

Man killed in excavator accident

Victor Vo Towery, 34, of Clover died Monday, Feb. 27, from injuries received in an accident at a Gaston County business. Gaston County Emergency Medical Services' Shift Captain J. McConnell said GEMS was dispatched to A&A Grading, 147 Lewis Farm Road, between Kings Mountain and

Bessemer City, at 7:30 a.m., for the call. "We were initially dispatched to A&A Grading for a subject trapped under an excavator," Capt. McConnell said. Towery was removed and transported to Gaston Memorial Hospital where he died of his injuries.

KM author to sign books March 1st

Phil Weathers, former Kings Mountain teacher, coach, and administrator will be speaking and signing copies of his new book "Wrestling Tips for Middle and Junior High Schools" (Results of the Kings Mountain Patriots Wrestling Teams 1976-1990), at

the Cleveland County Memorial Library in Shelby, North Carolina on Thursday, March 1st, from 6:30-8 p.m. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the library. The public is invited to attend.

OBITUARIES

Lois Marie Carpenter
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lois Marie Carpenter, 70, of 207 S. Gaston Street, Kings Mountain, died February 25, 2012 at her home. She was born in Des Moines, IA to the late Eugene Allan Nelson and Gladys Welke Nelson. The family held private services.

Dennis Falls
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dennis J. Falls, 55, of Bessemer City died Saturday, February 25, 2012. Born in Cleveland County, he was son of the late Lorena Roper Falls. A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Don Williams at 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2012 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Mary Louise Johnson
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Louise Johnson, 89, of Battleforest Apartments, Kings Mountain, died February 20, 2012 at Abernathy Laurels Retirement Community in Newton, NC. She was born in Cleveland County to the late William Grayson and Geor-

gia Ross Early. She was also preceded in death by her husband, the late Rev. Harold "Johnny" Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was a devoted pastor's wife and homemaker who dearly loved her family. She assisted her husband in the pastoral ministry at Cloverville Baptist Church in Cloverville, Mich., for 15 years. She was a Christian mother to which everyone in the family looked to for guidance. She attended Arise Church in Kings Mountain. She is survived by her son, David Johnson and wife Melanie of Holton, Mich.; brothers, Ed Early of Florida and Rev. Tom Early and wife Linda of Newton, NC; sisters, Faye Bowlin of Bessemer City and Joyce Tucker and husband David of Newton; two grandchildren, Ben Johnson and Joel Johnson; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. The funeral service was conducted by the Revs. Tom Early, Charles Pruitt and Curt Harrington at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Ollie Harris Memo-

rial Chapel. Interment followed at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain. The family received visitors Friday evening and prior to the service on Saturday at Harris Funeral Home. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com. Harris Funeral Home was serving the family.

Harris Funeral Home

Sheri Lanier
BOILING SPRINGS - Sheri Walsh Lanier, 51, of James Lavender Road, died Feb. 19, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. The funeral service was conducted Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Chapel in Shelby.

Renee Mills
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Renee Mills, 40, of Kings Mountain passed away on February 25, 2012. She was born February 25, 1972 in Cleveland County, daughter of Roxanne Ernst McDonald and the late Floyd Lee Mills. Family was the most important thing to Renee. She



loved animals and also enjoyed gardening. A funeral service will be conducted by the Rev. John Heath at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2012 at Greene Funeral Service, West Chapel, Gastonia. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, at the funeral home. Interment will be at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain. She is survived by her fiancée, J.R. Queen of Kings Mountain; son, Eric Cox of Grover; daughter, Taylor Cox of Kings Mountain; sisters, Misty Messick and Laura McDonald both of Kings Mountain; niece, Chelsie Gann; and nephew, Justin Messick. Arrangements are with the West Chapel of Greene Funeral Service and Crematorium, 216 Archie Whitesides Rd., Gastonia, NC (704) 867-5521.

