

OBITUARIES

ROY SMITH

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Roy Smith, 85, 115 Cloninger Street, died December 25, 2006 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center in Shelby.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Baxter Richard and Tilitha Ann Jackson Smith. He was retired from Foote Mineral Corporation in Kings Mountain and was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Grover.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Smith of Kings Mountain; son Larry Dean Smith and wife Doris of Burlington; daughters Sandra S. Hensley and husband James of Kings Mountain, Jackie S. Curtis and husband Wayne of Ellenboro, and Rosann Hovis of Lincolnton; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Tom Patterson and Robbie Moore at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 28, 2006 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland Pines Nursing Center "Solarium Fund," 1404 N. Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150. A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT LYNN RIDDLE SR.

CHERRYVILLE - Robert Lynn Riddle Sr., 75, formerly of Sanford, died Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at Rex Healthcare, Raleigh.

He was born in Lee County, son of the late Robert Kendall and Sue Holt Riddle. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rachel Jean Currin Riddle, and by son Jeffrey B. Riddle.

He was a 1949 graduate of Deep River High School where he excelled in sports. He was a member of Brookdale Baptist Church in Siler City, and a member of the Jubilee Choir of Sanford. He was owner and operator of a Christmas tree farm in Lee County and he was an avid fisherman. He was retired from Carolina Freight in Cherryville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Andrews Riddle of Zebulon; sons Robert L. Riddle Jr. of Manson, and Kenneth Gerald "Smiley" Riddle and wife Susan of Cherryville; daughters Mary R. DeRose and husband Mike of Knightsdale and Debbie R. Shores and husband Alex of Florence, SC; step-children Ronnie Brady and wife Barbara of Knightsdale and Lisa Cockman and husband Rickey of Bear Creek; brother Roy L. Riddle and wife Annette of Trinity; sister Christine R. Pierce of Sanford; eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Randy Queen at 3 p.m. December 23, 2006 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in Lee Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Assn., 1332 N. Halsted, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60622 or to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, Suite 400, Raleigh, NC 27605-1276.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

LOUISE LOVELACE

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Louise Canipe Lovelace, 77, 818 Stoney Point Road, died December 19, 2006 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a native of Cleveland County and daughter of the late "Buck" and Bertha Morehead Canipe. She was also preceded in death by a grandchild, Jason Lovelace; and two brothers, Bill Canipe and Richard Canipe.

She was a homemaker and was retired from the Minit Grill in Kings Mountain. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain where she was a member of the Lydia Sunday School class.

She was famous for her cakes and pies and always welcomed folks for dinner. Her door was always open.

She is survived by her husband, Fred E. Lovelace of Kings Mountain; sons Mike Lovelace and wife Sondra, Ronnie Lovelace, Keith Lovelace and Terry Lovelace, all of Kings Mountain; daughter Cindy L. Houser and husband Mike of Kings Mountain; sisters Peggy Tanner of Rock Hill, SC and Frances Huntsinger of Waco; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Jim Brackett at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2006 at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church Lydia Sunday School Class, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bridges to be recognized at Commissioners meeting

J.C. Bridges of Kings Mountain, who is retiring from the Board of Cleveland County HealthCare System, will be honored at the January 2 meeting of the Cleveland County Commissioners at 6 p.m. at the County Commission Chamber in Shelby.

Doug Tysinger, who recently retired as Cleveland County Coroner, will also be recognized.

A lengthy agenda is planned.

David Ozmore, director of the Kings Mountain YMCA, will give a presentation on Cleveland County Shrink Down, a program to promote a healthy lifestyle, which will begin in January.

Commissioners will make appointments to numerous boards, including the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board.

A public hearing will be conducted for input on possible incentives for Ultra Machine & Fabrication, Inc., which is based in Kings Mountain and plans to expand to Shelby.

Jean Edner Desir joins Coldwell Banker

Jean Edner Desir has joined Coldwell Banker Horn Real Estate as Sales Associate.

A native of Haiti, Jean lived in Michigan and Connecticut before moving to North Carolina several months ago. He resides in Forest City with his wife and three children. He regularly engages in volunteer work in the community while spreading the Good News.

In Haiti he studied Business Administration for 4 years.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE REPORT

CITATIONS

Aquino Simmons, 22, Shelby Rd., driving while license revoked.

