

OBITUARIES

Gail Adams

SHELBY - Gail Holland Adams, 67, of 211 Christopher Rd., wife of Clyde Adams, died May 27, 2012.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, May 30, at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel in Shelby, interment following in Cleveland Memorial Park.

John E. Evans

SHELBY - John Edward Evans, 74, of 1706 Country Garden Dr., died May 24, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Shelby, interment following in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Geneva Guthrie

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Geneva Gregory Guthrie, 100, of 148 Putnam Lake Rd., died Thursday, May 24, 2012 at home.



A native of Gordon, Ga., she was the daughter of the late John Harvey and Ollie Green Foster and was also preceded in death by her two husbands, Garnet T. Gregory and Willard Guthrie; two sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are two sons, Garnet T. Gregory II and wife, Sally of Port Lavaca, TX and William Foster Gregory and wife, Christine, of Crystal River, FL; two daughters, Anita Gregory Letts and husband, Manny of Myrtle Beach, SC and Jeanne Gregory Winn and husband, Tom, of Kings Mountain; stepdaughter, Linda Guthrie Gibson and husband, Johnny, of Laurinburg; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 4 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Kings Mountain. Rev. Steve McCranie officiated and interment was in Lynnhurst Cemetery, Knoxville, TN.

The family received friends 30 minutes prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Gaston Hospice, PO Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home of Kings Mountain was in charge of arrangements.

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Carolyn Hilbert

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carolyn Hilbert, 68, died

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May 23, 2012 at her home.

She was retired from First National Bank as a loan processor and a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

The family will hold a private service at a later date.

Matt Hutchinson

SHELBY - Matthew Leonard Hutchinson, 41, owner of The Weld Shop Inc., died May 23, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held Sunday, May 27, 2012 at Clay-Barnette Funeral Chapel. Private family burial was held in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.

Philip Lawson Sr.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Philip A. Lawson Sr., 87, resident of 1240 Second St., died May 29, 2012 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte.

He was born in Jonesville, VA to the late Dillard B. Lawson and Ada Phillips Lawson and was also preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Mr. Lawson was retired from Sadie Mills in Kings Mountain after 20 years of service. He served in the United States Navy during World War II on the USS Blackhawk in the Pacific Theatre.

Surviving are his wife of 65 1/2 years, Betty Moses Lawson of the home; sons, Philip A. Lawson Jr. and wife, Debra and Harvey Dean Lawson, all of Kings Mountain daughters, Linda L. Ellis and husband Benjamin, Rita L. Roberts and husband, Kenneth, all of Kings Mountain; and Shirley L. Kirby and husband, Howard, of Gaffney, SC; brothers, Clyde T. Lawson and Johnny Lawson, both of Kings Mountain, and Bill Lawson of Granite Falls; sister, Bessie Martin of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain. Rev. Clyde T. Lawson will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2012 prior to the service at Harris Funeral Home.

A guest register is available at www.HarrisFunerals.com

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

Harris Funeral Home

Hilda Lefevers

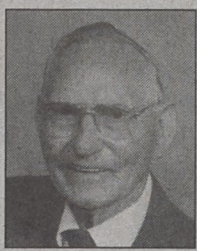
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hilda I. Lefevers, 83, resident of Kings Mountain, wife of J. D. Lefevers, died May 25, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The graveside service was held Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery with Rev. James Lockridge officiating and burial in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Bill Lovelace

GROVER - James William "Bill" Lovelace, 89, resident of Grover and recently of Summit Place in Kings Mountain, peacefully passed away May 27, 2012 at Hospice House of Kings Mountain.

He was born in Cleveland County to the late William Greenberry and Lula Allen Lovelace and was also preceded in death by brothers, Sylvester, Chivous, Roscoe, Sidney and Frank Lovelace and sister, Marsilla Proctor. He was a mechanic and re-



tired from Kings Mountain, Mich. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Grover and enjoyed spending time with his family and working in his garden.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years Barbara Van Dyke Lovelace of Kings Mountain; son, Edward Lovelace and wife, Brenda of Kings Mountain and grandchildren, Todd Lovelace and wife, Kelly, of Kings Mountain and Erin Lovelace and husband, Daven Hunsicker of Asheville; great-grandchildren: Erin Thompson and husband, Neil, Samantha Rikard and Luke Rikard; great-great granddaughter Kaylin Thompson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Celebration of Life service will be held Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Grover First Baptist Church. Rev. John Barnhardt will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

The family received friends Tuesday evening, May 29, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or First Baptist Church, PO Box 237, Grover, NC 28073.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Hospice and Summit Place for their special care of our father and grandfather.

