

OBITUARIES

Clarence Hensley
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Clarence Arthur Hensley, 82, of 109 Autumn Woods Dr., died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2011 at Crawley Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs. Memorial services will be announced at a later time.

Hunter R. Neisler
GASTONIA - Hunter Ramseur "Chip" Neisler, resident of Gastonia, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, after a recurrence of leukemia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hunter R. and Annie L. Neisler.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He was retired from Foust Textiles and was a volunteer at Crisis Ministry for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Le Neisler of the home; daughter, Amy S. Neisler of San Francisco, CA; son Hunter R. Neisler III of Charlotte; sister, Patricia Neisler Plonk of Kings Mountain; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The memorial service was held Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church and visitation was held immediately after the service in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Live-Strong Lance Armstrong Foundation, PO Box 6003, Albert Lea, MN 56007 or a charity of donor's choice.

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Kenneth Spriggs
GROVER - Kenneth Wayne Spriggs, 72, died September 1, 2011 at his home.

The memorial service was held Sunday, Sept. 4, at 3 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Rev. Steve Waters officiated.

Pauline Watterson
GROVER - Pauline Watterson, 92, of Blacksburg, SC, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2011 at White Oak Manor in Kings Mountain.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Grover. Rev. John Barnhardt will officiate and interment will be in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Don Whittington
GROVER - Donald "Don" Whittington, 64, of 124 Kim Dr., died Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. at Westover Baptist Church. Rev. Roger Webb and Kevin Whittington will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

KM Customer Appreciation Breakfast

The annual Customer Appreciation Breakfast hosted by the City of Kings Mountain will be held Sept. 22 from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center.

Company representatives should reply to Lynda Mattox at 704-734-0333 by Sept. 19.

Auton reunion

The J. H. Auton family will have a reunion at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at McKendree Methodist Church, 3537 Maiden Highway in Lincoln. Bring old family photos to share. For information, call Chucky at 704-735-3556 or Chris at 704-732-3139.



Shelley Proffitt Eagan

To greener pastures...

Bringing up the BIG herd!

This week has been one of scalding temps and we have more to come.

Despite the heat, and our desire to put it off until cooler temps prevail, it became time to work the big herd, as we so fondly call them, on our Blacksburg, SC farm. This is where we move all our momma cows and their calves through the lush pastures and where we work several days of the week.

When we say "work the herd", this means it's time to tag the newest calves, castrate the bull calves, and do some pregnancy checking of the mother cows who have not calved in the last 12 months. It's time to get on the horses, call out the cow hands, make an appointment with the vet and call up the big herd into the paddock around the working pens. This amounts to 150-175 animals at this time of year. Oh, and there is one bull, but he's always the last one to the party and we don't need him there anyway. He just gets in the way 'cause he moves so slow!

Dad and Brian ride the horses out to get behind the furthest cows in the 40 acre pasture that fronts the working pens and I stand about in the middle of the pasture and begin the grand call. This is the best part, because as soon as I start calling they start coming out of the wood work, literally.

Heeey cow coooooome oooooonnnnnnn! I holler, again and again, in my best cheerleader, far-reaching voice. With the pasture erupted in mooing, cows finding their calves to bring them along, it is a sight to behold. A few immediately run toward me ever excited for the hay that awaits them in the holding pens as a reward for coming when called, while most amble their way in my direction at a leisurely walk.

We prefer they stir up the calves and come at their own walking pace. It is safer and less stressful for all at a walk. I walk slowly in a path they can follow to the open sided barn that provides some shade where we will be working them. While the initial group to come in happily eats hay the cowboys on horseback are busy guiding in the stragglers from behind. At the same time I continue to call from in front of them so they know where they are headed and where their herd mates have disappeared to.

Once the bull is in we know we probably have them all. This time the cowboys

left a mother in the pasture with her new calf, probably born that morning, since her baby is so new she can stay in pasture and rest easy. We leave her be to let nature, and maternal instinct, take control there, she doesn't need us interfering. After all the others are in the 2-acre holding pen behind the working area we sort out the calves with no tags from the mommas and the deafening mooing begins. A good momma won't be happy until she has her suckling back at her side!

Once the vet arrives we have 15 out of 25 calves sorted out and ready to cut and tag. Our vet is kind, patient, and waits, as we ear tag each heifer, and as the bull calves come through, for his part in this operation. The wranglers, Brian and Tanner, hold down the ones too small to fit in the head gate as gently as possible, I put the tag in and Mom documents their new number in our notebook. Dad is busy bringing in more calves to be sorted from the waiting group.

The holding down part is sweaty and physical. It's scary for the calves and this is a once in a lifetime deal for them, assuming they don't lose their ear tag! The wranglers take risks of injury and have to work together to hold them still long enough for me to get a tag in. There might be some swearing at this point between the wranglers as some of the larger 300-400 pounders bound down the chute. The vet just says they are the healthy vigorous ones! I'd say so!

After each one has been tagged and castrated, if this applies, I open the head gate and they leap into the air, run 2 steps, and kick their back feet up over their heads to go find momma and rat us out! I always imagine they are saying, "Momma, you won't believe what they just did to me!"

Every time! So, when that head gate is opened up everyone jumps back to give a clear path of the upward flying hooves. Tanner and Brian were so wet with sweat after the 3 hours it took to tag 25 calves, pregnancy check about 10 cows and replace tags in those cows who had lost theirs—their shirts could be wrung out!

It'll be a few more months before we do all this again. But, we always come away with some war stories and something to write home about. It's our own personal rodeo where the only purse money comes in the form of knowing a job is well done, for now anyway!

Class of '71 to reunite at fair

Kings Mountain High School Class of 1971 will hold its 40th year reunion Sept. 24 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

If you are a classmate who did not receive a letter with all of the details or has ques-

tions, contact any of the following: Lynn Lovelace Brown at 704-813-9552, Dwight or Kathy Heavner Dixon at 704-739-9338, Marlene Quinn Spencer at 704-502-3914 or Joanie Davis Crawford at 704-480-1761.

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10% Chance of precipitation	20% Chance of precipitation	20% Chance of precipitation	20% Chance of precipitation
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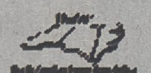
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