Crystal Hartsoe, 46, Grover, possession of drug paraphernalia.

April Keller, 25, Oak Grove Rd., expired registration plate, unsafe movement.

Richard Owensby, 34, Second

St., expired registration plate.

INCIDENTS

A resident of E. King St. reported larceny of old coins.

A resident of Curry Rd. reported that someone kicked a door open in his home, causing \$300 damage, and rammed his vehicle with another vehicle, causing \$700 damage.

A resident of Landing St. reported larceny of a firearm valued at \$950. A resident of East End Dr. reported that someone broke into his vehicles and stole a miter saw valued at \$500; and prescription glasses, pliers, medicine and 23 pencil erasers, value unknown.

A resident of Fulton St. reported being assaulted at school.

A resident of E. King St. reported larceny of a computer valued at \$800, a wedding band valued at \$500 and a cell phone valued at \$229.

A resident of Grover reported larceny of a Sony PSP valued at \$249.99, a game valued at \$39.92 and a game valued at \$19.92 at a home on Chestnut St.

9 GRAND From 1A

by professionals to determine whether or not the driver has a problem with alcohol or drugs. Limited driving privileges can only be restored by a judge after a DWI Assessment is complete. Assessors may also require a driver to participate in further classes or "groups" to complete rehabilitation or instructional treatments. ADETS (Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic School) is the shortest (10 hours) and

cheapest (\$75) level that can be required by the DWI Assessment. First Step Services states, "You will be required to complete all groups or classes before the NC Division of Motor Vehicles will give your license back. The groups or classes will take up to 90 days or longer if you have to miss one or two sessions."

According to NC firm Plyler Law's website (plylerlaw.com), "The Safe Drivers Incentive Program, is legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly that rewards safe driv-

ers with the lower insurance costs, but that lets insurance companies penalize drivers who are convicted of moving traffic violations or who have caused accidents with higher insurance premiums based on a points system." DWI, DUI, driving with a B.A.C. of 0.08 percent or greater and driving a commercial vehicle with 0.04 percent or greater B.A.C. carries the same point penalty as vehicular manslaughter or negligent homicide - 12 points. Although 12 may appear to be just a number it adds up to a whopping 400 percent increase

in insurance payments. For a person who normally pays \$300 every six months for car insurance that 400 percent increase will bump the bi-yearly payment to \$1,500.

Court costs, legal fees and surcharges will vary depending on each specific case. But by the end of the year over \$9,000 could be eating a whole in your pocket. If you think your wallets are empty now with Christmas spending winding down, think of how empty they will be after getting caught behind the wheel with a few drinks under your belt.

BIG YEAR From 1A

include Advance Auto Parts, Auto Zone, and Wease Development. Kings Mountain Hospital completed an expansion project, Alliance Bank announced that it would locate downtown, Frito Lay announced that it would locate a distribution center here, Ingles announced that it would probably purchase land on Business 74 west to build a supermarket, and Parker Hannifin on Canterbury Road began a major expansion.

Sub-divisions that are planned or already under construction will result in over 1,500 new homes. They include Beason Creek, Hall Crossing, Kings Crossing, Phifer Downs, Crockers Ridge and Eagle Gate.

Murphrey hopes a revitalized downtown and gateway connection to the parks will bring more business and residents to the community in '07 and beyond.

"We're very supportive of the downtown revitalization," he said. "We see buildings that are under construction and we're going to have two or three new buildings that are putting on new facades and are being redone. I think you'll see more and more interest in bringing business downtown. That's the heartbeat of your community, and as you continue to grow

downtown is very important. We continue to maintain activities downtown and that shows pride in your community.

"When industry comes to town they will look at your downtown," he added. "When they see you're working to revitalize downtown they feel like it's a caring community. They're not only wanting to bring their business here, but bring their family. Quality of life is one of the largest programs in the economic development program. It plays a very important part. We will continue in all of our special events and programs. When customers come in who want to move here, when they see downtown revitalization and beautification programs and special events, then they know this is a community they want their families to be a part of."

"We're close with the trails connecting to the parks," he added. "People today want to get out and exercise. Most of your industries are promoting more physical activity."

