Crawford; and five brothers and three sisters.

He was former owner and operator of Blalock's Grocery. He was the oldest member of First Baptist Church. He was a former member of the Lions Club and the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

He is survived by his son, Charles E. "Sonny" Blalock Jr. of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sybil B. Hamrick and husband Lawrence and Freida B. Grayson, all of Kings Mountain; brother, Frank Blalock of Kings Mountain; sister, Louise Kale of Kings Mountain; 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. John Sloan, Russell Fitts and Robert Eng at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Cemetery. Visitation is from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720 or Kidney Foundation, 508 Canterbury Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**JULIA MCSWAIN**  
BOILING SPRINGS - Julia Ruppe McSwain, 84, 1114 Hillside Street, died July 12, 2002 a Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Virgil Lewis Ruppe and Ada Blanton Ruppe and wife of the late Howard Thomas McSwain. She was also predeceased by her brother, Delmas Lewis Ruppe; sister, Eva Ruppe Gosey; and grandson, Larry Franklin Davis.

She was retired from L&K Knit and was a homemaker. She was a member of Flint Hill Baptist Church where she was a member of the Revels Senior Choir and Mothers Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Tommy and Kaye McSwain and Larry and Brenda McSwain of Boiling Springs; daughters and sons-in-law, Kay Anthony Ledford and Jim of Boiling Springs, Jean and Max Philbeck of Ellenboro, Dot and Robert Davis of Shelby, and Maria White of Kings Mountain; brother, Winfred Ruppe of Gaffney, SC; sister, Geneva McKinney of Mayo, SC; 14 grandchildren, Julia P. Hudson, Samantha P. Goode, Lynn A Bowling, Todd Anthony, Samuel R. Davis, Angie W. Richardson, Pam W. Jackson, Darrell McSwain, Ritchie McSwain, Brooks McSwain, Mark McSwain, Kevin McSwain, Larry "Dinky" McSwain, and DeDe M. Rose; 21 grandchildren, four step grandchildren, nine step great grandchildren, and one step great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Keith Dixon and Ed Sessom at 4 p.m. Sunday at Flint Hills Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Flint Hill Baptist Church building fund, 2207 Flint Hill Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152. Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**REV. DAVID KIME**  
MT. GILEAD - Rev. David Mack Kime, 63, 206 E. Allenton Street, died July 15, 2002 at NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A native of Montgomery County, he was the son of the late Chester Leonard and Pearl Haywood Kime Sr. He was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church.

He attended Wingate College and Limestone College and Southeastern Baptist Theological

Seminary. He had previously served as pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Troy, Lily Branch Baptist Church in Bakersville, Oak View Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, First Baptist Church in Star, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Jacksonville, and Memorial Baptist Church in Mt. Gilead.

He was awarded the Associate of Excellence Award from Southeast Baptist Theological Seminary, served on the Executive Board of the NC Baptist State Convention, and was Past Moderator of the Montgomery County Baptist Association. He was a Trustee for the Christian Action League, and member Mt. Gilead Lions Club where he was past president, Mt. Gilead Museum Committee where he was first chairman of the Board of Directors, was a founding member of the Mt. Gilead Spirit Committee, on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Social Services, and member of Blackmer Lodge #127.

He is survived by his wife, Clydene Dunn Kime of the home; son, David Edward Kime and wife Cheryl of Mt. Gilead; daughter, Laura Kime Anderson and husband Jimmy of Mt. Gilead; brother, Chester Leonard Kime Jr. of Wadesboro; and grandchildren, Jacob Caleb Kime, Daniel Aaron Kime, Kristian Hope Kime, Carson James Anderson, and Rexanne Teal Anderson.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church. A graveside service with Masonic rites will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sharon Cemetery in Mt. Gilead.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1137, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306 and Mt. Gilead Museum, P.O. Box 551, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306. Harris Funeral Home of Mt. Gilead is in charge of arrangements.

### Local students on Western deans list

Courtney Elizabeth Fredell, Bryan L. Hackney, and Susan Leigh Putnam, all of Kings Mountain, made the dean's list for the spring semester at Western Carolina University.

To make the list students must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 on a regular semester's work of not less than 12 hours, excluding remedial courses, with no grade of D or F.

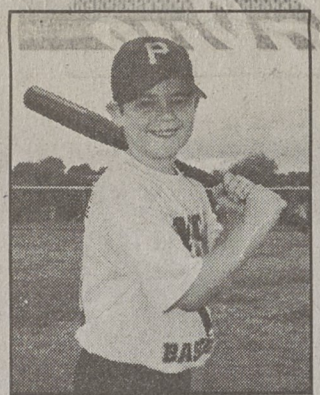
### KM School Board to meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Central School.

The only action slated is to establish School System goals for the 2002-03 school year.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Congratulations!! Home-Run Derby Winner Seth Ferrell



Love, Mom, Dad & Lauren

### CHASE

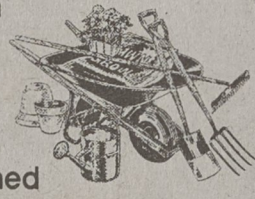
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reaching 115 miles per hour. The Troy Police Department tried unsuccessfully to stop the pickup by using moving vehicles. The driver reportedly failed to stop at a stop sign on U.S. 52 and left the roadway and hit a tree. A Montgomery County Sheriff's Department vehicle also left the roadway at the intersection and hit a tree. Both vehicles were totaled.

Haithcock was treated for injuries at a hospital and then jailed in Montgomery County.

### Performance Lawn & Irrigation

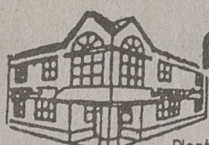
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