

## OBITUARIES

### SYBLE ARLENE SPROUSE MARTIN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Syble Arlene Sprouse Martin, 70, 2058 Bethlehem Road, died May 30, 2007 at her residence.

A native of Gaffney, SC, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Sprouse and the late Ruth Byars Sprouse and wife of the late Herbert Loy Martin. She was also preceded in death by son Kenneth Loy Martin, grandchild Jamie Carl Bowen, brothers Billy Joe Sprouse and Kenneth Edwin Sprouse, and sisters Carolyn Virginia Turner and Thelma Sprouse Taylor.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by sons Terry Wayne Martin and Tony Lee Martin, both of Gaffney, SC; daughters Joy Martin Vandyke of Kings Mountain, Sonja Martin Thornburg of Gaffney, SC, Debbie Williams of Gaffney, SC, Anita Pennington of Gaffney, SC, and Kim Martin Bowen of Kings Mountain; sisters Norma Jean Childers of Gaffney, SC and Sherry Ann Walker of Shelby; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Paul Bowen and Billy Bowen at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eastside Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Billy Lee Sprouse, Josh Foster, Crayton Bo Foster, Eric Dye and Charles Peterson.

Gordon Mortuary, Blacksburg, SC, was in charge of arrangements.

### JACK G. 'HAP' WHETSTINE SR.

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC - Jack G. "Hap" Whetstine, 85, died Saturday, June 2, 2007 at Seacoast Medical Center.

Born on July 15, 1921 in Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Victor and Willie Adams Whetstine.

He was a US Army D-Day veteran and was with the 11th Infantry 29th Division landing on Normandy at Omaha Beach. He played minor league baseball in Shelby. He was a member of King of Glory Lutheran Church, an avid fisherman and a Jack of All Trades. His nickname "Hap" was because he was always happy. He spent Thanksgiving Day 2001 in Bosnia with our military troops. Hap leaves behind his favorite Grand Doggies, Neptune, Lucky, Star, Sammy and Crissy.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy McGinnis Whetstine; one son, Jack G. Whetstine Jr. (Sheena) of Vienna, VA; one daughter, Joyce Fedrick (Jess) of Douglasville, GA; one brother, Clyde Whetstine, and one sister, Nell Bridges, both of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren, Kellie Langin, Brandon Fedrick and Dustin Fedrick.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at King of Glory Lutheran Church. Burial with military honors was at 2 p.m. at Southeastern Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to King of Glory Lutheran Church, 805 11th Avenue North, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582.

Lee Funeral Home & Crematory of Little River/North Myrtle Beach is serving the family.

## KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	May 30-June 5	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.50	1.34
Maximum 1 day	.33 (2nd)	1.10 (2nd)
Month of May	2.35	2.06
Year to date	16.99	11.23
Low temperature	63 (30th)	51 (3rd)
High temperature	92 (31st)	92 (30th)
Avg. temperature	75.3	73.4

## FIRE

From 1A

and so hard to get because it is so dry. So it's a bad loss," she said. "I don't know what we're going to do. Our hay bailer burned up and the chemicals and corn that we plant and calf feed, everything was all destroyed."

Her grandfather tried to go back in and save his lawnmower but she kept him out. "I thought I was going to have to football tackle him," she laughed. "He really wanted his lawnmower."

Oak Grove, Waco, and Cleveland volunteer fire departments responded quickly to the scene. The fully-involved fire

took them 12 hours to fully-extinguish as they and others in the community rushed to the Bell's aid. Red Cross came to assist, bringing breakfast and plenty of water.

"My uncle got second degree burns pulling baby calves out. Three of them didn't make it," she said. "His hands have blisters all over them where he was trying to pull them out."

The family's loss is compounded by the fact that their barn and equipment was not insured. They are also left in desperate need of hay to keep their remaining 300 dairy cows alive through the winter.

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## LOCAL

# City Council to meet Monday

### EMILY WEAVER

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Kings Mountain City Council will hold a public hearing on pursuing a Community Development Block Grant for a sewer line for the new Ingles Market on Shelby Road at a special meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Following the hearing, Council will vote on adopting a resolution to submit an application for the funds.

Also, Council will be asked to approve an amendment of \$93,452 of additional funds for the Marine Travel Hoist at Moss Lake, and adopt a resolution of support for the Clean Water Act of 2007.

