

A special thanks, to all of you



EMILY WEAVER
Editor

As 2011 draws to an end, I would like to take a moment and thank all of you who help make our job a little easier, all of you who give reason and meaning to the words printed in your paper each week.

These are your stories. We just write them and we always hope we write something you'd like to read and keep.

You are the soul of this paper and I thank you for all of the little ways you remind us why we do what we do throughout the year. Thank you for being our ears and our eyes when we miss something important. Thank you for sharing your stories with us and keeping us informed so we can inform others.

Thank you for your patience with our Web site. It's a new endeavor and as with any new venture we're learning as we go.

And to be specific, I'd like to thank the following people. If I miss you, please forgive me. Today is Tuesday - Deadline Day (or D-Day as I call it) and there are too many things running through my head.

Thank you:
- Ellis Noell, the city's special events director, who has on several occasions helped us with news and photos when we were in a pinch.

- Fire Chief Frank Burns and all local firefighters, who run into a burning building when others are running out, who are always at the ready to brave the heat and save their neighbors.

- Police Chief Melvin Proctor, all of the hard-working officers of the Kings Mountain Police and Records Clerk Penny Fulton, Sheriff Alan Norman and all of his deputies, who put their lives on the line every day for their community. Without their help and cooperation we would be hard-pressed for police news and without the help of KMPD's toy closet many families would struggle with Christmas.

- Mayor Rick Murphrey and all of the city's departments for sharing with us all of the good news of the city.

- Johnny Harris, Ronnie Hawkins, Eric Wright, Brad Ellis and the staff at Harris Funeral Home; and, Jennifer, Dwight Tessner, Marty Lockridge and the staff at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home. They do an excellent job submitting their obituaries in a format that is easy to read and understand.

- Principals, teachers and staff at all of the local schools for sending us news on how well their students are doing through honor rolls and awards day listings. Thank you for the letters to Santa. I'm sure the big guy loves reading them. I know we do. And a BIG thank you to Leigh Ann Long at Kings Mountain High, who knows the students at KMHS like a mother knows her babies. Thank you good teachers at all of our local schools who keep us in the loop on special events, special projects and special people.

- All of the local churches, their pastors and parishioners who send us news of upcoming events and special stories.

- Michael Chrisawn and Shirley Brutko with the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce for giving us the heads up on stories, business and economic development news. Thank you Cleveland County officials, county commissioners, Grover Town Clerk Tricia Willis and Bessemer City's Interim City Manager Janice Costner for your help with news.

- Monty Thornburg, Terrie Lewis and staff at the Patrick

Senior Center who send us their calendars and are always willing to give us story ideas for special sections and events.

- The coaches at Kings Mountain High, Kings Mountain Middle and the Kings Mountain Family YMCA, who report their game results win, lose or draw.

- And I'd be remiss if I forgot all of the talented people we have here at The Herald, Ron and Wendy Isbell, our local owners and the father and mother of our little operation, have brought new life back to the paper. We continue to pray for Ron, who is home now from Carolinas Medical Center still battling a scary cancer. (If you would like to send any well-wishes or words of encouragement to Ron, you can send them to P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.)

Lib Stewart is my right arm and carries a huge workload without complaint. I'm still learning from her and I could not do it without her. Kyra Alexander Turner would be my other right arm - if I had two right arms. She works hard to keep our Web site and news feeds updated and juggles whatever else I throw at her (stories, photos, pagination) with grace. Gary Stewart is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to sports. His coverage on the field of competition is the best around and his photos are some of the best that appear in the paper each week. Rick Hord, our sales manager, has been excellent at giving us more pages by selling more ads for us to tell more stories. Lisa Zyble, our composing manager, who, with a smile, handles all of the pressures of laying out pages under deadline while dealing with us picky editors. Kathy Reynolds who collects a lot of information for us while we're tied down at a computer.

- And last, but certainly not least, THANK YOU to all of our readers and advertisers. If it weren't for you we wouldn't be here.

May New Year 2012 be full of hope, joy and prosperity.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Canipe

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hazel Canipe, 83, of 605 Alexander St., died Dec. 21, 2011 at Upstate Medical Center in Gaffney, SC.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by Rev. Scott Carpenter and Rev. Michael Woods. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Catherine Green

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Catherine Carpenter Green, 74, of 825 Floyd St., died Dec. 26, 2011 at her home.

She was born in Cleveland

County, NC to the late David Otto Bell and Leola Dixon Bell and

was also preceded in death by her husbands, William Carpenter and Bob Green, daughter, Brenda Carpenter, and son, Billy Gene Carpenter.

She was retired from the textile industry, a very good woman, loving and caring mother and grandmother who loved to play bingo.

Surviving are her sons, David Carpenter, Kenneth Carpenter and wife, Nancy, and Butch Carpenter, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Kathy A. Jackson and husband Ricky, of Grover; companion, Carl Leigh of Kings Mountain; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home. Rev. Mike Chambers will officiate. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, 2011 from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com.

Harris Funeral Home of Kings Mountain, NC is in charge of arrangements.

Harris Funeral Home

Jean K. Reynolds

SHELBY - Mrs. Jean Kendrick Reynolds, 86, died Dec. 22, 2011 at Hospice at Wendover.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel in Shelby.