Other highlights of 2006:

- The city signed an energy performance contract with Siemens that will improve efficiency and reduce energy consumption over a 12-year period that will save the city \$3,152,100.
- The city entered into a partnership with the Cleveland County Health Department on a

program called Active, Healthy, Historic Kings Mountain to promote healthy eating and increased health activities.

■ The city completed engineering and permitting that will allow the dredging of Moss Lake in 2007.

■ The city opened a new electric substation on Margrace Road that will serve the southwest area of the city which is rapidly growing.

■ Overall, the city had its largest electrical growth in 20 years and added 125 new gas customers.

■ The city's new website, cityofkm.com, was completed.

■ Crime reduction was 30 percent.

■ The city was certified for the national program Keep Kings Mountain Beautiful.

■ The gas department reduced demand cost, saving the city \$122,000 per year.

Some other goals for the city for 2007 include:

- Additional lighting at the I-85/NC 161 interchange, additional light at King and Gold streets, and additional lighting at the gazebo and City Stadium.
- Repainting all light poles and traffic signals downtown.
- Beginning work on a new wholesale contract with Duke Power. The current contract expires December 31, 2008.

■ Doing repair work for the storage tanks at public works and Gaston Street, and repair on the spillway and dredging at Moss Lake.

■ Through the Moss Lake Ad Hoc Committee, work for an additional lake on Muddy Fork Creek near Moss Lake.

■ Beginning in January, create an online program called "Energy Depot," which will assist customers in reducing gas and electricity costs. The link will be on the city's website, cityofkm.com.

"I am very optimistic about 2007," Murphrey said. "I predict the city will move progressively forward and we will continue to be a low cost producer, providing excellent services for our customers at a very competitive price. We will continue to work with the state, county and economic development to secure additional jobs and bring new industry into our community. Hopefully in '07 we will have more new industry coming in. We'll be working to have new customers fill the call center and hopefully have somebody in that 500,000 square feet spec building on I-85. Several people have been looking at it."

Also, city residents will elect a mayor and seven-person City Council in November. Many rumors abound about people who will be seeking office.

SHOES

From 2A

was happy to do so. But there is no career move planned in the future. He is going to stick with his sales position at Spectrum Died Yarns. "That's enough shoes for me for a while," he joked.

Some of the councilmen who also contributed their own

money to purchase the shoes were there to help others find what they needed. Each one reaped the sweet fruit of his labors watching the impact their love and generosity had on hundreds of citizens faces.

Councilman Houston Corn said that the amount of people that turned out was incredible. With a smile stretching across his face and glimmer of joy flashing in his eyes, he appeared to be

very pleased with the amount of people he and fellow elected officials were able to help at Christmas.

The thing that stuck out in Murphrey's mind the most, he said, was seeing the joy on people's faces. "People were so thankful that we had made the shoes available to them. One family with three or four kids came through and just seeing their faces light up and the hap-

piness shown on their faces, it made it all worthwhile," he said. "We hope to do this every year." Many faces in Kings Mountain were lit up with smiles on Thursday as the need to cover and protect 4,000 feet was met.

KM special events for 2007

The following special events have been scheduled by the City of Kings Mountain for 2007:

- January:
15 - Martin Luther King observance, 6 p.m., Joy Performance Center.
- April:
6 - Easter Bunny Hop Around Town, 9 a.m., various day care centers.
7 - Annual Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., the Gazebo at Patriots Park.
20-21 - 11th annual Kings Mountain Firehouse BBQ Cookoff, 5-3 p.m., The Walking Track at Jake Early Sports Complex.
May:
28 - Memorial Day observance, 10 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Mountain Rest Cemetery.
- June:
2 - Over the Mountain Triathlon, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., John H. Moss Lake to the Gazebo at Patriots Park.
July:
4 - Fabulous 4th, 6-10 p.m., The Walking Track next to Jake Early Sports Complex and the YMCA.
21 - Beach Blast, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., The Gazebo at Patriots Park.
August:
7 - National Night Out, 6-10 p.m., The Gazebo at Patriots Park.
September:
11 - 9-11 observance, 12-1 p.m., The Plaza at City Hall.
October:
TBA - Gateway Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., downtown Kings Mountain.
(For more information, call Ellis Noell, Special Events Director, at 704-730-2103 or visit www.cityofkm.com.)

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