At last week's meeting, Council set a date of July 31, 2007 for two public hearings, one for a request of annexation from RARB Properties, LLC, and the other a request of annexation from Moore's Market & Grill, LLC.

LLC.

Owners Robert Arey, Jr. and Robert Burns (RARB Properties) petitioned the city for voluntary annexation to their property located at 2120 Shelby Road. In a letter they sent to the city council, they said, "One Stop Food Stores operates a convenience store on the property and has been in operation since February 1999. We believe the increased police and fire protection from annexation will help increase the safety and security of our employees and our business. We also believe, with the recent annexation of the property across the street, for Ingle's Corporation, our business will be at a competitive disadvantage without annexation."

NC Rep. Tim Moore and wife, Julie, are also requesting voluntary annexation for their Moore's Market & Grill, LLC, property at 102 Goforth Road for police and fire protection. "We are in des-

perate need of the increased police and emergency protections due to some recent incidents in our community and the greater Cleveland County area," they wrote in their letter. They said that they have had to wait in excess of twenty to thirty minutes for assistance from the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and since their property is closer to KM police and fire departments response times would be much shorter.

The Moores also stated that they have several plans for future growth to their property, including a possible laundromat, expansion of the restaurant, and expansion of their produce and viticulture sales. "We have reached a tentative agreement with Killdeer Farms...where we would expand our produce sales and carry even more locally grown produce," they wrote.

Planning Director Steve Killian said both parcels of land set for

public hearings are "already served with public water and public sewer."

Another public hearing was set for June 26, 2007, regarding a rezoning request from Larry and Bernice Chappell to change their property at 303 S. Battleground Avenue from General Business to Residential R-10.

A public hearing was held during the meeting for a rezoning request to properties located at 210 Yarbrow Road. Robert Burdette requested that his property be rezoned from Residential R-10 to Residential R-20 so that his daughter, Jacqueline Deaton, who has been taking care of him and his wife, be closer to home.

There were some concerns of a mobile home park, but Deaton told the board that she plans to put in a brand new mobile home, not a trailer or a park and just wants to be closer to her parents. The council approved the zoning amendment.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Raymond Gregory was a hero

To the editor:

In the May 24th Herald, you carried the obituaries of three veterans. There was also a letter detailing the service and courage of Nelson Roper. Adjacent to the letter was the obituary of Raymond Gregory.

When my family moved to Kings Mountain in 1946, my uncle told my dad about a Sgt. Gregory who had served with

him in Italy during the war. My uncle, Rev. Henry Pressly, was the regimental chaplain for the 350th regiment of the 88th division (the Blue Devils). I only heard him talk of the war that one time when he told my dad that Sgt. Gregory was one of the bravest men he had ever seen, and recalled once when they were on the top of a mountain and out of ammunition, Sgt.

Gregory led the men to roll boulders down on the Germans to prevent them from capturing his unit. This was in the heavy fighting that this regiment was involved in during the winter of 1944-45, possibly during the fight for Mt. Battaglia, or other strategic high ground during that campaign.

I never met Raymond Gregory, although I wish I had. If he was

like my uncle, and spoke little about his service, I wanted those who knew him to know what one of the silver stars was undoubtedly awarded for and of the high regard that his fellow soldiers had for him.

James A. Pressly  
Charlotte

# Bell family grateful for support during fire

To the editor:

On behalf of G.W. Bell and Sons Dairy Farm and the Bell family, we want to extend our thanks to the following organizations:

Oak Grove Fire Department, Waco Fire Department, Cleveland Fire Department, American Red Cross, EMS and to all friends and family that offered their help and support during the barn fire of June 4th at the Dairy.

We suffered a great loss, but it means so much to us to know

that there are people out there willing to extend their time and help when things are bad.

Thank you to the fire departments for arriving at 2 a.m. and fighting fire for 12 hours straight. Thank you to the American Red Cross for your support to everyone and for supplying breakfast and lunch and plenty to drink. Thank you to the EMS for arriving and sticking around in case of emergency. Thanks to Trip Goforth for your time spent driving a tractor for hours shoveling the burning hay out of the barn,

and to everyone else for your support. We are truly grateful.

Sincerely,  
G.W. Bell and Sons Dairy Farm  
and the Bell Family.

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