

LOCAL

Christmas mailing available special hours on Saturdays

Kings Mountain Postmaster Jeff Gregory announced today that the Post Office will be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. December 11 and 18 to help meet the mailing needs of customers.

It is anticipated that business at post offices will be at a holiday peak during that period, and Gregory expects business to be brisk at the Kings Mountain Post Office both days.

"The two Saturdays prior to Christmas are traditionally our busiest

retail days of the year, so the extra window service hours should help," Gregory said.

"I also want to encourage customers to visit our web site, www.usps.com prior to their trip to the post office," Gregory said. "You can get valuable mailing and packaging tips, look up ZIP codes and check out all the products and services we offer before you bring your letters and packages in.

While on the web site you can even purchase your postage, mail your package with Click 'n Ship, and arrange for our letter carrier to pick up your package at your home or business."

The Postal Service estimates that it will handle 20 billion pieces of mail between Thanksgiving and Christmas, with the peak hitting 850 million pieces mailed on December 13 and 20.

SHOOTING

From 1A

"He was such a generous person. That's what he would have wanted," Singleton said.

She and Terry had been a couple for six years. They have a daughter Melia Destin Terry and were planning to marry in May.

"In my heart I was married to him," Singleton said. Terry also has another daughter, Alexis Cheyenne Terry.

Terry was a second father to her son Alex W. Singleton, she said. Four-year-old Melia cried herself to sleep Monday night. The couple was considering having

another child.

Singleton said the entire incident started over the alleged theft of Terry's ring. He was planning to press charges against a friend of Blacks.

Black told the Shelby Star that he had received threats since the shooting and is not staying in his home.

"I have no idea who would be threatening him," Singleton said. "What's done is done, can't bring him back."

The Herald repeatedly called the cell phone number listed for Black on the police report. A message said the number was not in service. A person who answered the phone at the number listed for Black's

employer said he had "no idea where he's at."

During the same Sunday night incident, EMS also responded to Black's home to treat Charlie Herman Hope for a gunshot wound to the left side of his head. Hope, 29, is a resident of Kings Mountain.

The Herald called the number listed for Hope's home on the police report. A person who identified herself as a family friend said Hope was alright and had left town.

Sheriff's Lt. David Crow said the department has been in contact with both men and neither are on the run.

According to the Shelby

Star, deputies said apparently Black was defending his home.

"I think it's awful quick for them to rule self-defense after all the threats we received," Singleton said. "I'd like to see justice served. A father was taken from his family."

Crow said the investigation was ongoing.

"We're investigating, ironing out all the facts," he said.

According to Crow, the Sheriff's Office would hand their findings over to the District Attorney who would determine if charges would be filed. He did not know how long the investigation would take.

GROVER

From 1A

said.

School board Chairman George Litton said the school was built before traffic was a big concern.

Town Councilman Bill Willis said much of the problem comes from commuters headed toward industry on N.C. 29. Grover Principal Janet Anthony said she has seen cars drive onto

the curb to pass the vehicles lined up to pick up children.

"I'm afraid someone is going to be hurt," she said. "We've had close calls."

Diverting school traffic to a side road was discussed Monday night. However, Anthony said the side road was too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic. There is a short right turn lane in front of the school. Sides suggested extending that but said Cleveland

County Schools would have to help with the expense.

In Kings Mountain, North, East and West elementary schools and Kings Mountain Middle School are served by crossing guards. At KMHS and KMMS, the school resource officer also helps with traffic. Crossing guards are not sworn officers, according to Kings Mountain Police Chief Melvin Proctor. Guards must attend a six-hour

course and pass written and on-site exams.

The mayor and parents say they are going to ask Cleveland County School board for help. The parents also said they would continue attending Grover Town Council meetings.

Cole, who is Grover PTO vice-president, said traffic safety has been a problem for two years. She supports Grover having its own police department.

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BRIDGE

From 1A

"They're the experts," Moore said. "We'll have to trust their judgment. I understand why they chose this plan. It's not my preference."

Moore said if the traffic through the completed intersection is great enough, he will work to get a limited access bridge.

Some residents were concerned that N.C. 216 would be closed. Grissom said that flagmen would direct traffic

through the construction during paving but the road would not be closed.

Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey said he was relieved to learn the road would not be closed.

"We'll be fine as long as they put a stop light," Murphrey said. "It's inconvenient but better than closing the road."

Grissom said that no residents nor the City of Kings Mountain objected to the plan during public hearings held earlier during the design phase.

TENANTS

From 1A

Cleveland Music. Developers met with the Historic Properties Commission to discuss keeping the 11,250 square foot, brick building in character with the area. Initially the driveway was

going to connect only to King Street. Heath is now awaiting city approval for a second driveway connection onto Battleground.

"Traffic backs so far up King Street," he said.

For information on renting the remaining space, call Bill Chambliss at 704-482-2297 or Heath at 704-200-4549.

