

**OBITUARIES**

**KATHY PENNINGTON**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Kathy Lee Pennington, 27, 106 Timms Street, died February 12, 2006 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

She was born in Cleveland County. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Will and Mary Moore. She was a former employee of Rauch Industries, Gastonia, and Ruppe Hosieri, Kings Mountain. She was a member of Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her parents, Kenneth Pennington and Christine Moore Pennington of Grover; paternal grandparents Thaniel and Frances Strickland Pennington of Kings Mountain; daughter Haley Boheler of Kings Mountain; sisters Betty Vernon and Mary Frances Pennington of Kings Mountain; uncle Jerry Pennington of Kings Mountain; aunt Annette Norwood of Kings Mountain; and cousin Thaniel Hope of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Barry Philbeck at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2006 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Visitation was from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MARIA EDMUNDS**

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maria Villareal Edmunds, 64, 433 Alex D. Owens Road, died February 6, 2006 at her home.

She was born in Progresso, TX, daughter of the late Samuel L. and Emilia Lopez Villareal. She was retired from the NC Department of Corrections in Cleveland County. She served in the U.S. Air Force.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Boyce Edmunds of Kings Mountain; son Joseph R. Edmunds and wife Gail of Kings Mountain; daughter Debra Reedy of Orlando, FL; brother Albert Villareal of Weslaco, TX; sisters Mary Simmer and Bebe Fuentez, both of Texas; and four grandchildren.

A private service will be held.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**ALLEN**

From 1A

after the first treatment. I thought I was in better shape."

Allen won an individual state title his sophomore year and has won four individual Regional titles during his career at KMHS. He would have been in the running for the 400-free championship this year; however, he knew that would sap his strength. He decided to scratch himself from that event and focus on helping his 400 free relay teammates James Gladden, Daniel Akselrad and Travis McDaniel in their quest for a state title.

"I wanted to make the right decision for the team rather than myself," he said. "Dave Messenger (one of the KM coaches) helped me feel more confident to scratch. He felt I had a better shot in the relay and it would mean more to help three guys that were counting on me."

Kings Mountain trailed after the first leg because another team put its fastest swimmer in the pool first. But KM took the lead on the second leg and held it throughout. All four KM swimmers turned in excellent times, combining for a school record 3:20.56 to win. James Gladden's time was 49.80 seconds, followed by Daniel Akselrad at 48.69, Travis McDaniel at 53.31 and Allen at 48.76.

Allen, who swims for Messenger with the Sharks

Aquatics Club, will miss the Southeastern Sectionals next month in Tennessee, and he also misses his lifeguard duties at KMHS. While most young people are still asleep, he opens the pool every morning at 5:30 for adult swimmers like J.C. Bridges, Grady Howard and Dean Spears to get in some laps before school starts. Michael closes the pool at 7 a.m., drives to Bojangles for breakfast and is back in time for classes.

He also teaches swim lessons to young people after school and on weekends and looks forward to someday coaching a high school swim team to a state championship.

Allen says he looks at cancer as God at work in his life to show him the "big picture." He certainly has an excellent attitude, always dwelling on the positive and never questioning why it happened.

"Everybody looks at their senior year as a good time in their life," Michael said. "I see this as only a bump in the road. It's a detour and it led me and three other guys to a state championship. It was sweeter this year than it was before. Everybody stood and applauded when I finished and we won."

Michael's advice to other young people facing cancer or any other obstacle is "don't let it hold your dreams back. I wanted this to be a year that stood out by winning the state championship, but I was able to share it with somebody else. Don't let it be a negative - let it be a positive."

**BABY**

From 1A

Other Kings Mountain officers responding to the call were Ptl. Stacy Hudspeth and Sgt. Brad Bumgardner.

Adams said he would remember the experience the rest of his life.

"There's nothing like the feeling you get when you help bring a new life into the world. It is not about being a hero or going beyond the call of duty because my duty as a policeman is to protect property and to save lives," he said.

Chief Melvin Proctor, who has been with KMPD 19 years, said no other officer in his department can claim Adams' experience. "We are all trained how to react in this and any emergency and we have all transported mothers-to-be to the hospital but we've never helped in the actual delivery," he said, adding his commendations to the officer.

Adams, Kings Mountain

**KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT**

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	Feb. 8-14 Year Ago	2006
Total precipitation	.47	.38
Maximum 1 day	.39 (12th)	.17 (15th)
Year to date	1.18	1.07
Low temperature	22 (12th)	27 (10th)
High temperature	51 (10th)	66 (8th)
Avg. temperature	38.8	48.0



**Renee King Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Kings Mountain Presents the January Student of the Month Award.**

Callan Dwann has been selected as the student of the month at Hope Christian Academy for January, 2006. Callan demonstrates the virtues of excellence, positive attitude, attentiveness, hard work, and good behavior in all of her classes. She is also involved in extracurricular sports and activities including cross-country

and cheerleading. Callan demonstrates spiritual leadership by helping to lead chapel worship. She possesses a cheerful and friendly personality that is enjoyed by teachers and students alike. Based on the recommendations of all the faculty members, we are proud to present Callan with the first award of this kind at Hope Christian Academy.

**LOCAL**

**Scouts shadow city employees**

**DYLAN LLOYD**

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The Kings Mountain Boy Scouts commemorated the 96th anniversary of scouting last week by shadowing various city officials such as Fire Chief Frank Burns and Chief of Police Melvin Proctor.

