

Obituaries

Frank Gladden
 SPRINGFIELD, VA. - Charles Frank Gladden, 91, died Feb. 3, 2009.

Born and raised in Kings Mountain, where he graduated from the old Central School, he joined the Armed Forces. A veteran of World War II, he fought at the Battle of the Bulge earning a Bronze medal for his service to his country.

An avid Redskin fan, he loved to sing and dance. He and his wife, June Dean Gladden, would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Feb. 9.

Surviving are his wife of the home; his oldest daughter and namesake, Frankie J. Gladden of Kings Mountain; his daughter, Debbie Maroney and husband Alan of Woodbridge, Va.; his son, Dean Gladden and wife, JoAnne of Ashburn, Va.; his grandchildren Bryon White and wife Susan of Kings Mountain, Mary Anne Wilson and husband Steve of Gastonia; Brandon White and wife Amanda of Kings Mountain; Richard and Katy Maroney, Drew and Kevin Gladden, all of Woodbridge, Va., and Jacob and Jeremy Gladden of Ashburn, Va.; his angels: great-grandchildren Mary Arista Barrett of Gastonia, Colton White of Kings Mountain, Austin White of Dallas, and Logan Renee White of Kings Mountain, all of whom called him 'Pop.'

Frank loved to play baseball as a young man on the old Cora Mill ball field and oh how he loved his 'Pepsi.'

Funeral rites with full military honors were held Feb. 5, 2009 in Springfield. He will be missed by his

family but now he is safe in the arms of our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Frankie would like to thank her many friends and loved ones who helped and prayed for her and her family during their time of grief.

Jean Pahl

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jean Ellen Pahl, 79, of White Oak Manor, mother of Jean Ellen Jones and granddaughter of Jennifer Jones Chandler, both of Kings Mountain, died Feb. 7, 2009 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The funeral was held Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Widow of Warren W. Pahl of Sevierville, Tn., she retired at age 57 from General Motors in Lockport, NY after 25 years and traveled with her husband to every state in the US via R. V. Cooking was the way she told you she loved you. Two step-sons also survive.

Johnny Smith

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Everette Harvey "Johnny" Smith, 70, of 1300 Northwoods Dr., died Feb. 10, 2009 at home.

He was retired after 26 years with Lithium Corporation of America, a veteran of US Army service, a taxidermist who loved hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Shirley Ogle Smith; three sons, one brother, one sister, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The memorial service was held Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Four arrested in robbery attempt



Don Hopper Jr.



Clifton Gordon

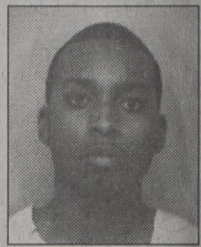
Four young people were arrested after an attempted robbery of the Food Lion Store, 1523 S. Lafayette Street, in Shelby Feb. 11.

Shelby Police said that two store employees encountered the suspects just outside the store but were able to run back inside and lock the door to the business where they called police.

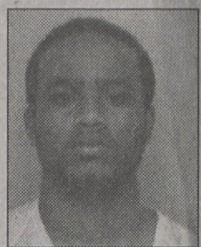
Shelby Police officers located the suspect vehicle on E. Dixon Boulevard. Detectives continued the investigation which resulted in four being charged in the incident. A 9mm handgun with altered serial numbers was also recovered from the vehicle.

Clifton Lemarr Gordon, 19, of 837 Logan St., Shelby, was charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, altering the serial numbers on a firearm and failure to comply. He was placed in the Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center under a \$100,431.00 secured bond.

Brian Lavonte Byrd, 19, of 9915 Wild Dogwood Court, Charlotte, Derik Martin Jordan, 18, of 1515 Phifer Road, Kings Mountain, and Don Diego Hopper Jr., 16, of 141 Kester Dr., Cherryville, were each charged with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and held under \$50,000 secured bonds.



Brian Byrd



Derik Jordan

Arrests made in convenience store robbery

Shane Alan Kelly, 33, and Charity Leanne McGinnis, 27, both of 225 N. City Street were arrested by Kings Mountain Police Thursday, Feb. 12, and charged with armed robbery of One Stop Convenience Store 125, 2120 Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain, and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

McGinnis was also charged with five counts of child abuse after officers found five children, ages toddler through 10 and under, left unattended in her home.

Shane was jailed under \$15,000 secured bond.

McGinnis was jailed under \$20,000 secured bond.

According to a press release issued by KMPD Det. Cpl. J. T. McDougal, Police responded to an armed robbery at One Stop Store, 2120 Shelby Road, and was informed that a white male came into the store and demanded money from the register clerk while appearing to brandish a weapon under his shirt. The clerk complied with his request and the suspect exited the store and got into a red or

burgundy colored vehicle possibly driven by a white female traveling west on Highway 74 Business.

While conducting an investigation McDougal said that KM Officers were informed by Gastonia Police Department that they just had an armed robbery about 3 a.m. Thursday in their jurisdiction that matched the suspect vehicle description given at the One Stop robbery. Gastonia Officers were able to obtain the license plate number from from the Gastonia robbery and Kings Mountain officers followed up on the information. Officers learned that the vehicle belonged to a subject that was not involved in the robberies and information led officers to 225 N. City Street in Kings Mountain where officers from the N. C. Highway Patrol, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and Kings Mountain Police conducted a surveillance of the residence where sometime later the suspect vehicle drove up in the roadway and subjects were taken into custody.

In the Gastonia case, Kelly and McGinnis

were charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery with a dangerous

Couple appear in court on murder charges

The Cleveland County couple accused of murdering 2-year-old Jeremiah Swafford made their first court appearance Monday and remain in the Cleveland County Detention Center without bond.

