

## OBITUARIES

### MINNIE SUE HARTSOE

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Minnie Sue Mitchem Hartsoe, 72, 201 Phifer Circle, died November 14, 2005 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.



A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late James Earl and Nena Eskew Mitchem. She was wife of the late Gus Hartsoe Jr. She was also preceded in death by her brother, James Houston Mitchem.

She was a lifetime member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel Keith Hartsoe and wife Leslie of Clover, SC, and Robert Dale Hartsoe of Shelby; daughters Susan Diane Hartsoe and Sandra Elaine Hartsoe Burris, both of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. David Philbeck and Ronnie Wilson at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2005 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home, and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Macedonia Baptist Church "Debt Reduction," 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### GERT CARROLL

SUMTER, SC - Eva Gertrude "Gert" Farris Carroll, 71, wife of Henry Ray Carroll, died Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at a local nursing facility.



Born in Kings Mountain, NC, she was a daughter of the late Walter Farris and the late Essie L. Rayfield Farris. She was a member of Hickory Road Baptist Church where she served faithfully in many positions including Sunday school teacher, choir member, choir director, pianist, WMU Director and kindergarten teacher. She was retired from SAFE Federal Credit Union after 19 years of service.

Survivors besides her husband of 52 years include two sons, Edwin C. Carroll and his wife, Judy of York, and Timothy R. Carroll and his wife, Debbie of Sumter; two brothers,

Paul R. Farris and his wife, Linda and Wray D. Farris and his wife, Mary all of Kings Mountain, NC; two sisters, Gail Anderson of Winston Salem, NC and Annie A. "Mitt" Farris of Kings Mountain, NC; five grandchildren, Lynette Filyaw and her husband, Jason of New Zion, Brandon Laughlin, Bonnie Laughlin, Blake Laughlin, and Barry Laughlin all of Wichita, KS; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted Farris and Calvin Farris.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Antioch Baptist Church, Blacksburg, SC with Rev. Guy Langston and Rev. Vernon Craig officiating. Burial was in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Barry Carroll, Bobby Barnes, Bruce Scudder, Wayne Earl, Kieth Carroll and John Cook.

Honorary pallbearers were the deacons of Hickory Road Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Hickory Road Baptist Church Building Fund, 1245 Cherryvale Dr., Sumter, SC 29154, or to Hospice Care of the Tri-County, 1235 B. Wilson Hall Rd., Sumter, SC 29150.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter was in charge of the arrangements.

### H.C. WHITE

BLACKSBURG, SC - H.C. White, 89, 711 Rock House Road, died Friday, November 11, 2005 at his residence.

A native of Cobb County, GA, he was the son of the late H.D. White and Evie Gregory White. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Bell White, sons, Steven White and Roy White, and daughter, Patsy White.

He was retired from Jerry Keller Real Estate in Gastonia. He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church in Blacksburg, SC.

He is survived by his son, Richard White and wife Elaine of Blacksburg, SC; daughters Barbara Bush of Kings Mountain, Gail Moss and husband Kenneth of Kings Mountain, Charline Dover of Blacksburg, SC, and Susan Greene and husband Phillip of Grover; brother,

Arthur White of Grover; nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eric Sellers at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 13, 2005 at Eastside Baptist Church, Blacksburg, SC. Interment was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 436, Blacksburg, SC 29702.

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, was in charge of arrangements.

### TIMOTHY EFFLER

LENOIR - Timothy "Tim" Allen Effler, 40, Brookshire Road, died Sunday, November 14, 2005 at his residence.

A native of Lenoir, he was a son of Earl L. Effler, Sr. and the late Mae Reid Effler.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Earl L. and Reba Effler of Kings Mountain; one sister, Angela Murasky and husband Bruce of Lenoir; two brothers, Butch Effler and wife Becky and Bill Effler and Teresa Cole all of Lenoir; one step-sister, Kelly Gibson and step-brother, Matt Woods both of Kings Mountain; paternal grandfather, Arnold Effler of Kings Mountain and several nieces and nephews.

Other than his mother, he was preceded in death by a brother, John Paul Effler, paternal grandmother, Audrey Effler, maternal grandparents, Sam and Rosie Reid and his nephew, Stephen Effler.

The funeral was conducted 3 p.m. Wednesday at Miracle Church, officiated by Charles Webb and Timothy Suter. Burial was in Blue Ridge Memorial Park. Evans Funeral Service of Lenoir was in charge of arrangements.

## LOCAL

# Energy assistance available

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In response to expected spikes in energy costs this winter, the City of Kings Mountain held a workshop on weatherization and energy assistance.

Jean Wyte, city billing director, explained the supplemental security income program. Qualifying individuals can save 10 to 11 percent on their electric bills. To be eligible, an individual age 65 or older must have a total income of less than \$20,000. SSI disability recipients also qualify.

