

OBITUARIES

Teresa Dendy
 GROVER - Teresa Biddix Dendy, 45, 1122-1 Lavender Rd., died Saturday, January 15, 2011 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland County to the late Lee T. "Red Baron" Biddix and Inez Belk Biddix. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Michael Dendy. She was a member of New Buffalo Baptist Church.

Surviving are her brothers, Johnny Biddix and Tracy Brafford of Morganton, and Raymond Biddix and wife, Sherry of Kings Mountain; and sisters, Debbie Bachelder and husband Tim of Cherryville, and Nancy Ware and Tina Seay and husband Tim all of Kings Mountain.

The memorial service will be conducted Friday, January 21, at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:20-1:30 prior to the funeral which will be conducted by Rev. Adam Green.

Memorials may be made to New Buffalo Baptist Church, PO Box 1091, Grover, NC 28073.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Jean Fitch
 KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jean Seitz Fitch, 83, 341 Range Rd., died Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

She had been married to George C. Fitch, Sr. for 65 years.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home, with interment following in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Martha Sue Hamrick
 KINGS MOUNTAIN - Martha Sue Hamrick, 53, 608 Gantt St., died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at her home. She was a landscaper for the State of North Carolina.

Private family services will be held.

Bethie Kitzmiller
 KINGS MOUNTAIN -

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Bethie Mayes Hardin Kitzmiller, 93, 302 Waco Road, left this life to enter her eternal life on Monday, January 10, 2011 at Summit Place in Kings Mountain.

She was born in Caldwell County, NC to the late Alfred and Lucy Mayes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Darwin Hardin, two brothers and six sisters.

She was a homemaker and charter member of East Kings Mountain Church of God, where she was Sunday school secretary for many years. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved to sing and loved walking at the Kings Mountain Senior Center and visiting White Oak Manor. She loved her God and her family dearly.

Surviving are her husband of 18 years, Kenneth Kitzmiller of Kings Mountain; sons, Gene Mayes and wife, Shirley of Kings Mountain and Clyde Hardin of Kings Mountain; daughters, Martha Weaver and husband, Larry of Gastonia, and Gloria Heath and husband, Rev. John Heath of Kings Mountain; stepdaughter, Carolyn Pruitt; sister, Juanita Ramsey of Lincoln; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at East Kings Mountain Church of God. Rev. John Heath officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Saturday evening, Jan. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to East Kings Mountain Church of God, 304 Waco Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

A guest register is available at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home of Kings Mountain was in charge of arrangements.

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Terri Sides Spradley
 KINGS MOUNTAIN - Terri Sides Spradley, 55, formerly of Harrisburg, passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 13, 2011.



A memorial service to celebrate her life was held Sunday, January 16, at 3 p.m. at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. The family received friends following the service at the church.

She was born in Albe-

marle on March 26, 1955. Terri was the daughter of Joann Sides Huntley and the late Bob Sides of Harrisburg. She was a very creative and artistic person that enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her grandchildren. She was a retired teacher's assistant at Harrisburg Elementary School for 13 years and drove a school bus. According to her family, she was an awesome Mom, Grammy, wife, friend, cook, teacher, daycare operator, preschool teacher, referee, decorator, house painter and gardener. She was a member of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Survivors include her loving husband of 39 years, Carl Spradley; one son, Seth Spradley and wife, Katherine; two daughters, Nichole Spradley Sellers and husband, Brian, and Molly Spradley Rice and husband, Josh; six grandchildren that were the center of her universe, Zoe Sellers, Regan Sellers, Jenna Rice, Makayla Rice, Charles Spradley and Nev Spradley; one sister, Stacy Sides Gherardi and husband Pete of Harrisburg; and one brother, Kent Sides and wife Kim of Harrisburg; and mother-in-law, Lois Spradley of Harrisburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners' Hospital for children, 950 West Faris Rd. Greenville, SC 29605-4277.

Condolences may be left to www.wilkinsonfuneralhome.com.

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Bynum's Chapel celebrates Dr. King

Bynum's Chapel AME Zion Church celebrated the legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King at the annual breakfast honoring the martyred Civil Rights leader Monday morning.

Dr. Forrest Toms was keynote speaker and both he and Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey who brought greetings from the City of Kings Mountain, reflected on King's leadership who they said motivated people to become proactive in their own communities.

Rev. Sylvia Perry, pastor of the church, welcomed the crowd for the 8 a.m. buffet breakfast served by women of the congregation.

Dr. King was murdered in 1968 in the cause of Civil Rights and Monday was the 25th anniversary of the ML King federal holiday and King's birthday celebration.

Perspective



Photo by Ron Isbell

Time provides a perspective by which we view most things in this world. Early last week we saw nature through the lens of a winter storm that covered Kings Mountain in more than 5 inches of snow, clogging our streets and closing our schools, governments and businesses. The end of the week gave us a new perspective as brilliant sunshine lit up the ice-covered branches of trees and lifted the burden of the storm.



Hastings named to committees

State House Rep. Kelly E. Hastings, who represents parts of Cleveland and Gaston counties, recently learned that he will serve on the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Banking, Commerce and Job Development, Environment, and Public Utilities committees during the 2011-2012 session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Hastings participated in a swearing-in ceremony on the Cleveland-Gaston line on Jan. 1. He plans to participate in another swearing-in ceremony, in Raleigh, on Jan. 26.

Christmas at Fair big hit in December

Christmas at the Fair turned out to be a pretty big hit last month at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Over 3,000 shoppers reportedly visited the fair during the three day event and took advantage of some holiday shopping.

Kids loved the petting zoo, the tram ride and visiting Santa. The fair also collected a truckload of canned goods and toys for kids. These were donated to the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association to be distributed to the needy in Cleveland County.

Brandy Curtis of Shelby was the winner of the five day, four night cruise on Carnival Cruises. Cathy Bridges of Boiling Springs won \$100 in cash from What's Up Shopper.

The church booth contest winner was Hephzibah A.R.P. Church of Bessemer City winning \$300. Northside Baptist Church of Shelby was second winning \$150 and New Home United Methodist Church of Casar was third winning \$50. Relay for Life took first in the Civic Organization Booth Decorating Contest winning \$300. The Senior Center was second winning \$150 and the

Kidney Association placed third winning \$50.

Hope Rhinehardt placed first in the Coloring Contest for kids 4 and under. Christopher Tallent was second and Simon Kee was third. Emilee Henson placed first in the Coloring Contest for kids ages 5-8. Teshawn Borders was second and Legacy Blanton was third. Sarah Isaac was first in the Coloring Contest for kids ages 9-12; Jacob Sims second and Levi Chaplin third.

Summit Place holds meeting for in-home caregivers

Summit Place Assisted Living and Memory Care of Kings Mountain kicked off an In-Home Caregivers Monthly Social Hour and support group meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The one hour meetings will be held at Summit Place on the third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m.-noon, featuring occasional guest speakers. The meetings are open to all non-professional, in-home caregivers.

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Jesus said, "and I will make
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Matthew 4:19

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