Cleveland County Sheriff's officers arrested Dwight Stacy Justice, 42, and Kathy Lynn Swafford, 20, of 867-30 E. Zion Church Road in Shelby and charged them both each with one count of felony child abuse and one count of felony murder.

The child was airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte Feb. 13 with injuries to the head and body. At 3:18 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2009 he died.

The child has a great-grandmother and other relatives in Grover.

Job workshop to be held Feb. 23

Cleveland Community College is continuing its "How to Get a Job" workshop on Monday, Feb. 23 from 1-4 p.m. in room 1138 of the Student Activities Center on campus.

The workshops will be facilitated by Holly Sweat, director of Workforce and Development at CCC, and will cover resume writing, interviewing skills, filling out a job application, finding your next job and dressing for success.

Space for the workshop is limited and pre-registration is required. A registration fee may be waived.

For more information or to register, call CCC's Continuing Education Department at 704-484-4015 or 704-484-6632.

Police Reports

ARRESTS

FEB. 9: Richard Patterson, 46, 705 W. Gold St., failure to appear, child support, \$1133. bond.

FEB. 11: Richard W. Carpenter, 26, 819 Floyd St., two felony counts trafficking in opium, one felony count possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver, Schedule III, and maintain dwelling for controlled substance, \$75,000 bond, secured. He was also charged with simple possession schedule III controlled substance.

FEB. 12: Charity LeAnne McGinnis, 27, 225 N. City St., armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery, both

felonies, driving while license revoked, \$20,000 bond, secured.

FEB. 12: Christopher Dalton Hall, 18, 700 Marion St., first degree burglary, breaking into a motor vehicle, attempted larceny motor vehicle, all felonies, felony larceny, felony possession stolen goods and consuming underage of 21, \$50,000 bond, secured.

FEB. 12: Alan Shane Kelly, 33, 225 N. City St., armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery, \$15,000 bond, secured.

FEB. 14: Ricky Leroy Carnes Jr., 35, Lincolnton, DWI and driving while license revoked, \$300 bond,

secured.

CITATIONS

FEB. 9: Ryan Melton Taylor, 18, 793 S. Battleground, running traffic signal.

FEB. 9: Amber Nicole Bowen, 22, Shelby, speeding.

FEB. 10: Roy Edward Allison, 38, 411 Fulton Dr., driving after revocation.

FEB. 11: Jimmy Jewell Hill, 65, 118 Heather Lane, no insurance.

FEB. 12: Delmar Galloway, 19, Shelby, speeding, failure to carry driver's license.

FEB. 12: Charles K. Parker II, 40, Gastonia, running traffic signal, no operator's license.

FEB. 12: Eric Harris, 44, 910 Grace St., revoked license.

FEB. 12: Reginald Whitmire, 57, 511 S. Cherokee St., running traffic signal.

FEB. 14: Teresa Watkins, 37, 308 W. Gold St. Apt. 6, expired tag.

INCIDENTS

FEB. 6: A resident of Orr Terrace loaned his Honda Moped for two days to a suspect who did not return it.

FEB. 9: A resident of Second Street reported that her parked car was damaged by someone throwing an unknown object.

FEB. 10: A resident of Baker Street reported break-in and theft of a T V set.

FEB. 10: A resident of N. Piedmont Ave. reported theft of a Honda Accord valued at \$4,000.

FEB. 11: A resident of Bessemer City reported theft of a Ford vehicle valued at \$3,000.

FEB. 12: A resident of Marion Street reported that his 2006 Chrysler was broken into and several items taken.

WRECKS

FEB. 9: Charles M. Walls, of Shelby, told Cpl. Kenneth Hamrick that he was pulling out onto Shelby

Road and was waved back to the parking lot of Kings Mountain Medical Supply, hit gravel and lost control of his bike. Cleveland County EMS transported Walls to the hospital for treatment.

FEB. 9: Cpl. Kenneth Hamrick said that a 2007 Hyundai operated by David W. Ranier, Armont, NY, veered into a 2005 Ford operated by Edwin Dickson, 1649 York Rd., on I-85 at 161, doing \$1,000 damage.

FEB. 11: A 1997 Chrysler operated by Kevin Todd Bess of Bonaire, Ga. overcorrected and struck a 1997 Toyota operated by Todd Queen, 111 Waco Rd., on NC 216 at Waco Road doing a total of \$3500 damage.

Ptl. K. A. Wajda investigated.

FEB. 13: A 1999 Olds operated by Jacqueline Hopper, 2001 Redwood Circle, struck a parked 2002 Toyota owned by Kimberly Faulkner of Lincolnton in the parking lot of Dollar Tree, E. King St. Damages totaled \$1500, according to Cpl. Kenneth Hamrick.

FEB. 14: A 2007 Toyota operated by Casey Haynes, 6215 Adele St., rear ended a 1996 Chevy truck operated by James G. McKinney Jr. of 608 E. Gold St. Ptl. B. L. Wilkinson estimated damages at \$1,000.

FEB. 15: Sgt. S. M. Skinner said that Brian Hanna, 604 Temple St. pulled his 1993 Ford into the parking lot on E. King Street as Belinda Womic, 132 Ebenezer Rd. opened the door of her 2005 Chevy. Damages were estimated at \$800.

FEB. 15: Cpl. K.L. Hamrick said that Robert Jackson, Smyrna, SC, ran the stop light on NC 161 and struck a 1993 Cadillac operated by Leroy Watkins of Bessemer City doing \$2,000 damage.

FEB. 15: Cpl. K.L. Hamrick said a 1999 Honda operated by Tyler Scott Bridges, 1355 Lewis Farm Rd., rear ended a 2003 Ford operated by Joshua J. McAbee, 804 Second Street, doing \$2000 damage. The accident happened at NC 216 and Fairview Street.

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