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

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Lib Plonk Mercer

ALEXANDRIA, VA. - Elizabeth (Lib) Plonk Mercer, 90, was gracious, spirited, generous, and a friend to everyone. She enjoyed travel, theatre, antiques, books, swimming and chocolate.



The daughter of Rufus Grier and Grace Berry Plonk, Lib grew up in Kings

Mountain. She was a beautiful young woman, interested in drama and the arts. She attended the Plonk School of Creative Arts, starred in several high school and college plays, and won competitive reading awards. In high school, she was voted "best looking" in her senior class. She attended Virginia Interment and Lenoir Rhyne Colleges, graduating in 1943 with a degree in primary education. Working with children was one of her joys, and she taught elementary school in North Carolina for 5 years.

Lib and her husband Jim met in Kings Mountain in 1939, and were married August 4th 1943. As an Army wife at assignments in the United States and Germany, Lib volunteered for women's club and chapel activities, and for her daughter's school functions. After settling in Alexandria, VA in 1969, she was a member of the Army Officers' Wives' Club of the Greater Washington Area, Vienna Newcomers' and the DAR. She also held several offices and chair positions in the Quartermaster Wives' Club, including president.

Lib's faith was a very important part of her life. She was a member of the Ft. Myer Chapel congregation for over 40 years, where she attended Sunday School and Bible Study, and served as a member of the Parish Council. She also coordinated the chapel Meals on Wheels program, chapel hostesses, and an annual cookie drive for D.C. area soldiers who worked Christmas holidays.

Lib was a passionate bridge player. She learned to play in college, and later became a member of the American Contract Bridge League, earning her Life Master points at a very early age. She and her partners won at local, regional and national levels.

Lib loved spending her summers at Lake Montonia with family and childhood friends. Her grandfather was one of the builders of the lake, and she and her husband Jim own a cabin there. She was a member of the Kings Mountain First Presbyterian Church and an avid supporter of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre.

Lib passed away at her home in Alexandria, VA on Monday, May 14, 2012 of congestive heart failure. She was preceded in death by her older brother Hank Plonk, her younger sister Lenora "Nook" Plonk Lackey, and her niece Libby Lackey Powell. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, retired Army Colonel Jim Mercer, her daughter Peggy Mercer of Alexandria, VA, her brother, R.G. Plonk, Jr. and his wife Frances of Shelby, her nephew Robert Lackey who is living in Dallas, TX, and her nephew Tim Powell and grandnieces April and Stephanie Powell of Lawndale.

Lib's life was celebrated on Tuesday, July 31 at 11 a.m. at the Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel in Arlington, VA. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery following the service. Visitation was at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria, VA from 4 until 7 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Lib by donating to St. Jude Children's Hospital or your favorite charity.

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Budget meeting set for Monday

The Town of Grover will hold public hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 budget Monday night at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Town Clerk Tricia Willis and Mayor J. D. Ledford will make the budget presentation.

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POLICE

ARRESTS

MAY 18: Wendy Renee Smiley, 39, Gaffney, SC, larceny and possession stolen goods, \$500 bond, secured.

MAY 18: Charles Thomas Phillips, 27, 7 Bennett Dr., intoxicated and disruptive, resist, delay, obstruct, \$2500 bond, secured.

MAY 20: A 17-year-old male was charged with communicating threats and injury to personal property. \$2500 bond, secured.

MAY 20: Johnathan Eric Payne, 31, 208 N. Dilling St., felony larceny of firearm, felony possession firearm and felony possession of stolen firearm, \$25,000 bond, secured. He was also charged with resisting public officer.

MAY 25: Kate Michelle McDaniel, 25, 11D Heather Lane, five counts forgery of endorsement, a felony, five counts uttering forged endorsement, felony, larceny, secured bond.

MAY 25: Hope Celeste Vizcarrando, 38, Topeka, Ks., fugitive warrant, felony, no bond.

MAY 26: Fredrick Anthony Smith, 54, 513 S. Cherokee St., assault on female.

MAY 26: Jeffrey Tyrone Ross, 41, 1417 Shelby Rd., assault with deadly weapon, assault on female, no bond.

MAY 26: Edgar Amilcar Flores Jr., 20, 308 W. Gold St., larceny, \$495 cash bond.

CITATIONS

MAY 17: Rebecca Lynn Blanton, 41, 510 S. Cherokee St., no inspection, no registration with DMV.

