

KM POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Kenneth Hamrick, 39, 1003 Lt. 3 Mary's Grove Church Rd., felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, misdemeanor injury to real property, no bond.

John Hamrick Jr., 40, Shelby, felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, misdemeanor injury to real property, no bond.

Beverly White, 48, 125 N. Railroad Ave., larceny, \$1,500 secured bond.

Donjuan Rainey, 19, 1508 Northwoods Dr., two counts felony possession of schedule II substance (crack cocaine), \$1,000 bond.

Sherman Jenkins, 43, 320 Fulton St., resist public officer, \$300 secured bond.

Sedrick Hartgrove, 20, Grover, DWI, exceeding safe speed, no bond.

Jason Feemster, 23, Grover, driving while license revoked, \$500 secured bond.

CITATIONS

Lisa Warren, 39, 570 Winter Park Dr., expired registration plate.

Tammy Tipton, 35, 505 Rhodes Ave., expired registration plate, no driver's license.

Eric Starnes, Grover, speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Shannan Johnson, 30, 1605 Northwoods Dr., expired

registration plate.

Derrick Strickland, 22, 218 Thornburg Dr., open container.

Travis Bess, 606 Groves St., driving while license revoked.

Anthony Strickland, 218 Thornburg Dr., no driver's license; fictitious plate.

Margaret Pearson, 46, 108 N. Piedmont Ave., child restraint violation.

Iris Jimson, 29, 810-D Church St., permit vehicle to be driven by unlicensed driver.

Michael Cannova, 607 Meadowbrook Rd., expired registration plate, no insurance.

Michael Cannova, 607 Meadowbrook Rd., driving while license revoked, expired inspection sticker.

Troy Huff, 37, 984 Stoney Point Rd., driving while license revoked, no insurance.

Troy Huff, 37, 984 Stoney Point Rd., expired inspection sticker, expired registration plate.

Marvin Ezzell, 24, 803 4th St., possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana.

Miranda Byers, 24, 515 Crocker Rd., driving while license revoked, failing to stop at stop sign.

INCIDENTS

Gilbert Hamrick, 1704 Shelby Rd., reported break-in of and damage to a vehicle owned by Dallas Auto Mart, Dallas. Damaged were left side glass, an AM/FM CD player, and radio face plate, total \$325.

Bernadette Walker, 104 Afton Dr., reported break-in and larceny of cigarettes, money, Play Station 2 games, Play Station 2 memory cards, four gold rings, gold chain, and 30 VHS tapes, total value \$1,625.50.

King Food Store/Community Grocery, 320 Waco Rd., reported that someone obtained property by false pretense by stopping payment on a check.

Southern Convenience, 511 Cleveland Ave., reported larceny of gas.

WRECKS

A vehicle driven by Tina Flowers of Kings Mountain was struck by a vehicle which left the scene on Cloninger St. Damage was \$2,000.

Vehicles driven by Tommie Jackson and Billy Williams, both of Kings Mountain, struck on W. King St. at Phifer Rd. Damage to the Jackson vehicle was \$1,500 and damage to the Williams vehicle was \$1,100.

LOCAL



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD
Chaplain Mary Sisk, left, talks with Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Nancy Hoffman) in front of Harris-Teeter last week. Hoffman wore the costume for a party at her workplace, Sara Lee. She made the garment when her grandchildren were young. Sisk was ringing the bell, collecting money for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry. She serves as a chaplain for the jail and prison in Gaston County.

HERALD CLOSED

The Herald will be closed Friday for Christmas. The Herald will reopen Monday at 8 a.m.

Capps graduates basic

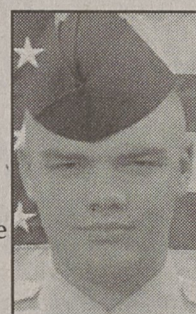
Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Matthew T. Capps has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Thomas Capps of Kings Mountain and Carmen Smith of Pisgah Forest.

Capps is a 2004 graduate of East Henderson High School, Hendersonville.



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Tanya Abdi strolled the aisles with Patrol Officers T.S. Harrelson and D.W. Coburn. Abdi, the mother of four boys, said the trip will help out. She works part-time at Mauney Library.

Shirley Payne, an admin-

istrative assistant in the detective division, and another co-worker adopted a family. Payne roamed the store looking for clothes appropriate for a girl described as a "tomboy." She tossed a remote control Dale Earnhart car into her buggy atop jeans and a turtleneck.

