

## OBITUARIES

### MARVIN E. WOOD

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Marvin E. Wood, 67, 2034 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at Kings Mountain Hospital.



He was born in Kings Mountain, son of the late Leroy Wood. He was also preceded in death by son Jeffrey Wood.

He loved his family and his family loved him and he loved fishing, camping and playing the guitar. He was retired from Boston Gear, Charlotte.

He is survived by his sons, Curtis Wood and wife Tamra of Advance, NC, Brian Wood and wife Karla of Gastonia, and Mark Wood and wife Nikki of Gastonia; mother Rosa "Rose" Henderson of Kings Mountain; brothers Clarence Wood of Kings Mountain and Jimmy Wood of Dothan, AL; and grandchildren David Wood of Greensboro, Dayana Cavazos of Gastonia, Jaylynn Wood of Gastonia, Ashlyn Wood of Gastonia, and Kaylee Wood of Gastonia.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com). Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### HERBERT MCFARLAND

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Herbert A. McFarland Jr., 76, of Openview Retirement Home, Fallston, died April 23, 2007 at Openview Retirement Home.

He was born in Cleveland County. He was the son of the late Herbert A. McFarland Sr. and Ella McFarland. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Bledsole McFarland, son Roger Carl McFarland Sr., and sister Mary Sue McFarland.

He was a member of New Camp Creek Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, where he served as deacon. He was retired from Lithium Corporation, Bessemer City. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Fortenberry McFarland of Grover; daughter Teresa Henderson and husband Joseph Rex of Kings Mountain; sister Janie Lou Ware of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Stroup at New Camp Creek Baptist Church cemetery on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 3 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Teresa Henderson, 521 Mary's Grove Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 to help with funeral expenses.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com). Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### JEANNE SOMMERS MANER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jeanne Sommers Maner, 78, 616 Hillside Drive, died May 1, 2007 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was born in Mecklenburg County. She was the daughter of the late Goodloe G. and Elizabeth Scharf Sommers.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served as Elder, Deacon, and member of the choir. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the PEO. She graduated from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bobby F. Maner of Kings Mountain; sons Robert S. Maner and wife Susan of Kings Mountain and Frank G. Maner of Kings Mountain; daughter Sarah M. Lawrence and husband Alan of High Point; grandson Joseph M. Maner; and sister Mary Neisler and husband Charles A. of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Lee Thomas at 11 a.m. Friday, May 4, 2007 at Mountain Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2007, at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Children's Home of Cleveland County, P.O. Box 2053, Shelby, NC 28151.

A guest register is available at [www.harrisfunerals.com](http://www.harrisfunerals.com). Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### NELL PARKER

BLOOMINGTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY, TN - Nell Stepp Parker, 13021 Martin Creek Road, formerly of Kings Mountain, died April 25, 2007 at her home.

A graveside service was held Saturday, April 28 at the Jones Family Cemetery in Hendersonville, NC.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Parker was preceded in death by her mother, Hattie Belle Jones Stepp; and husband, Donald Lee Parker.

She is survived by two sons, Donald Lee Parker Jr. of Dallas, TX and James "Punch" Parker and wife Lisa Halfacre Parker of Bloomington Springs Community, TN; sister Louise Henderson of Hendersonville; grandchildren Donald Lee Parker III and wife Paula of Knoxville, TN; Debra Jean Carmini of Dallas, TX, Kristopher Cayce Parker of Garber, OK, Stormy McDowell of Oklahoma City, OK; great grandchildren Donald Lee Parker IV and wife Samantha, Jessica Parker, Kylie and Kellyn Carmini; and great great grandson Donald Lee Parker V.

## KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	Apr. 25-May 1	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.36	.40
Maximum 1 day	.36 (29th)	.20 (26th, 27)
Month of April	4.22	2.10
Year to date	14.64	9.17
Low temperature	52 (27th) 46 (27th)	
High temperature	89 (1st)	86 (22nd)

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# Stamps going to 41 cents May 14

### EMILY WEAVER

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It's about time to put your two cents in. The price of U.S. postage stamps is going up two cents from 39 to 41 cents on May 14, to help keep up with the rate of inflation.

