

OBITUARIES

Jimmy Carpenter

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jimmy Haywood Carpenter, 80, of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Charlie F. and Vinnie Cash Carpenter. He was retired from Mauney Hosiery after 30 years of service and was a member of Second Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. A veteran of the Korean War, he served in the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Elizabeth Blanton Carpenter of the home; sons, Greg Carpenter and wife Ann, Scott Carpenter and wife Linda, and George Carpenter, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Teresa Santos and husband Tony of Blue Ridge, GA, and Phyllis Beach and husband Alan of Valdese; grandchildren, Lisa Lozano of Blue Ridge, GA, David Santos of Albuquerque, NM, Jessica Hughson of Buford, SC, Seth Beach of Valdese, Nathan Carpenter of Charlotte, Jason Carpenter, Lindsey Carpenter, Erica Carpenter and Kaitlyn Carpenter all of Kings Mountain; and great-grandson Liam Thomas Beach of Valdese.

The graveside service was conducted Friday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. Scott Carpenter officiated.

The family received friends Friday, Sept. 16, from 1-2 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to Baptist State Convention of NC, c/o Lottie Moon International Missions or to Annie Armstrong Fund at PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 2512-1107.

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

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

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Hazel Ford Martin

YORK, SC -Hazel J. Ford Martin, 81, 1952 Martin Road, Hickory Grove, SC, died Sunday, September 18, 2011, at White Oak Manor of York. She was a native of Kings Mountain.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. at Broad River Baptist Church in Smyrna, SC, interment following in the church cemetery.

Teddy Saldo, Jr.

INMAN, SC -Teddy Arthur Saldo Jr., 73, 110 Bermuda Lane, formerly of Grover, died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at Spartanburg Regional Hospice in Spartanburg, SC.

The funeral service was conducted at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel in Kings Mountain, interment following in Grover Cemetery.

Arthur Tomlin, Jr.

SHELBY - Arthur Tomlin Jr., 68, of Shelby, formerly of Kings Mountain, died, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at White Oak Manor in Shelby.

Private family services will be held.

Names, addresses of Class of 1962 needed

The Class of 1962 of the former Lincoln High School is planning the 50th reunion in June 2012 and names and addresses are needed by the committee planning the event. Call 704-263-3046 or 1-804-526-3235 with information.

Scammers get sneaky with call for 'secret shoppers'

A second check scam was reported to Kings Mountain Police this week.

Brenda Adams, 245 Branchwood Circle, said that her daughter, Angelica, received a bogus cashier's check for \$3,450 from a "global company" that selected her for a paid consumer research program to serve as a "secret shopper" at a major department store in the area.

A "red flag" went up with her mother and police with the instructions in the letter. The \$3,450 check was to be cashed and Angelica was to keep \$200 for her work, fax any receipts in connection with her assignment and wire the balance back to the company.

The letter gave instructions for Angelica to contact a schedule manager in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada and her job description was to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the customer service provided by the outlet. She was to pay attention to the quality of service in order to fill out a fair and unbiased opinion on the customer service evaluation form.

Last week Peggy Cline Wells received a check in her mailbox for \$3,550 with an award claim notification. The catch was that Mrs. Wells was to return \$2,400 for taxes before cashing the check. Mrs. Wells took the check to Police Chief Melvin Proctor who said it was a scam.

Letters that come with checks for "winnings" or - in this case - for "services" not yet rendered have been catching the eyes of local investigators and citizens for years. But Adams' letter supposedly from a company that actually has a legitimate website shows that thieves are employing more trickery in their attempts to swindle an unsuspecting public.

Although the letter is riddled with grammatical errors and the company's letterhead looks suspiciously lighter (as if it was copied) than the body of the letter, on the surface the request seems sincere. Problem is, the phone numbers don't match up.

The letter requests Adams to survey a specific department store, using \$100 of her check to shop, and then to "survey" Western Union in an "assignment" that requires her to send \$3,110 in money orders to an undisclosed account.

But the last sentence draws more suspicion: "You are required not to comment or discuss your assignment with the staff in the store or at the Bank as it may jeopardize our set out Goal and Business code of conduct."

