

Grover town lot to get facelift

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GROVER - The town's Main Street parking lot will get a face lift. Town council members voted Monday night to have the lines re-marked and damaged signs replaced.

In other business, the council approved spending approximately \$4,400 to purchase a storage building from Stanton Buildings. Christmas decorations will be stored in the building. The \$4,400 budget amendment included the cost of a concrete foundation.

Council approved a resolution allowing Cleveland County Animal Control to enforce its ordinances within the city limits.

Council okayed removing steps in the maintenance department to create more storage space. This was not in the form of a vote but a recommendation.

The council will hold a public hearing March 1 at 7 p.m. regarding a request to rezone between 60 and 70 acres from light industrial to restricted residential. The land is at the site of the former Minette Mills.

The public is invited to speak out on the rezoning request.

Bloodmobile visits today at KM church

The annual soup visit of the Cleveland County Red Cross bloodmobile will be held Thursday, Feb. 5 from 1:30-6 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church.

To donate, one must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors should take picture ID or a blood donor card.

"Patients in our area depend on the generosity of local donors to meet their needs," said Sandi Bolick of the American Red Cross. "Right now, that need is especially critical due to the weather and illness in our area."

Coalition honored at awards luncheon

The Cleveland County SAFE KIDS Coalition was recognized by the North Carolina SAFE KIDS Coalition for Outstanding Visionary Project for 2003 at the annual awards luncheon held January 10 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

SAFE KIDS Cleveland County was one of eight awards recipients honored for achievement and community contribution.



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Grover Family Practice staff include office manager Kim Ledford (left), Physician Dr. Julia Saluke and receptionist Nancy Falls.

Dr. Saluke takes over Grover medical practice

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GROVER - For the town's new doctor, healthcare is a family affair. Dr. Julia Saluke is the physician for the new Grover Family Practice, which is part of Carolina's Physicians Network.

Saluke's mother is a retired registered nurse and two of her sisters are also physicians. Both Saluke's father and her husband Gregg McIntosh are research chemist though her dad has retired.

Saluke did her undergraduate work and attended medical school in Ohio, graduating from Wright State University School of Medicine. She came to Greenville for her residency, studying at East Carolina University and working at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

The Dayton, Ohio native came south for a temporary change in scenery, intending to leave after completing her residency.

"I ended up liking North Carolina a lot, the people and the weather," she said.

After working in rural health care settings in Faison, Ocracoke and Newton Grove, Saluke realized small towns were for her.

"I like being able to work where there is a need," Saluke said.

Soon after getting married, Saluke and her husband moved to Gaston County to be near his family.

Today they spend much of their free time playing tennis, gardening and watching his

sister cheer at Belmont Abbey basketball games.

"We do a lot of family activities like that," she said.

Saluke says Grover has given her a warm welcome. On January 22 the town council, Grover Area Women's Club and Grover Lions Club held an open house.

"I was impressed with how many people showed up," she said.

Saluke said she considers medicine a calling in line with the values she grew up with. Her parents, who volunteer at a church food pantry and visit the sick and dying, motivated her to help others.

The Grover practice, located at 217 North Main Street, is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except for Wednesday afternoons. It is in the same building as Dr. Philip Day's practice. Though it is a different practice, Day's patients' records are on site.

Carolinas Physicians Network is a joint venture of Carolinas HealthCare Systems and Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Cherryville Primary and Cleveland Medical Associates are also part of the network. Because Saluke is the only physician at the Grover practice, her patients are seen by Shelby Family Practice physicians when they are admitted to the hospital.

Before coming to Grover, Saluke worked in Kings Mountain and Shelby through Cleveland HealthCare Systems' CLECO clinics.

Save Lives campaign begins

Kings Mountain Fire and Safety announced today that it will partner with the United States Fire Administration in the Prevent Fire, Save Lives campaign. The campaign works to reduce the rate of injury and death due to fire among Americans over the age of 65 by half by 2010.

Seniors over age 65 are at greater risk of death by fire than any other age group in the United States, according to KM Fire and Safety and the United States Fire Administration, an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A significant factor behind this high risk of fire deaths is smoking. Approximately 15 percent of adults over age

65 use tobacco products. Heating and cooking fires are the second and third leading causes of fire related deaths for this group. Additional risks include physical and cognitive impairments created by aging.

"More than 1,200 Americans over the age of 65 die as a result of fire annually. Residential fires injure on average 3,000 older adults each year. These are staggering numbers," said James Ledbetter, KM Fire and Safety coordinator. Ledbetter makes several recommendations.

Install smoke detectors on every level. A working smoke alarm doubles the chances of surviving a fire. Batteries should be changed once a year. Escape routes should be

planned and practiced. There should be two exits from every room. Residents should know how to open the windows.

Never smoke in bed and never leave smoking materials unattended.

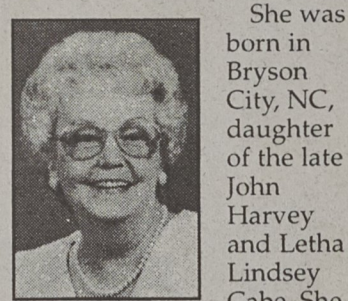
Do not leave food unattended on the stove and do not wear loose clothing while cooking.