MAY 27: Jamie Marie Barnes, 28, 213 N. Watterson St., no inspection, revoked license, expired tag.

MAY 28: Christopher Joseph Griffith, 30, 269 Unity Church Rd., no seat belt.

INCIDENTS

MAY 20: A resident of Cherokee Street reported theft of a car battery.

MAY 21: A resident of Charles Street reported a break-in and theft of a handgun, flat screen TV, and video game system and controller valued at nearly \$1,000.

MAY 23: A resident of W. Mountain St. reported theft of a wedding ring valued at \$4500.

MAY 24: A resident of Cherry Street reported theft of a Amana AC unit.

MAY 24: A resident of Brookwood Drive reported that her car was broken into.

MAY 25: Dollar General, Kings Mountain, reported shoplifting.

MAY 26: A resident of Boyce St. reported theft of a TV set.

MAY 26: A resident of Fox Trot Lane reported damage to a vehicle.

MAY 27: A resident of Chestnut St. reported theft of fishing equipment.

MAY 28: A resident of Northwoods Drive reported a lost wallet.

MAY 28: A resident of First Street reported theft of \$850 worth of video games.

Ski boat catches fire at Moss Lake

A ski boat idling near a dock on Moss Lake erupted in fire Saturday evening.

Firefighters from Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department put out the blaze.

No one was injured in the incident.

It was the first time the boat had been put in the water this year. Firemen said two men and a woman were inside but while the boat was idling they saw flames come up from underneath the engine and attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher.

WRECKS

MAY 18: Officer B. M. Black said that John Montgomery of Blacksburg, SC, operating a 1998 Ford and Angela Jessup, 103 Country Meadows Lane, operating a 2002 Jeep, were traveling South on NC 216. Jessup slowed to turn left into Body Junction and then decided to make a right turn into the parking area on the right side of the road. The two vehicles collided as Montgomery went to pass Jessup which caused a collision with a parked 2003 Pontiac owned by Kenneth Forrest McDonald, 1000 Oak Grove Road. Property damages were estimated at \$5900.

MAY 18: Officer J. L. Lee charged Jessica Suzanne Mayberry, Clover, S C, with no insurance, fictitious plate and running a red light after an accident involving her 2002 Chrysler and a 2002 Olds operated by McLendon Smith Winstead, 606 Bridges Dr. The accident happened at the intersection of Mountain and Cansler Streets. Property damages were estimated at \$3,000.

MAY 20: Officer B. M. Black said that a parked 2003 Ford owned by Tiffany Hutchens, 109 George Lewis Road, was damaged by a hit and run driver in the parking lot of Food Lion on East King Street.

MAY 22: Officer Lee Whittington said that Colin Sutherland, of Lake Wylie, SC, operating a 2001 Buick on I-85 South, said he was "dozing off" at the wheel, swerved his vehicle, hit a guardrail, and then the rear trailer of the tractor trailer truck operated by Robert Fred of Thomasville, Ga. Property damages were estimated at \$5,350.

MAY 23: Officer Penny Fulton said that a parked 2001 Mitsubishi owned by Kenya Phaengkhamhak, 114. Keith Ave., was damaged in the parking lot of Dollar Tree. Phaengkhamhak said the car apparently rolled into a pole. Property damage was estimated at \$1,000.

Inspections

Eleven Kings Mountain facilities, including eight restaurants, two schools and a nutrition site were inspected by the Cleveland County Health Department April 16-20.

They include: Big E BBQ, York Road, 100.5 including two extra points added to the final score when an employee of the facility has attended an approved food handling course; Bo-jangles, Cleveland Ave., 99, which includes two extra points added to the final score when an employee of the facility has attended an approved food handling course; Hardees, E. King St., 100, which includes two extra points added to the final score when an employee of the facility has attended an approved food handling course; and Patrick Senior Center, East King St., 99.5.

Eight Kings Mountain restaurants were inspected by the Cleveland County Health Department during the period May 7-May 11, 2012.

They included Carolina Crossing, Main St., Grover, 100, Eaton Cafeteria, S. Battleground, 100; Chat N Nibble, N. Piedmont Ave. 100; Mi Publito, York Road, 99.5, each with two extra points added to the final score when an employee working at the facility has attended an approved food handling course; and Battleground Steakhouse, S. Railroad Ave., 91.5; Duke Energy, Beason Creek Drive, 97; Minit Grill, Battleground Ave. 96; and My Grandpa's Country Store, Bethlehem Road, 96.

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