Det. Doug Shockley and

Carla Ellis looked at clothing for her son and two daughters. Shockley has participated for several years.

"Every year you see the need in the community," he said.

The program also helps the community relate better to the police, Shockley said. Billie Jefferies looked for gifts for her three sons. She

has health problems and has applied for disability but is still waiting for her application to be approved.

"This is a blessing from the Lord," Jefferies said. Proctor summed up the program.

"What child doesn't want to wake up Christmas morning and find something under the tree?"

HENSLEY

From 1A

ment used to typically hang on the side of the trucks.

"Now it's an integral part (of fire fighting)," he said.

Buildings now contain more plastics. Chlorine used in pools and hot tubs and the possibility of meth labs and bio-terrorism also are concerns.

Departments are smaller today too. Twenty and 30 years ago more people farmed and worked locally in mills and could respond to fire calls during the day. Now jobs often involve commuting to nearby cities.

Hensley describes the fire service as a "brotherhood." Many of his closest friends are found at Grover VFD. Departments also help each other out. Grover fire fighters often see their peers from nearby Bethlehem and Township III departments at fires because their districts are contiguous. Even out-of-district fire fighters just traveling through the area will respond to a call.

"We click on the fire scene. We work good together," Hensley said.

He admits departments will compete over which has the shiniest trucks but "when the bell goes off we put all that aside."

Grover responds to around 200 calls a year including fires, wrecks, industrial accidents and medical emergencies. They

meet every other Monday night. Each member trains on average 100 to 150 hours a year. The department also holds fund raisers for equipment and for individuals in the community. This year they raised money for Megan Bledsoe, a teen who is battling cancer.

Before working for the college, Hensley was a Cleveland County paramedic for 10 years. Between that job and fire fighting he has seen much suffering.

"You never get to where it doesn't bother you. You have this compartment you put it in," he said. "Anybody in it (emergency services) knows but it's hard to describe."

Hensley says the job is a calling.

"You feel good about helping," he said.

Hensley calls the fire fighters' spouses and children the other heroes for understanding the time fire fighters spend away from home. Hensley and his wife Carmen have three children, Lauren, Madison and Anna.

During the December 11 annual dinner Scott Morrison was named firefighter of the year and Jamie Ledbetter, rookie of the year. A new pumper/tanker was dedicated to the membership.

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BLACK

From 1A

sages she says are from Black. According to Singleton, Black began harassing Terry after she pressed charges against a friend of Black's for allegedly stealing a ring.

She and Terry traveled to Black's Lawndale home Dec. 5. Singleton said Terry was not carrying a gun and was going to defend his family. Singleton assumed the two men would fight. Singleton then heard gunfire and assumed Terry had ducked. She then realized he had

been shot.

"I had to push this. I couldn't let him die and nothing be done about it," Singleton said.

When contacted at the Cleveland County Detention Center, Black declined comment. His attorney David Teddy also declined to be interviewed. Black was jailed without bond.

"I hope he spends the rest of his life in prison," Singleton said.

However she does not want the state to seek the death penalty against Black.

"I would not wish death upon anybody," Singleton said.

FIRE

From 1A

"While we were bringing it under control we tried to do a search, because we felt like we may have a victim inside," Burns said. "We were trying to get in but there were a lot of explosions of aerosol cans and I think there might have been shotgun shells in there because something kept blowing up on us."

Burns said the victim was found in a rear bathroom.

Burns said the cause of the fire seems to be the malfunction of a kerosene heater.

"We don't know if he was attempting to re-fuel it while it was hot or something happened to the heater," Burns said. "Everything was burned so bad it was really hard to tell."

The home was totally destroyed, Burns said.

TRAIN

From 1A

was alone when the accident occurred. Humphries was dead at the scene, according to Crow. Bethlehem

Volunteer Fire Department, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and Norfolk-Southern Railroad Police also responded.

No charges have been filed against the train crew, Crow said.



The Lutheran Community invites you to join them at their Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Friday, December 24th.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain

- 9:00pm Traditional Candlelight Worship Service
- Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain**
- 4:30pm Service - Children and adults participate in the Christmas Story, candles are lit and a birthday cake is shared. This service offers an alternative for children and their families who are unable to attend the later services.
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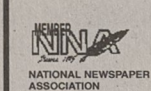
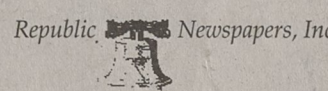
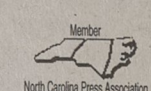
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