HOW TO REACH US

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OBITUARIES

TINA SIZEMORE

SHELBY - Tina Florence Sizemore, 42, 1723 Kings Road, formerly of Kings Mountain, died November 27, 2004 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

She was a native of Cleveland County and daughter of the late G.L. Sizemore Sr. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Shannon Marie Anderson of Grover; mother and stepfather, Eloise Herron Stewart and Jack C. Stewart of Kings Mountain; brothers Eugene Sizemore of Asheville, Twain Sizemore, G.L. Sizemore Jr., Clayton Stewart and Clint Stewart, all of Kings Mountain; sisters Sheena Stroupe and Louise Bray of Kings Mountain, Sheila Sprinkle of Bessemer City and Annie Wyatt of Grover; and boyfriend Steve Graham of Shelby.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Dennis Harmon at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JO ANN CODY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jo Ann Biddix Cody, 62, 111 High Ridge Court Lot 3, died December 6, 2004 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland County, daughter of the late Charles Max and Gennie Gilliland Biddix. She was also preceded in death by five sisters, Lodie Queen, Jackie Dyke, Betty Houser, Irene Biddix and Rhonda Cox, and three brothers, Bobby Biddix, Donald Biddix and Lee Biddix.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by sons Charles Benji Connor and wife Lori of Boiling Springs, Randy Hobbs of Asheville, and Jimmy Dean Hobbs of Grover; daughters Janice Lynn Donaldson and husband Larry of Shelby, Wanda Jo Davis and husband Bobby of Kings Mountain, Penny Hillman and husband Daron of Gastonia, and Misty Darlene Cody of Kings Mountain; sister Sandra Lipscomb of Tampa, FL; and 21 grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Ronnie Hawkins at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LEMUEL TERRY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lemuel Monroe Terry, 28, 240 Jim Patterson Road, died December 6, 2004 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

He was born in Palm Springs, CA and was employed with Dixie Lumber Company, Gastonia.

He is survived by his fiancée, Angela E. Singleton of Kings Mountain; parents, Lemuel Loyd and Ausley Greene Terry of Kings Mountain; son Alex Westly Singleton of Kings Mountain; daughters Melia Destin Terry and Alexis Cheyenne Terry, both of Kings Mountain; brothers Arthur Kennedy and Ronnie Kennedy, both of Shelby; and sisters Kayron Wiseman and Tammy Patterson, both of Lattimore.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Earl Tanner at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUBY G. TATE

CLINTON, SC - Ruby Gantt Tate, 83, 100 Glendale Apt. #39, formerly of Kings Mountain, died December 3, 2004 at her home.

Born in Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Jake and Lona Wise Gantt. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kings Lighthouse Worship Center in Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean Childers and husband Frank of Kinards, SC; brothers Thurman "Gismo" Gantt of Kings Mountain and Clarence Gantt of Hickory; sisters Louise Whitaker of Kings Mountain and Juanita Keene of Tampa, FL; five grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Timmy Whitaker at 2 p.m. Monday at Union Baptist Church cemetery, Shelby.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LUCILE HERNDON

BELLEVUE, FL - Lucille Herndon, 89, formerly of Kings Mountain, died December 7, 2004 at Hawthorne Inn at Surrey Place, Ocala.

She was a native of York, SC and moved to Bellevue from Kings Mountain 50 years ago. She was retired postal clerk from Summerfield Post Office after 20 years of service.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Summerfield for 30 years, serving as Sunday School teacher and librarian. She loved her flowers and was a friend to all.

She was Woman of the Year of the South Carolina Woman's Club in 1945, and obtained a degree from the Woman's College in North Carolina.

She was predeceased by her husband, Allen H. Herndon Sr.

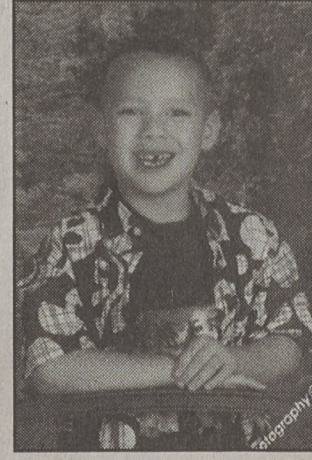
She is survived by her son, Allen H. "Sonny" Herndon Jr. of Lincolnton, NC; daughters Laura Lynn Batelli of Millburn, NJ and Mary Lee Godwin of Morriston, FL; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Marion County.

Arrangements are by Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services - Bellevue, Bellevue, FL.

Happy 7th Birthday Eddie Moss, Jr.

To a very special and loving little boy that makes his Mom and Dad very proud everyday to be his parents. You mean everything in the world to us and we love you very, very much. God bless you!



December 9, 1997

We love you very, very much, Mom, Dad, and little brother Hick

The family of Betty Howard wishes to express our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks to all of Betty's friends for their gifts of beautiful flowers, delicious food items and most of all their moral support. In this time of deep shock and great sorrow, to know that our dear wife, mother and grandmother was so loved by so many, brought comfort and joy to our hearts. Thank you each and everyone.

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