

OBITUARIES

ANN ENGLISH CLARK

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ann English Clark, 64, 239 Jim Patterson Road, died May 22, 2007 at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

She was born in Greenville, SC. She was the daughter of the late Ira and Inez Smith English. She was retired from the printing industry.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Clark of Kings Mountain; daughter Tina Loftin and husband Andy of Kings Mountain; sister Sandra English of Shelby; grandchildren Drew Loftin and Megan Loftin, both of Kings Mountain; niece Tia Beaver and husband Chris of Fallston; nephew Kevin Ramey and wife Tonya of Kings Mountain; and special friends Rhonda Waddell of Grover and Vicky Hope of Shelby.

The funeral was held Friday, May 25, 2007 at 1 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. A graveside service followed at 2 p.m. at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Fallston.

A guest register is available at www.harrisfunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT 'BOB' GOFORTH

SHELBY - Robert "Bob" Hall Goforth, 78, of McBrayer Springs Rd., died Thursday, May 24, 2007 at V. A. Medical Center in Asheville. Born in Cleveland County on September 13, 1928, Bob was the son of Rufus Hall and Georgia Barber Goforth of Kings Mountain and husband of the late Frances Carroll Goforth.

Bob served in the U. S. Navy following World War II on the USS Randolph and USS Coral Sea. He was a faithful member in his earlier years of First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain serving as a deacon, and elder and a Sunday School worker. In later years, upon moving to Shelby, Bob served First Baptist Church as a deacon and usher. He also volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was a member of the Shelby Rotary Club and Kings Mountain Jaycees.

Bob worked for Shelby Supply Company and retired from Dixie Industrial Corporation as a salesman.

Bob loved to spend time with his family, and enjoyed all of his grandchildren.

He is survived by three sons and their wives: Blake and Pam Goforth of Shelby, the Reverend Donald and Sharon Goforth of St. Pauls, NC, and the Reverend Richard and Darlene Goforth of Watertown, NY. His six grandchildren are Blake Jr., Sallie, Amanda, Richard Jr., Michael, and Robert Goforth.

He is survived by two brothers and their wives, and one sister and her husband, William "Bud" and Ruth Goforth of Albemarle, Raymond "Whistle" and Winnie Goforth of Surfside Beach, SC, and Elaine and John Clack of Niceville, FL; surviving brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law are Shirley and Hollis Wright of Charlotte, Pauline Carroll of Charlotte, and Walter Ham of Charlotte. There are 42 nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held Sunday, May 27, 2007 at 3 p.m. at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Tony Tench officiated.

Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. A guest registry is available at www.cecilmburtonfuneralhome.com.

BONNIE YATES BLANTON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bonnie Yates Blanton, 92, a resident of Summit Place, died May 23, 2007 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland County. She was the daughter of the late William Zuri and Frances Bennett Yates and was the wife of the late Charles DeWitt Blanton Sr. She was also preceded in death by her son, Captain James C. Blanton, and daughters Sybil Stringfellow and Rebecca Earley.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran

Church. She was a retired textile employee.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Charles DeWitt Blanton Jr. and wife Brenda of Athens, GA; daughter-in-law Ann Blanton of Alexandria, VA; son-in-law Bob Stringfellow of Kings Mountain; and 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bill Jeffcoat at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26, 2007 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

LUCILLE DIXON SELLERS

SHELBY - Lucille Dixon Calhoun Sellers, 98, died Sunday, May 28, 2007 at Century Care of Shelby.

She was born in Cleveland County. She was the daughter of the late Robert B. and Frances Watterson Dixon. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Lee Herbert Calhoun, and her second husband, George P. Sellers; and nine brothers and sisters, Grady Dixon, Ira Dixon, Hill Dixon, Kelly Dixon, Sara D. Howell, Annie D. Blackburn, Mylie D. Huffstetler, Cora D. Sipes and Lee Dixon.