Carolyn U. Bell

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carolyn Upchurch Bell, 74, of Kings Mountain, died Dec. 26, 2011 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

She was born in Cleveland County, NC to the late William F. Upchurch and Grace

Patterson Upchurch and also preceded in death by brothers, Marvin Upchurch, Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch and sister Irene Edwards.

An active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, she was retired from Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and loved spending time with family, quilting, crafts, gardening, cooking and her pets.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Curtis Bell, of the home; sons, Jeff Bell and wife, Gail and Scott Bell and wife, Bridgette, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Roxanne Bell Wright and husband, Larry, of Kings Mountain and Beverly Marnell and husband, Gene, of Augusta, GA; brothers, Willard H. Upchurch and wife, Mary Ann, of Winston-Salem; sister-in-law, Doris Upchurch of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren: Chris Powell and wife, Barbara,

Amy Bell and husband, Michael, Ashley Seawright and fiance' Bradley Camp, Chandler Bell, Heather Seiler and husband, Ray and Christopher Wright; four great-grandchildren: Cameron Bell, Jake Lehr, Laura Grace Powell and Jonathan Seiler.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, Dec.

29, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Travis Northcutt will officiate and interment will be in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made

to Cleveland County Humane Society, 1609 E. Marion St., Shelby, NC 28150.

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

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

DEC. 19: Jason Andrew Payne, 32, 1504 Shelby Rd., assault on female, secured bond.

DEC. 19: Rodriqus Kenyon Moore, 30, 251 Howl St., failure to appear for DWI, \$1500 bond, secured.

DEC. 20: Jennifer Elaine Helms, 28, 801 Boyce St., resist, delay, obstruct and resist, delay, obstruct, Gaston - failure to appear, \$1500 bond, secured.

DEC. 20: Bobby Dwain Parker, 39, Gastonia, DWI, court date Dec. 30 in Gaston County.

DEC. 20: Veola Ruth Thigpen, 63, 215 N. Carpenter St., violation school attendance law, warrant served.

DEC. 21: Eugene Thomas Holmes, 73, 204 W. Mountain St., unauthorized use of motor vehicle, communicating threats, and resist, delay, obstruct, trial date Dec. 23 in Shelby.

DEC. 21: John Christopher Willett, 35, 504 Katherine ave., KMPD served criminal summons for Shelby Police Department on two felony counts of false bomb threats and one count larceny, \$2500

bond, secured. Trial date was Dec. 22.

DEC. 22: Kellie Michelle Summey, 32, 127 Matthews Dr., simple assault, \$500 bond, secured.

DEC. 22: Anna Marie Humphries, 28, 404 Walker St., simple assault, \$500 bond, secured.

DEC. 22: Chris Carl Lee, 28, 1042 Mountain Crest Dr., failure to appear, \$300 bond, secured.

DEC. 22: A 17-year-old female was charged with simple assault, \$500 bond, secured.

DEC. 25: Jennifer Elaine Helmes, 24, 801 Boyce St., larceny, criminal summons.

CITATIONS
DEC. 19: Janiesha Lashanda Kennedy, 21, Kings Mountain, seat belt violation.

DEC. 19: James Kenneth Ross Jr., 32, Bessemer City, expired tag.

DEC. 19: Jonathan William Ley, 30, 1042 Mountain Crest Dr., no insurance and expired tag.

DEC. 20: Timothy Lee Tessnair, 29, Grover, speeding.

DEC. 20: Cindy Whetstone, 44, 1102 Carlin Dr. Lot 6, no inspection, expired tag, dis-

playing altered tag.

DEC. 20: Austin Bridges, 19, 110 N. Sims St., speeding.

DEC. 21: Joseph Herman Queen, 301 Fulton Dr., speeding.

WRECKS

DEC. 19: Officer G. L. McKinney said that Monrail Maddox of Lawndale, operating a 1999 Dodge, was entering the parking lot of KM Plaza and the sun blinded him and his vehicle struck a concert support for a light pole damaging his car slightly.

DEC. 19: Sgt. Mark Butler said that a parked 2010 GMC owned by Allen Nivens, 516 Oak Grove Road, was struck by a hit and run driver in the parking lot of CVS Pharmacy. Damages were minor.

DEC. 20: Officer K. L. Putnam charged Bobby Dwain Parker, 38, of Gastonia, with DWI after he wrecked his 1999 Dodge on Woodlake Parkway and Canterbury Road Traveling East on Woodlake, the vehicle ran off the roadway, crossing the centerline, up an embankment and coming to rest on its top. Property damages were estimated at \$5,000.

Bus, car collide on I-85

A Greyhound bus carrying 37 passengers and a 1996 Oldsmobile collided on I-85 South at Highway 161 South December 23, ac-

ording to Kings Mountain Police.

Cpl. K. L. Putnam said that Gaston County EMS responded to the scene.

According to the police report, Isaac Dion Stephens of Macon, Ga. was driving the bus on I-85 South in the right lane and Julie Charlton, Niles, Ohio, was operating a 1996 Olds in the left lane of I-85 South. The Oldsmobile "came over into the right lane causing the bus to hit the car," said Putnam.

Property damages were listed as \$1,000 to the bus and \$4,000 to the car which was towed from the wreck scene.

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