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AWARD: a great honor for Herald team

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that donation for new uniforms. And as business doors close and lock for good, jobs leave town. Families leave with them. I've actually never thought of myself as a "businessman" until newspapers began to close in our "new economy" and I realized how important it had become to pay more attention to business when I went to work. If we didn't manage to keep our doors open people would lose their jobs. Our readers would likely lose a link to their community they most depended upon. Our advertisers would lose a link to customers they needed. Sounds pompous, and I don't mean it to. Somebody will take our place when we're gone, but I'd like to fill that role as

long as I can. Building a stronger business so we can publish better newspapers became more important almost overnight. When we bought these newspapers almost four years ago we made few staff changes. Few were needed. We did refocus our efforts and what we deemed important. We talked about reshaping our efforts to make sure they linked with improving our communities. Our future lies in stronger communities. We have certainly hitched our wagon to the right stars. Our faith in the people who had been putting ink on paper here for 60 years or more in some cases also proved to be right on the mark.

As I've been present less and less in my office at 700 E. Gold St., I've seen a staff I trust completely step up and carry on a 175 year tradition of service. Probably the only thing different they've noticed is that Mary makes one cup of coffee less each Wednesday. That's why I see this award as a "Business" of the year honor. This staff has proven good things continue to happen whether I'm in my office or not. That we continue to do our job to see that our community continues to grow. That you get what you need from us as either a reader or advertiser. While my name may be on it, it is a staff honor, and I join them in thanking our Chamber of Commerce for this award.

She attended Tanner High School in West Virginia. She was a homemaker and owned her own grocery and produce store for many years. She was a caregiver for the elderly in the area and was a member of Calvary Community Church. She loved to square dance and was a member of Carolina Cloggers. She is survived by her companion of 11 years, Denny Rose; son, Bryan E. Moore (Rose) of Belpre; grandchildren, Dustin R. Moore, Christin Ridings, Paul Wilson III, Virginia Wilson, and Matthew Wilson; seven great grandchildren; two brothers, Rodney Weaver and Clarence Weaver (JoAnn) all of Belpre; a sister, Alma Vannoy (Clarence) of Belpre; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband Rodney Sam Moore and second husband Robert Scarborough. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ken Fullerton at 2 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012 at Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. on Sunday. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.LeavittFuneralHome.com. Leavitt Funeral Home, Belpre, Ohio, was serving the family.

Leavitt Funeral Home
Michael Smith
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Michael Smith, 69, of 218 Press Sweezy Road, Kings

Mountain, died February 24, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospital. He was born in Cleveland County to the late Troy Franklin Smith, Sr. and Beulah Wellmon Smith. He was retired and an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He enjoyed traveling and eating out. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Glenda Bell Smith of Kings Mountain; mother- and father-in-law, Richard and Willo-dene Bell of Kings Mountain; sister-in-law, Phyllis Brackett and husband Rev. Carroll Brackett of Roxboro, NC; brother, Troy Franklin Smith, Jr. and companion Abbie Anthony of Shelby; sisters, Linda Smith of Shelby, Alecia Smith Mueller of Mt. Pleasant, SC; special friends, Barbara Dayberry, Michael and Karen Herbert, Laverne Wright and lifetime friend, Wayne Rollins; and numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral service was conducted by the Revs. Travis Northcutt, Terry Nichols and Tim Trexler at 11:30 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2012 at Oak Grove Baptist Church. The family received visitors on Monday prior to the service in the church's fellowship hall. Interment was at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Kings Mountain. Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com. Harris Funeral Home was serving the family.

Harris Funeral Home
Sammy Stevenson
GROVER - Sammy N. Stevenson, 65, of 103 Springdale Drive, Grover, died February 27, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby. He was born in Allendale, SC to the late Walter Boyd Stevenson, Sr. and Hazel Harter Stevenson. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. John Barnhardt at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Grover. The family will continue to receive visitors at the home of his daughter Beth Willis of Grover. Interment with Masonic rites will be held at Grover Cemetery in Grover.

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