There are several new changes in store at the post office this Spring. But perhaps the biggest one of all is a "Forever Stamp."

The "Forever Stamp" will cost the customer the exact amount as a regular stamp, in this case 41 cents for a single one and \$8.20 for a booklet of 20. The "Forever Stamp" will be good forever, or at least as long as you hold on to them.

Postmaster of the United States Post Office in Grover Morris Page said that if the price of stamps increases in the future and a mailer still has a "Forever Stamp" (FS) previously pur-

chased at 41 cents, they can still use it to mail their First-Class one-ounce letters without having to buy new stamps. When the person runs out of "Forever Stamps," however, he or she will have to pay the current price for more stamps, either forevers or regulars, Page said. The FS is planned to keep the same design and image and no sales limitations are currently planned on them.

The special stamps went on sale April 12 and can be used before May 14, but will result in overpayments. Page said that he currently does not have any single "Forever Stamps" on sale, but does have them in booklets and in rolls. Although one-cent and two-cent stamps will not be needed alongside a "Forever Stamp," they still may be used with regular postage. Page said that mailers can still use two-cent stamps with their 39 cent

stamps to cover the new cost of postage. He added that they have stocked up on the two-centers just for that occasion. As always, one-cent, two-cent and other cent stamps can still be used to mail a letter at the new cost. They will not be turned away.

The cost of mailing a First-Class one-ounce letter will be 41 cents; weights of up to two-ounces - 58 cents; weights up to three-ounces - 75 cents; weights up to 3.5-ounces - 92 cents; and weights over 3.5-ounces will be priced on a flat-size rate scale. Double or single-sided post cards will be mailed for 26 cents.

All other sizes and rates are available on-line at [www.usps.com/ratecase](http://www.usps.com/ratecase), under DMM, Appendix, and Rates and Fees.

But with the price increases, the postal service will be offering additional services to their cus-

tomers. Effective May 1, 2007, mailers are allowed to use Intelligent Mail barcodes on automation-rate First-Class Mail, Periodicals, Standard Mail, and Bound Printed Matter flat-size mailpieces for rate eligibility. Mailers in this category may also participate in a Confirm Service, letting them know when their packages arrive.

Page explained that the United States Postal Service is somewhat of a "quasi government" led by a board of governors and controlled by the government, but each post office is also an individual organization not financially supported by the government. The raise is just to keep up with the times, he said.

"We don't get anything from the government. We are self-sufficient just like any other business and a lot of people don't know that."

## TRUCK

From 1A

to contain and annihilate the threat.

Grover RVFD Chief Gary Burris said that they handled traffic control rerouting the motorists to avoid further complications and dangers. The alternate route led motorists up Battleground Road to Grover Road and then down Dixon School Road to the next exit onto I-85.

Other firemen dammed up the

ditch to keep the diesel fuel from running into the creek and to keep it from leaking any further away from the scene.

HEPCO environmental cleanup specialists out of Charlotte cleaned up the spill. KMFDF Chief Frank Burns said HEPCO used a vacuum pump to extract the liquid out of the vehicle. "They had to drill holes in the side of the tanker and pump the liquid out before they could (set the tanker upright)," he said.

Burns added that it was good the tanker was carrying diesel fuel instead of gasoline. "If it

were carrying gasoline it would have been a whole different story." He added that diesel is a little bit easier on the environment than gasoline.

"With gasoline the vapors spread so much and it is so volatile. It will burn real quick where diesel fuel doesn't," he said. Petrodiesel does not produce the high amount of combustible vapors that gasoline produces.

"We got it all cleared up about 4 o'clock in the morning," Burns said. "It could have been a lot worse but fortunately everything

worked out for the better."

