

OBITUARIES

G. WAYNE HILL

MARION - G. Wayne Hill, 67, died December 25, 2002 at The McDowell Hospital.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Lewis J. and Hessie Vess Hill. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church and was retired from Drexel Heritage Furnishings following 41 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Madge Myers Hill of the home; son, Billy Wayne Hill and wife Karen of Kings Mountain; daughter, Jean Pritchard and fiancé Rex Chapman of Morganton; brother, J.D. Hill of Gilkey; sisters, Emma Hicks of Mill Springs, Dorothy Nanne of Marion, Edith Wilkerson of Glenwood, Lorraine Flack of Rutherfordton, and Pauline Flynn of Cleveland, GA; grandsons, Travis and Tyler Pritchard; and great-grandson, Daylin Tyler Pritchard.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Tom Walker and the Rev. W.C. Keller at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in Piney Knob Baptist Church Cemetery, Rutherfordton. Military honors were provided by a detachment from Ft. Bragg.

Memorials may be made to McDowell County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 883, Marion, NC 28752.

Westmoreland Funeral Home, Marion, was in charge of arrangements.

SKYLER BUTLER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Skyler Logan Butler, infant son of Jeffrey Logan of Blacksburg, SC and Linda Butler of Kings Mountain, died Saturday, December 28, 2002 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister Shea Griffin of Kings Mountain; paternal grandmother, Grace Logan of Blacksburg, SC; and maternal grandfather, Richard Butler of Dallas.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD ELLER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Richard Eller, 44, 121 Linderman Lake Drive, died December 29, 2002 at Hospice-Wendover, Shelby.

He was a native of Mecklenburg County. He was employed as a service manager for automotive companies. He was a member of Family Worship Center Church of God, and served in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his parents, Neil Bolin and Margie Thompson Bolin of Clover, SC; paternal grandmother, Connie Wilson of Gastonia; daughter, Jaime L. Eller of Charlotte; brother, James Eller of Clover, SC; sisters, Patty Spearman of Clover, SC, Wanda Carter of Gastonia, and Jeannie VanDerostyne of California.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Woodard and Pastor Phil Burton at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Family Worship Center Church of God. Interment was in Oak View Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Richard L. Eller Funeral Fund, c/o Family Worship Center Church of God, P.O. Box 462, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LEAH LANDREVILLE

LEWELLEN, NE - Leah Dawn Whatford Landreville, 65, 127 Armstrong Drive, died December 29, 2002 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Peterborough, England, she was the daughter of the late George Fredrick and Daisy Pasey Whatford. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Lynn Draper, and grandchild, Naomi Marie Landreville.

She was a homemaker and mother and was a machine embroidery instructor since 1975, specializing in crocheted angels. She was a member of Martin Bay Community Church and the Lady's Aide Society, Keystone, NE, and was a member of The Hobbie Club of Lewellen.

She is survived by her husband, Rene "Landy" Landreville of Lewellen; son, Randy Steven Landreville and

wife Anna of Junction City, KS; daughters, Deborah Catherine King and husband Mitchell B. "Short," of Kings Mountain, Heather Lorraine Martin and husband John of Tacoma, WA, Pennie Marie Martin and husband Charles of Madison, AL; sister, Norman Jarmon and husband Jack of Peterborough, England; brother, Gerry Whatford and wife Marjorie of Yaxley, England; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. Dale Swofford at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. The family will receive friends at the home of the daughter, Deborah King, 118 Country Creek Drive, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Martin Bay Community Church, c/o Building Fund, Keystone, NE 69145.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TULA M. POSTON

TAYLORS, SC - Tula McCurry Poston, 92, of National Health Care, Greer, SC, formerly of Heathwood Drive and Longmeadow Road, Taylors, died December 29, 2002.

A native of Cherryville, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Mary Jane Caldwell McCurry. Before her retirement she was a secretary-bookkeeper. She was a member of Lee Road Baptist Church and the Alice Gibson Sunday School and the Joy Club.

She is survived by three daughters, Betty Beam and her husband William "Bill" of Cherryville, Anita Hefner and husband Ralph Jr. of Lake Keowee, and Jessie Carroll and husband Arthur of Kings Mountain; sister, Miss Bewis McCurry of Houston, TX; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Tullie Hovis and Edith Long, and a brother, Lewis McCurry.

The funeral was held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Lee Road Baptist Church. Interment was at Cherryville City Cemetery in Cherryville, NC.

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

No utility rate hikes foreseen

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

Because of the efforts of city officials over the past year, Kings Mountain citizens will not have a utility tax increase over the next year. Several factors played a part in this achievement.

This year the city renegotiated the Crowders Creek Contract with Gastonia, saving the city \$17,311,200.

For the last ten years, Kings Mountain has had a contract with Gastonia to send sewage to the Crowders Creek plant.

However, the city was not able to make the minimum requirements for sewage at the plant. In essence the city was paying for space at the plant that it was not using. Since the contract with Gastonia was for 30 years, Kings Mountain could not decide to do anything else with its sewage.

After negotiations, however, city officials were able to save the city over \$17 million from the sewage space.

"That's a lot of savings," said Mayor Rick Murphrey.

Also in utilities, the city acquired two additional generators at the peak shaving electrical plant.

According to Murphrey, the cost of purchasing electricity from Duke Power is based on the highest amount of electricity used at any one time each month. With the new generators, Kings Mountain will be able to lower the peak amount of electricity used each month because the generators will be able to produce part of the electricity at peak usage

times. The generators will only run when they are needed to lower the peak amount of energy used.

By lowering the amount of electricity used at peak times, Kings Mountain will save over \$1 million in electricity each year, said Murphrey.

"This was a very, very good investment. The mayor and then 'id a good job. I'm proud of these," said Nick Hendricks, director of the Kings Mountain electrical department, of the new generators.

"I think it sends a message to the new businesses and clients that we are properly planning for the city's future," said Murphrey. "We are trying to provide the best service at the lowest cost."

Over the last ten years, Kings Mountain has been able to lower the amount and, consequently, the cost of power consumed each year through projects like the new generators, said Hendricks. Kings Mountain is very much a progressive city in this sense, said Murphrey.

"When you reduce your power as much as we have in the last ten years, you can't go wrong," said Hendricks. "It's a great, great investment."

Recently, the city also signed a four-year contract with Duke Power to purchase electricity for the same rate each year with no increases, an act which will also save Kings Mountain citizens money, said Murphrey.

Schools list goals for 2003

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The Kings Mountain Board of Education recently released its five goals for the 2002-2003 school year.

The first goal is to achieve the expected growth score on the end-of-grade and end-of-course tests at each school in the district. The board also wants to continue to close the achievement gap between the minority and non-minority students in the district.

The board also wants to begin to make plans and set a timeline for the new Career and Technical Education building. Hopefully, by the end of the school year, board members will be able to tell the community when they expect to begin to use the facility.

Technology is also becoming a major part of the lives of the students today, and it only makes sense that they learn to use the technology while they are in school. Therefore, the Board will encourage the use of technology in the classroom to help students obtain a more balanced education.

The board would also like to enable the community to become more involved in the school system.

Finally, the board wants to make sure that students and staff have a working environment which is safe and orderly for everyone. After all, students can only perform their best when the situation is conducive to their learning.

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