She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and a former member of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain. She worked in retail sales and as a seamstress. She loved to travel. For many years, she enjoyed being historian for the Dixon family.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Sonya and Jim Burke of Dayton, OH, Nancy and Bobby Green and Myra and Jim Farris of Shelby; eight grandchildren, Jim Burke Jr. and wife Susan of Bethesda, MD, Alan Wade Burke and wife Audrey of Colorado Springs, CO, John Eric Burke and wife Aileen of Kansas City, MO, and Patrick Calhoun Burke and wife Shanon of San Antonio, TX, Chris Green and wife Amy, Lisa Saxon and husband Tim, Richard Wynnberry and LeeAnn Galloway and husband Kevin, all of Shelby; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the staff of Century Care of Shelby for the love and concern shown to her while she was there.

A memorial service was conducted by Dr. Robert Canoy at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church Building Fund, 1165 Wyke road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home is serving the family. A guest registry is available at www.cecilmburtonfuneralhome.com.

LUCY NEIL WILSON

MONROE - Lucy Neil Wilson, 57, a resident of Rehab and Nursing Center, 1212 Sunset Drive, died May 26, 2007 at Carolinas Medical Center, Monroe.

She was born in Union County. She was the daughter of the late Russell Jacob Ashley and Nettie Little Ashley. She was also preceded in death by grandchild, Cierra Nicole Wilson.

She attended worship services at Rehab Nursing Center, Monroe. She had a great love for singing and she was a very kind-hearted person who never met a stranger. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Cindy Coleman and husband Michael of Kings Mountain, and Tammy Wilson of Kings Mountain; brothers David Ashley and Glenn Ashley; sisters Linda Broome of Lugoff, SC and Cybil Bell of Rock Hill, SC; and grandchild Michael Coleman Jr.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bob Hope at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at Midview Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rehab and Nursing Center, Activities Department, 1212 Sunset Drive, Monroe, NC 28112.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



LOCAL

State of city discussed over breakfast Tuesday

EMILY WEAVER

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The state of the city, schools, and county was addressed Tuesday morning over breakfast at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center.

Cleveland County Schools Chairman Dr. George Litton pointed out:

✓ "After three years since we've been merged the central office is operating now with about 70 percent of the people that it had at the time of merger. It's been reduced 30 percent," he said.

✓ KMHS' new Career and Technical Education building on Phifer Road.

✓ CCS is the 23rd largest school system in North Carolina and the largest employer in Cleveland County with approximately 2,500 full and part time employees.

✓ CCS is trying to change the election cycle of school board members. Bills that are currently in the General Assembly, if ratified, will change the election cycle from 6 voted in/3 voted in to 5 voted in/4 voted in. The board member who receives the sixth lowest number of votes will serve a two-year term and join the other three in running for a four-year term in 2009.

✓ CCS was recently ranked number one in the state for per capita giving to the United Way.

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Boyles shared the district's strategic planning process, which includes six committees: Globally Competitive Students, focused on students achieving; 21st Century Professionals, Quality Teachers, Administrators and Staff;



Supt. Bruce Boyles talks about Cleveland County Schools.

Healthy, Responsible Students and Safe, Orderly, Caring Schools; 21st Century Systems and Efficient Operations; Innovative Leadership with strong family community and business support; and Facilities. The committees will help shape the future of CCS, he said.

Mayor Rick Murphrey addressed:

✓ The city's proposed 2007-08 budget, which includes no tax increases, but there is a rise in electricity rates.

✓ Kings Mountain's new website has a link to help citizens calculate their electricity use and find ways to save.

✓ The city is working to secure an additional water supply and to have an additional water line in place by 2011.

✓ The city will be dredging the upper end of Cleveland County this year.

✓ They will be working on putting new lighting in the old City Stadium and additional lighting along Hwy. 161 and King Street.

✓ The customer base has

increased 4-5 percent and the crime rate has dropped about 42.5 percent through neighborhood watch programs.