Purchase a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

KM Fire and Safety and the U.S.F.A. along with the AARP are offering the free booklet "Fire Safety Checklist for Seniors" which provides tips and suggestions on how to make the home safe. The booklet and additional materials are available by calling KM Fire and Safety at 704-730-0373 or visit kmfs.tripod.com or www.usfa.fema.gov for more information.

OBITUARIES

MARY BAITY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary "Ruth" Cabe Baity, 83, a resident of Oak Grove Road for over 35 years, died January 29, 2004 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.



She was born in Bryson City, NC, daughter of the late John Harvey and Letha Lindsey Cabe. She was wife of the late James Floyd "Slim" Baity. She was also preceded in death by brothers Johnny, Percy and Zeb Cabe, and sisters Esther and Lovada; grandson Rodney Barber; son-in-law Frank Barber; and daughter-in-law Sandi Baity.

She was a member of First Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain. She was retired from Burlington Industries after 35 years of service. She was active at the Patrick Senior Center, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her sons, Ken Baity and Bob Baity, both of Greenville, SC, and Mike Baity of Kings Mountain; daughters Kay Baity Hawkins and husband Tommy of Kings Mountain, and Maxine Baity Barber of Jacksonville, AL; sisters Ellen Strickland of Asheville and Hazel Dowdle of New Port Richie, FL; 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Don Williams at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Wesleyan Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARY GRISSOM
CLOVER, SC - Mrs. Mary Wilma McCarter Grissom, 85, 210 Smith Street, died January 27, 2004 at her home.

A native of York County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Meek McCarter and the late Emma Melton McCarter. She was the widow of William H. Grissom. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Hardy McCarter; one sister, Mildred M. Davidson; and one grandson, Tommy Grissom.

She is survived by her sons, William R. Grissom of Kings Mountain and Steve D. Grissom of Florence, SC; brothers Glenn McCarter, Dean McCarter and Marvin McCarter, all of Clover, and States McCarter of Athens, GA; sisters Gladys M. Nunn and Ruby M. Bennett, both of Clover; granddaughter, Sondra Wilson; great-grandchildren Brandon Dixon and Megan Dixon; and great grandson Wesley Dixon.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Lee Thomas at 11 a.m. Friday, January 30 at M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Community Care, P.O. Box 993, Rock Hill, SC 29731 or Clover Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 214, Clover, SC 29710.

M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CAROLYN MARTIN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carolyn Bell Martin, 57, 600 Temple Street, died January 28, 2004 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Henson Miles Bell and the late Louise Thornburg Bell. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Buddy Bell.

She was a member and secretary of Westover Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her children, Charlie Martin and wife Shanon, Todd Martin of Kings Mountain, and Marsha Shields of Shelby; and grandchildren, Chad, Megan and Elizabeth Martin, John Michael Shields, and J.T. and Dalton Martin.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Dale Angel at 3 p.m. Saturday at Westover Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Fullbearers were members of the Oak Grove Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to Westover Baptist Church, 108 Westover Church Drive, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

MARTHA DOVER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Martha Dover, 73, 308 Fairview Street, died January 30, 2004 at BJ's Family Care Home, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Rufus M. and Geneva King Wood. She was also preceded in death by her son, Earl Dover, and brothers and sisters, Hubert, Richard, Eugene, Billy Jo, Nellie, James and Joyce Wood.

She was a member of Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Carney of Cary and Cindy Cody Gray of Shelby; sons David Dover of Cumberland Furnace, TN and Carl Rippy of Shelby; brothers Clinton Wood, Jack Wood and Don Wood, all of Kings Mountain; sister Irene Wood Bernstein of Kings Mountain; 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Buddy Williams and Wayne Fredell at 2 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Clinton Wood, 205 Fulton Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JANICE DRURY
SANFORD - Janice Kay Allen Drury, 67, died Saturday at her home. A memorial service was conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in the Rogers Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Drury was a native of Kings Mountain, and daughter of the late Robert Lee and Mary Helen Eters Allen.

She is survived by her husband, Walter L. "Walt" Drury Sr.; two daughters, Cynthia L. "Cindy" Drury of Clayton and Vivian Drury Brendle and her husband Mike of Raleigh; son, Walter Lee "Butch" Drury Jr. of Indian Wells, CA; two grandchildren, Michale and Lauren; and one first cousin, Linda Dover of Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or to the Calvary Lutheran Church Building Fund, 950 Bradley St., NE, Concord, NC 28025.

Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Happy 80th Birthday!!

William Edward "Bill" Bridges turned 80 on February 1, 2004. He was honored with a surprise birthday dinner given by his family, nieces and nephews. Bill is the son of the late Minnie Huffstickler Bridges and Luther Bridges. Clyde Bridges and Edith Carpenter are his brother and sister. Deceased brothers and sisters are Frank, Robert, Nina Camp, Lillian Davis, and Brunel Bryant. He is married to his wife of 62 years, Mildred Mullinax Bridges. He has two children, William Terry (deceased) and Judy Putnam and son-in-law, Bobby G. Putnam. He is a member of Westover Baptist Church. Bill has been a barber for 42 years and still barbers. He loves the camaraderie with his customers and looks forward to each day. He loves to garden.

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