

## OBITUARIES

### THOMAS P. BAKER II

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Thomas P. Baker II, 51, 916 Lake Montonia Drive, died August 8, 2005 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was a native of Palm Beach County, FL. He was a cabinet maker.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Nicholson Baker of Kings Mountain; father Dr. Thomas P. Baker Sr. of Kings Mountain; mother Mary Beth Hord Baker of Kings Mountain; son Brandon Thomas Baker of Wilmington; daughter Heather Licayan and husband Darrell of Charleston, SC; brothers Dr. Bryan Baker and wife Patricia of Kings Mountain, Dr. Stephen Baker and wife Sandra of Kings Mountain, David Baker of Kings Mountain and Jonathan Baker of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Shane Doty at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### KEISHA MULL

CLOVER, SC - Keisha Lynette Dellinger Mull, 26, 1832 Faulkner Road, died July 26, 2005 at Piedmont Medical Center.

She was a native of Gaston County. She was a very loving daughter, wife, mother, granddaughter, niece, and very special to everyone who knew her. Keisha was full of life and had a smile for everyone.

She was a homemaker and a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. She was a 1997 graduate of Bessemer City High School where she was a member of the marching band.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Edward Mull of Clover, SC; son Scottie Mull Jr. of Clover, SC; daughter Aleisha Mull of Clover, SC; father Ralph "Freddie" Dellinger Jr. and wife Mira of Gastonia; mother Denise "Lynn" Gray and husband Mike of Rock Hill, SC; paternal grandparents Dick and Dorothy "Dot" Dellinger of Clover, SC; maternal grandparents Keith and Jeanette Bess of Bessemer City; and sister April Sprouse and husband Frankie of Blacksburg, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mitchell Pruitt and Richard Brown at 4 p.m. Friday, July 29 at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### ESSIE BEAM FLOWERS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Essie Beam Flowers, 81, 1021 Brookwood Drive, died August 7, 2005.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William Ira and Pearl Bookout Beam and wife of the late Arthur A. Flowers. She was also preceded in death by brothers John Beam, Sam Beam and Bill Beam, and sisters Gertrude Shaw, Julia Sanders and Sue Love.

She was a member of Temple Baptist Church and was retired from Pauline Mills.

She is survived by her son, Reggie D. Flowers of Kings Mountain, daughter Lynn Flowers of Kings Mountain, and sisters Ethel Spangler of Grover, Sarah Cason of Conyers, GA and Doris Carner of Ft. Myers, FL.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MICHELE SMITH

GROVER - Michelle Leigh Smith, 36, 113 Grier Street, died August 3, 2005 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John William Leigh. She was also predeceased by her son, Glenn Scott Smith, and her paternal grandparents, Hudson and Jettie Leigh.

She was formerly employed with Firestone Mills, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, George Scott Smith of Grover; son Jack Smith of Grover; mother and step-father, Brenda Blalock and husband Royce Blalock of Shelby; sisters, Charlotte Melinda Leigh of Phoenix, AZ, Jackie Marie Harrison of Greenville, TX, and Tammy Leigh Sarratt of Shelby; step-mother Sarah Ann Leigh of Gaffney, SC; maternal grandparents, Lela and Nelson Dixon of Kings Mountain; and step-brother, James Gowan Jr. of Shelby.

A memorial service was conducted by John Michael Bridges and Matthew Sarratt at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Michelle Smith Funeral Fund, c/o Scott Smith, P.O. Box 639, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### JOHN LINDERMAN SR.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - John Broadus Linderman, Sr., quietly passed from this life into the Father's hands on Sunday, July 31, 2005 after a protracted battle with heart disease.

At the time of his passing he was surrounded by more than thirty-five members of his family, church, and community in a celebration of his life and worship of God.

Born in Greenville County, SC on the 4th of July 1931 to Myrtle Few and Charles Dee Linderman, he was preceded in death by both parents, his only brother, Leroy Linderman, and one son, Charles Grant Linderman.

John Broadus Linderman Sr. was married to Frances Grant Linderman on November 14, 1954. They recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Together they had four children, John B. Linderman Jr, Cary, NC; Teresa Caldwell of Kings Mountain, NC; Leigh Hord of Kings Mountain, NC; and Charles Grant Linderman, deceased.

He is survived by his wife Frances Grant Linderman, his three children, daughter-in-law Celia Linderman, sons-in-law David Caldwell and Randy Hord; eight grandchildren, Rev. Carey Caldwell and wife Amanda of Zebulon, NC, Dusty Hord and wife Alisha of Kings Mountain, NC, Wesley Caldwell and Hunter Caldwell, both of Kings Mountain; Casey Hord and Amanda Hord, both of Kings Mountain, NC; Grant Linderman and Jay Linderman, both of Cary, NC; and one great-grandchild, Natalie Hord.

John B. Linderman, Sr., served 20 years in the North Carolina National Guard. He worked for A&P Tea Company for 18 years and Lance, Inc. for 16 years. He was an active member of Oak View Baptist Church. He loved riding his motorcycle with the York County Chapter of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all.