Applications are available at the billing department at city hall. Proof of age, typically from a driver's license or state identity card, and a bank statement or SSI disability form are required.

Recipients must reapply each year. Currently 150 to 200 people are being served through the program.

Monty Thornburg, city director of aging, explained the low income energy assistance pro-

gram. Applications are being accepted at the Patrick Senior Center and DSS through Friday. To qualify, a household of one must make less than \$878 a month; two, \$1,177; three, \$1,475. Applicants also cannot have over \$2,200 in savings, not including homes or cars.

Applicants who slightly exceed those numbers are still encouraged to apply. A one-time payment will be mailed in February.

Medicaid and food stamps recipients are eligible but they must apply.

Tim Miller of Bridges Hardware told the group that door sweeps, caulking, clear window film, insulating outlets and water heater blankets can help with heating costs. He also gave away discount coupons.

"We're glad to give any advice we can at the store," Miller said.

Fire departments are expecting more house fires this year, said Chief Frank Burns. Due to higher heating costs, people are more likely to explore alterna-

tive heating which can lead to safety problems.

Burns advised those using kerosene to read the manufacturer's directions, to raise a window slightly to allow CO2 out and to install a CO2 detector. The colorless, odorless gas can kill.

Burns said that the Kings Mountain Fire Department had already responded to one fire started by a fireplace insert. A wall at the chimney caught fire. All chimneys and fire places should be checked before using.

Smoke detectors are recommended for all homes. These are available free including installation through the fire department.

"There is no reason for anyone in Kings Mountain or the surrounding area not to have a smoke detector," Burns said.

For more information, call 704-734-0555.

For information on assistance with weatherization, contact the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission at 828-287-2281, extension 1238.



ANDIE L. BRYMER/HERALD  
Tim Miller of Bridges Hardware explains products which help with home weatherization.

## Entries sought for parades

Kings Mountain will hold its annual Christmas parade Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. Entries are being accepted. There is no fee. Horses are permitted as long as they are diapered.

The parade will be led by the Marine Corps League and the grand marshals are the Lady Mountaineers softball team, managers and coaches. The

team won the 3-A state championship.

To participate in the parade, call city events coordinator Ellis Noell at 704-734-0333.

The Grover Area Womens Club is currently accepting entries for the 2005 Grover Christmas Parade, which will be held Saturday, December 3 at 12 p.m.

## SENIOR

From 1A

Dixon said he chose the project because he wanted to help the community. He learned through a school research paper that many seniors' budgets are tight due to purchasing prescriptions.

"It's important to help people in need," Dixon said. "Don't go through life just trying to help yourself."

Thornburg said the project helps both the agency and Dixon.

"It's a good intergenerational project for us," he said.

Including people of all ages helps the senior center with its certification process.

Dixon hopes to be finished with the directory by December. He's also making a story board about the center for his senior project.

Thornburg describes Dixon as "very mature. A good worker, very mannerly."

Dixon plans to attend Gaston College before transferring to a university to study business.

His parents are Darryl and Carol Dixon.

Dixon has introduced the program to his uncle who owns W. Eric Dixon Construction and that business is now listed.

## VETERANS

From 1A

ful foreground for the parade march into the cemetery. Numerous citizens watched from the hillside as colors were presented and the Cub Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rick Murphrey and Army veteran and Post 155 American Legion member Larry Deaver spoke briefly, and then placed a wreath at Veterans Monument in honor and in memory of those who have defended the nation over the years.

"A lot of people have fought and are still fighting for our freedom," Deaver said. "This is their day."

"They all sacrificed to protect and preserve our freedom," added Mayor Murphrey. "Too many made the ultimate sacrifice, paying for our freedom with their own lives."

"These men and women coming from different backgrounds across the United States, united together under the banner of freedom, grounded in loyalty, duty honor and personal courage, put our enemies on notice that freedom runs deep in the blood of every American and were willing to let freedom flow from every corner of the world."

Murphrey reminded the crowd that U.S. soldiers continue to answer the call of freedom by fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, and gave special recognition to the local

National Guard 505th Engineering Battalion serving today in Iraq.

"Kings Mountain has always been a patriotic and grateful community that will never forget the sacrifices made by so many in order that we may enjoy our way of life today," he said.

Freedom comes at a price, Murphrey added, noting that many men and women lost their lives in battle.

"They are our heroes," he said. "We thank them, along with our local men and women, for heeding the call of duty and they have always brought honor and pride to our city. Today we stand for God and country in honor of our past and our idealistic hope for our nation's future."

Following the ceremony, veterans were honored with a special lunch at the Kings Mountain History Museum.

### Grover Lions Club to meet Thursday

Grover Lions Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Grover Town Hall.

### Grover Women's Club meets December 1

Grover Women's Club meets Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Grover Town Hall. The club meets on the first Thursday of the month.

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