✓ Several new industries have decided to call KM home, including Ingles, Indian Motorcycle, Chris'Craft, TelerX, Kitchen Ventilation Systems, Lukjan and the headquarters of Parker Hannifan.

✓ Also coming to town this weekend are delegates from KM's sister city Stei, Romania.

Cleveland County Commission Chairwoman Mary Accor gave the state of the county:

✓ The 2007-08 county budget includes no tax increases. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the next commission meeting on Tuesday, June 5.

✓ They helped broker and develop incentive strategies for economic development projects for: Ultra Machine & Fabrication, Duke Energy Company, several industrial sites in western Cleveland County, grants for a boat lift at Moss Lake, and grants for road projects.

✓ The county completed three 400-foot towers for digital communication systems and negotiated a lease agreement for a fourth tower in Polkville.

✓ The commission worked with the board of elections to purchase all new voting equipment at no cost to the county.

✓ Two bills are currently in the General Assembly to help with the Medicaid burden. One will provide temporary relief and the other permanent relief. She said that they are hoping the permanent relief bill will pass into law soon.

TRIATHLON

From 1A

bikes and helmets.

The bike route winds through the South Carolina State and National Military parks into the heart of downtown Kings Mountain. Just like last year, a good portion of the bike trail will follow Kings Mountain Boulevard. It ends up at the second transition station on

Railroad Avenue.

The second transition station may mark the end of the race for AquaBike competitors, just competing in the first two phases of the race. But for other athletes, it's just another bump in the road. Here, they will park their bikes, slip on their running shoes and attempt to conquer the last leg of the race. The foot race course leads the runners down Gold Street and then down

Phifer Road, just past the high school. The athletes will then turn around and follow the course back to the start for a second and final lap. The finish line awaits the weary champs at Patriot's Park.

Water stations and aid stations will be set up at various points along the challenging journey.

Awards will be given to the fastest three male and female competitors in each category.

VISITING

From 1A

of city facilities. Tuesday night they are set to enjoy their last evening with a barrel race at the Triple H ranch. The delegates are scheduled to return home to KM's sister city on Wednesday morning.

Visiting delegates include:

Mayor Ioan Lucaciu, Deputy Mayor Mihai Harn, Police Chief Remus Daniel Indrei, Police Officer Ioan Popa, Pastor Ioan Adrian Gruie, Businessman Alin Daniel Sere, Doctor Daciana

Diana Baic, Orthodox Church Council Member Ioan Mortan, and City Hall Maintenance Department Director Ioan Plastin.

Senior health fair slated Friday at Patrick Center

The annual Health Care Fair for senior adults 55 and older will be held at the Patrick Center on Friday, June 1 from 8-11 a.m.

There will be screenings for blood pressure, height/weight, urinalysis, anemia/diabetes, hearing/balance, vision/glaucoma, nurse counseling, and SMA 19 blood panel will be available.

A new screening of bone density will be offered this year.

For more information call the Patrick Center at 704-734-0447.

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Notice of Public Hearing CDBG ED Program Sewer Line - Ingles Project

The Kings Mountain City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday June 11, 2007 beginning at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the City Hall. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, especially through Economic Development program. These funds are generally available to assist new or expanding businesses with infrastructure improvements that result in the creation or retention of qualifying jobs.

CDBG funds are provided to the state by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They are administered at the state level by the NC Department of Commerce through the Division of Community Assistance and the Commerce Finance Center.

The City is considering requesting approximately \$140,000 for the purpose of installing 2,000 lineal feet of 8" collector sewer to facilitate the development of property for an Ingles retail store. The project would result in the creation of a least 14 jobs, 60 percent of which would be filled by persons from low and moderate income families. The probable project site is at the intersection of US 74 Business (Shelby Road) and Enterprise Drive.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Persons with disabilities who need assistance in order to attend or participate in this meeting should contact the City Hall at least 24 hours before the meeting, so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

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