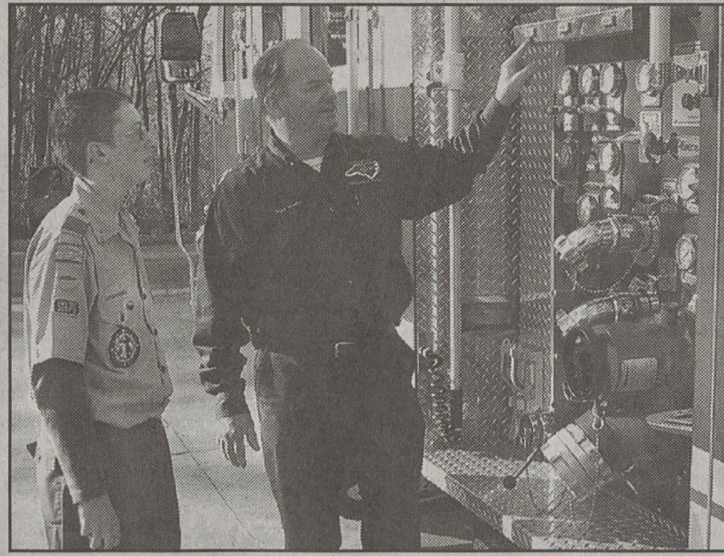
Scouting Anniversary Week highlights food drives, civic responsibility, and service projects through the collective theme of "Scouting IS Service." "The job shadowing has been going on since I was 12 and Mayor Glee Bridges was helping with the program," said local Boy Scout Commissioner Tommy King.

Scouts from troops 39, 92, 93, and 95 gathered into city hall at 9 a.m. to draw envelopes. Enclosed in the envelopes were the names of the department heads each boy would be following for the day.

Shon Sheffield, a scout explorer, was among the pack of pre-teens present for the program. Scout explorers are a co-ed group of young boys and girls following career-oriented scouting. In Sheffield's case, he is interested in law enforcement.

"In explorers they teach me how to be an officer; they probably won't pick me to go with the police chief today, you know, to make things different," said Sheffield.

The two scouts who did get



**Fire Chief Frank Burns explains the valve system to Boy Scout James Davis. The gated valves are to be turned slowly, or the hose bursts due to 400 pounds of displaced water pressure.**

the opportunity to shadow Chief Proctor were William Blackburn and Christian Mullen.

The boys were able to take a tour of the station, look at booking records and even ride in a police car. Directly down the street, another scout was receiving a crash course on fire safety.

James Davis paired up with Chief Burns as he explained the dynamics of the hoses, valves and buttons on the fire truck.

King mentioned that some scout troops had more representatives than others, based on their larger number of scouts.

The city has always actively cooperated in this event, as they try to pick around ten boys to match up with the number of civic leaders.

"We divide the number of spots around the active scout troops in town, then allow the scout masters to those who deserves to participate," said King.

The take your Boy Scout to work day lasted until 2 p.m., and even included a pizza lunch at the Patrick Center. The scouts said they had a good time.

"We are working to instill cit-

**POLICIES**

From 1A

tion or exposure of private body parts and does not include hearing, vision or scoliosis tests.

Both of the policies reflect changes mandated under the No Child Left Behind Act, which was approved by Congress in 2001.

In other business the board gave special recognition to 20 area students who received perfect scores on the reading and/or math section of the EOG's. The EOG's are the End of Grade exams which are

administered by the state.

Kings Mountain students recognized include Nicholas Bartlett, Kendall Chase, Kaylee Faile, Courtney Harris, Michael Hartsoe, Timothy Hines, Haley McDougal, Ridge Scruggs, and Brandon Stewart.

The school board also decided to auction off six surplus vehicles belonging to the county. The recommendation was made by the Cleveland County Schools Transportation Department.

The vehicles are being auctioned because of either high-mileage or engine problems. The cars soon to be up for bidding include two Crown

Victorias, three Chevrolet trucks and a Chevrolet Lumina.

The surplus cars and trucks will be available on an auction house website for government property. Anyone interested in bidding on these vehicles can go to [www.governmentdeals.com](http://www.governmentdeals.com).

**KM Middle sets parent conferences**

Kings Mountain Middle School will have teacher-parent conferences Thurs., Feb. 23 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 734-5667.

**COUNTRYSIDE**

From 1A

specifications and would include a boundary of trees and shrubs to border the properties from the existing land," said Stevens.

The Planning and Zoning Board tabled the issue until the March 13 meeting, with board members calling for more clarification regarding infrastructure and more time to resolve neighborhood issues. The plot of land, currently owned by Randy Bates, was previously owned by the late Toby Williams.

"We came out here for the quality of life, and I just think

Toby Williams would be turning in his grave right now if he saw this proposal," said Lynn Welborn of 229 Countryside Road.

In other developments, the board rejected a request from Mike Brown to rezone 402 East King Street from neighborhood business to general business. Brown is seeking to offer oil changes and other services at his shop, but board members were concerned about junk cars accumulating in the vicinity.

Brown cited that his property was diagonally across from Kentucky Fried Chicken, a restaurant that handles the amount of traffic indicative of

a general business zoning.

"I was issued the permit under neighborhood business 11 years ago, and a lot can change in 11 years," proclaimed Brown. "If this is supposed to be neighborhood business, then Kentucky Fried Chicken is operating illegally."

**HEATING**

From 1A

vidual's monthly bill. Wye said the city passes on exactly the market cost for gas, adding that the rate the city pays for gas does not include transportation costs and the monthly fee to hold space on the line. "We've seen an 88% increase over the past year in the market alone," says Wye.

Gas Supt. Mike Nicholson noted that heating bills in

December were higher because it was colder than normal and the demand for gas was higher. Usage was up. Since January temperatures have been milder he anticipates a reduction in both price and consumption.

The North Carolina Public Utilities Commission regulates natural gas providers who sell in the state.

The City of Kings Mountain has 3,783 natural gas customers.

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