Howell said that the driver sustained minor injuries and no other vehicles were involved in the wreck. He estimated the tanker's damage to be around \$25,000. Davis was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Howell urges motorists to avoid using a cell phone while driving, especially down the interstate. "I see it more and more every day, accidents happening when people are talking on their cell phones," he said.

## OAK GROVE

From 1A

of the most dangerous intersections I know of," he added as the room erupted in applause.

"I hate to see communities become splintered," said Vice Chairman Eddie Holbrook. "Is

there not some way a community can be united and move forward in a progressive manner?"

The board voted to table the issue and sent it back to the planning board for further study. Commissioners will make a decision on the issue when they hear back from the planning board. They also decided not to hold

another public hearing on the matter, which produced many groans, whimpers and complaints of "that's not fair."

But Chairwoman Mary Accor said that just because they won't be holding another public hearing doesn't mean they no longer care what the community has to say. She invited them to call her

or send her an e-mail to speak their piece and told them that commissioners will be visiting the community to discuss the matter with them personally.

Also at the meeting, Chris-Craft industrial revenue bonds were unanimously approved.

## SAVE

From 1A

to help keep them out," Lynch said.

Her mother Michelle Lynch was also there on Thursday working. She donated the pots for planting and Principal Stephen Fisher said the school would help cover the expenses. The club has planted a tiger lily, hostas, snap dragons and other annuals which should return with full bloom every year. The potted plants will probably have to be replaced every year, furthering the challenge to S.A.V.E. members to come. "We hope for future members to carry on this new goal," Lynch said.

A wire mesh stretches across the top of the small courtyard whispering hints of its glory days. The president said that the enclosure used to be a bird sanc-

tuary, filled with the happy chirps and trills of KMMS' feathered friends. But the birds don't sing here anymore.

"We think a snake got in and killed them all," Miller said. Although the alleged snake destroyed the garden's song, he left a witness who has yet to talk - a goldfish in the pond. In homage to the survivor they plan to clean up his watery home that is filled with algae and muck. They also plan to replace the pump so that a stream of water can once again flow down the rocky staircase to his habitat.

S.A.V.E. also wants to bring in a picnic table or sitting chairs where the cafeteria ladies can relax and eat. Miller said that they have to eat lunch early before they feed the students and often come out to the courtyard to do so. We want to make it nice for everyone to enjoy, Lynch said.

A few bird feeders are also on the list of things to do. There is no word yet if birds will be able to return. Of course there is more shearing to be done and those pesky weeds to eradicate, but the courtyard is quickly becoming the school's most peaceful secret garden.

The S.A.V.E. club has also sponsored spirit week at KMMS, like ones held at the high school.

They started it last year and this October they had another one with a Twin Day, Tacky Day, Sports Fan Day, Hat Day and Patriot Day (wearing their school colors). With money raised during Hat Day the club was able to provide a Thanksgiving meal to a local family. Before Christmas they set up an angel tree for needy children.

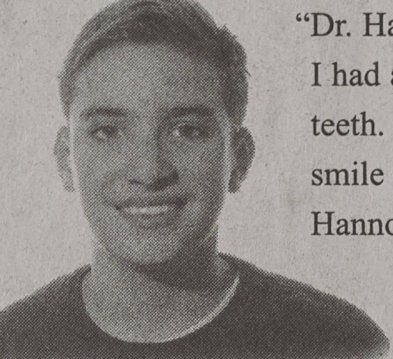
## Youth Explosion Saturday at Burning Bush House of God

Burning Bush House of God, 310 Long Branch Rd., Kings Mountain, will host Youth Explosion 2007 at 6 pm Saturday. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Wave," a youth band from Restoration Church of God

in Ranlo, will be performing. Drama, skits, music, comedy and door prizes will also fill the evening. Personal youth testimonies will be given by numerous people.

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