The address for the company also lists four cities. Citizens who receive similar letters about windfalls in sweepstakes, especially ones they never entered, or consumer promotions that come with checks and ask for money to be wired back, should notify police at 704-734-0444.

Sumner named top worker's compensation lawyer

Attorney H. Randolph ("Dolph") Sumner was named Top Worker's Compensation Lawyer in the Charlotte area by "Best Lawyers", one of the oldest and most respected peer-review publications in the legal profession. Each year "Best Lawyers" honors only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community as the "Lawyer of the Year."

In addition to the "Best Lawyers" award, Sumner has also been honored over the years in the area of Worker's Compensation as a Top 100 North Carolina Super Lawyer, a member of North Carolina Business Magazine's Legal Elite and a LexisNexis Preeminent Lawyer.

Sumner is a shareholder with the law firm of Mullen Holland & Cooper, P.A.



H. Randolph Sumner

where he has practiced law and frequently lectured in the area of

Worker's Compensation since 1987. He is committed to the local Volunteer Lawyer program and was the recipient of the North Carolina Pro Bono Service Award in 1996. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest School of Law, Sumner makes his home in Gastonia with his wife Liz Neisler Sumner, originally of Kings Mountain, and his two children Hank and Katie.

Warren brings thirst for water to KM Rotarians

Quenching the thirst of Chorti Indians in Honduras is a daunting task undertaken by area Rotarians.

Don Warren, a member of the Gastonia Rotary Club, explained the club's efforts to bring clean drinking water to the Chorti to the Kings Mountain Rotary Club Thursday.

Warren said the effort has brought clean drinking water to 5,000 people in seven villages. Clean water is responsible, he said, for reducing the infant mortality rate among the Chorti from 50 percent to almost zero.

There are 55,000 people living in 47 villages that sponsors of the program hope to reach.

Warren also said the clean water program has had another beneficial impact: education. Indian women and girls, he said, formerly spent their time carrying water. Now that water is furnished, he

said, schooling is possible for girls in those villages.

Warren also said the club's efforts extend to building Habitat for Humanity housing for the Chorti. So far 311 houses have been built, replacing huts cobbled together from sticks, scrap lumber and other materials. One family, he said, had to plan their bedtime since people had to lay in particular positions to accommodate everyone on the floor of their small hut.

That family later told Warren they had begun a special savings account to save money for a mop. It was the first time they had a home with a floor. Warren explained that the average earnings of a Chorti family is \$300 a year. A new house, he said, costs just \$1200.

Now, Warren said, each family receiving a new home also receives a Bible, a 6" cedar tree and a mop.

Council to hold work session

Kings Mountain City Council will hear an update on fiber optics and is expected to ink an electric wholesale service amendment agreement with Duke Energy Carolina LLC Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at a special called work session in the conference room of the Public Works Building

on N. Piedmont Ave.

Prior to the city council meeting, Mayor Rick Murphy and council members, city manager Marilyn Sellers and city staff will host a customer appreciation breakfast honoring the city's industrial customers from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center.

Music line up announced for the Gateway Festival

The music line up for the annual Gateway Festival has been announced. There will be two stages at Patriots Park, in downtown Kings Mountain, one at the Gazebo and the other at the South Meadow stage, a temporary stage for the musical entertainment. Headlining the festival will be the Overmountain Men with a concert from 1:00-3:00. "It's rather unique that the Overmountain Men were instrumental in the defeat of the loyalists at the Battle of Kings Mountain and now, we have a first rate band, with the same name, coming to entertain visitors at the Gateway Festival" stated Ellis Noell, Event Director for the City of Kings Mountain.

The Overmountain Men features Bob Crawford, who also plays bass with the Avett Brothers and David Childers, who played with the Modern Don Juans, Robert Childers, also with 2013 Wolves, on drums and Randy Saxon on guitar.

The festival will also include Jeff Luckadoo & Jack Lawrence, who plays with Doc Watson, Timberidge, Harvest, Green Star and the Traffic Jam All Stars. "The music at this years Gateway Festival is steeped in the Southern tradition, showcasing roots, folk, bluegrass, Americana, country and blues music", added Noell. The event is from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information visit www.CityofKM.com

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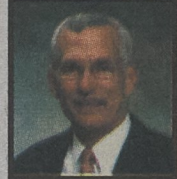
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