The funeral was held at Oak View Baptist Church, Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. Rev. James Billings, Rev. Carey Caldwell and John Linderman Jr. officiated.

Interment was in Oak View Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC. Memorials may be made to Oak View Baptist Church, 1517 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Arrangements were by Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

### BILLY R. DAVIS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Billy R. Davis, 65, 723 Chestnut Ridge Road, died July 28, 2005 at Cleveland Pines, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Robert and Ella Mae Rayfield Davis. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Geraldine McKinney.

He was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church and was a retired painter.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Marsh Davis of Kings Mountain; son Richard W. Davis and wife Sonja of Kings Mountain; daughters Phyllis Davis McFee and husband Keith of Bessemer City; brother Glenn Davis of Blacksburg, SC; and five grandchildren, Leah Michelle McFee, Jason Christopher McFee, Richard Alton Welsh, Arthur James Welsh, and Steven Jacob Welsh.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Richard Brown and Mitchell Pruitt at 2 p.m. Sunday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland Pines "Tree Top Solarium Fund," 1404 North Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Man found guilty in murder of Van Duesens

The accused killer of Rick and Karla Van Duesen was found guilty last week of first degree murder. Wayne Deparvine received a death sentence.

On Sept. 12 a judge will review the sentence and make a final decision. The jury voted eight to four for the death sentence.

Karla Van Duesen was the daughter of Kyle Smith of Kings Mountain and Billie Farris of Shelby.

The double murder took place in November, 2003 in Florida.

## Chamber luncheon slated

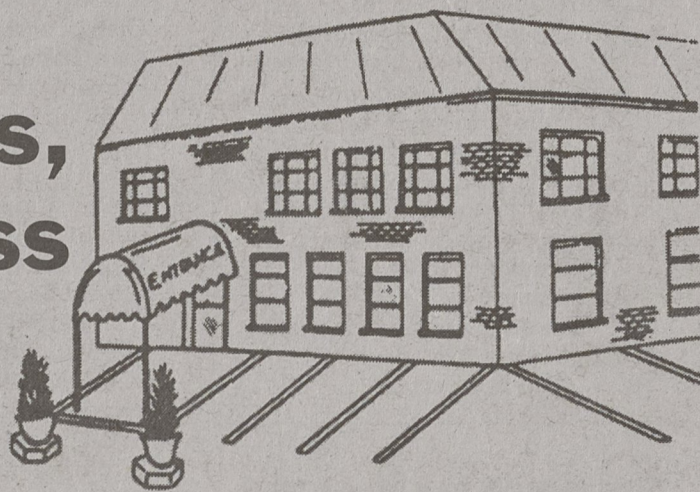
Tenth District U. S. Congressional Representative Patrick McHenry will be featured at the Chamber's annual Congressional luncheon this month. The event is scheduled for August 18 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at North Lake Country Club in Shelby.

For more information, call the Chamber at (704) 487-8521.

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Ed Durrant was working along side her. He's been in the fair business for 32 years. As a young man he would set up and operate rides.

"There are jobs for all ages," Weaver said.

Young Timothy Bolen pointed to the Ferris wheel when asked his favorite ride. He and Lance Long walked along the midway waiting for crews to finish setting up the Orient Express, carousel, Berry Go Round, Bumble Bee Bop and the Hillbilly Village.

From his perch in the



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Kings Mountain High School students Dustin Ruppe, Sarah Russell, Bubba Thomas, Eric Yarbro, Elizabeth Russell, Philip Wright, Joshua Yarbro, Brent McGinnis and Heather Rudnick enjoy Bethware Fair.

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dunking booth Josh Gibson taunted passers-by, hoping to make them mad enough to buy a chance at sinking him. Gibson's father is a member of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad which sponsored the fund raising booth.

Gibson finds the job ideal. "I like to talk junk," he said.

Six-year-old Nicholas Blanton sat on a late model John Deere tractor, pretending to steer the piece of green farm equipment. Nicholas visited the fair with his grandfather David Blanton. Kubota and New Holland tractors attracted other boys around his age.

Nikki Willober and her siblings Breanna, Aona and Stephan, along with other youngsters, amused themselves on the school's playground as they waited for the rides to start.

Inside the gymnasium turned exhibit hall, giant pumpkins and additional produce, canned goods, baskets and other crafts and antiques were on display. Businesses and non-profits like Sonlight Prison Ministries operated display booths.

The fair, which is sponsored by the Bethware Progressive Club, continues through Saturday night. Harvest Bluegrass band plays tonight; country band Peace Pipe on Friday and Ocean Boulevard on Saturday. Performances start around 8 p.m. Admission is free but the White Plains Shrine Club does charge for parking.

Contact Andie Brymer at 704-739-7496 or [abrymer@kingsmountain-herald.com](mailto:abrymer@kingsmountain-herald.com)

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