

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The 'Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act' is already benefitting Americans

#### Letter to the Editor:

As a volunteer for the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, I am kept updated with information concerning the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act". It is helpful for all of us to know how this reform is already benefitting the American people.

- Lets millions of young adults stay on parents' insurance until age 26.
- Ends insurance company power to cap the amount of care a person can receive in their lifetime.
- Stops insurance companies from canceling coverage when someone gets sick.
- Lowers the cost of care for those on Medicare and helps seniors save money on their medication.
- Requires insurance companies to cover preventive services like mammograms free of charge.
- Strengthens and protects Medicare by increasing penalties for fraud.
- Stops insurance companies from denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions.
- Ends insurance company power to jack up rates without justification.
- Provides Americans with rebates from insurers who spend too much on CEO bonuses or ads.
- Gives tax credits to small business owners so they can afford to offer quality health care for employees.

- Builds and improves hundreds of community health centers.
- Gives hard-working Americans tax credits so they can afford insurance beginning in 2014.
- Ends discrimination against adults with pre-existing conditions beginning in 2014.

For years we have, by law, been required to buy liability insurance to own and operate a motor vehicle and homeowners insurance when buying a home. The healthcare law is no different in that respect, and it will cover millions who are being denied coverage.

If someone chooses not to buy health insurance, they will still have to pay into the system (by way of the IRS) so that those who do buy coverage will not be charged more in order to cover the inevitable care someone uninsured will need.

This Act is not a "healthcare takeover", nor is it a product of "dictatorship", as some would like us to believe. It could probably be called "democracy": affording every citizen an opportunity to get health care when they are sick.

In January 2011, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that repealing the health care reform would increase the deficit by a total of \$230 billion over 10 years.

Other useful information about health care reform can be found at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov)

Molly Savage  
Kings Mountain, NC

#### Few misconceptions in last week's letter

#### To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter in the July 4th edition of the "Kings Mountain Herald" connecting the Declaration of Independence with the urgent need to defeat President Obama in November. The writer is entitled to his opinion, but his letter contains a few misconceptions about our history.

First of all, the Revolutionary War was not fought because of "unfair taxation." In the Declaration, Thomas Jefferson condemns King George III "For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent," which came to be known as "taxation without representation." We do have representation today, in the form of the U.S. Congress.

Second, "freedom of religion" was not a cause of the war. The Declaration doesn't mention religion until the final sentence:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

When the U.S. Constitution was written in 1787, religion was also not a factor. The first mention of religion was in 1791, when the First Amendment ("Congress shall make no law" establishing a religion.) was added. Many of the framers of the Constitution were descendants of the Pilgrims, who immigrated to America in 1620 to escape religious persecution by the Church of England, which was headed by the King.

The statement "religious rights have been lost to those who are unreligious" makes no sense to me. Freedom of religion means we are free to practice any religion without fear of persecution – or, if we so wish, no religion.

Furthermore, if we do not like the way our elected representatives "think" for us, then we are of course free to vote them out of office.

Cerese B Feagans  
Kings Mountain, NC

## OBITUARIES

#### Starlene Bridges

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KINGS MOUNTAIN - Starlene Cooke Baker Bridges, 77, of 802 Katherine Avenue, died Friday, July 20, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospital in Kings Mountain.

Born April 10, 1935 in Cleveland County, she was a daughter of the late Grady Lee Cooke and Hattie Beatrice Poole Cooke. She was a member of Second Baptist Church in Cherryville. Starlene had worked for Hudson Hoisery and retired from Timken in Lincolnton.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter "Red" Baker and second husband, Everette "Buck" Bridges; two brothers, Danny Ray Cooke and Jack Cooke; son-in-law, Harold Evans; granddaughter, Missy Evans and sister-in-law, Pat Cooke.

Survivors include two sons, Marty Baker of North Carolina and Mark Baker of Maine; a daughter, Kay Star Harley (Oscar) of Charlotte; three stepchildren, Karen Evans of LA, Ray Baker of SC and Fern Hood, IN; five brothers, Delbert Cooke (Versey) of Shelby, Ralph Cooke (Judy) of Casar, Hal Cooke of Forest City and Flay Cooke (Janet) of Fallston; three sisters, Joyce Drum (Pervie) of Cherryville, Judy Ledford (Arthur) of Lawndale and Shirley Cooke of Shelby; four grandchildren, Sissy Marcantel (Mark), Shevaughn Greenlee, Michael Baker and Benjamin Baker; two great-grandchildren, Martha Sue Evans and Carveshia Guillory and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday from 12:30-2 p.m. at Casar United Methodist Church.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, July 22, 2012 at Casar United Methodist Church. Revs. Mike Staton and Bill Lovelace officiated and interment was in Casar United Methodist Church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cleveland Rutherford Kidney Association, 1017 Washington St., Shelby, NC 28150, Casar United Methodist Church, PO Box 190, Casar, NC 28020.

A guest register is available at [www.stameyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stameyfuneralhome.com).

Stamey Funeral Home, Fallston, was in charge of arrangements.

#### Lora Ann Crawford

SHELBY - Lora Ann

Crawford, 33, 1815 Melrose Dr., died Friday, July 20, 2012.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home in Shelby. Interment will be in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.

#### Steve Fortenberry

SHELBY - Steve Ray Fortenberry, 67, 216 College Ave., died July 17, 2012.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, July 20, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Chapel, interment in Shelby's Cleveland Memorial Park.

#### Bette Glass

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Martha Elizabeth Howard Glass, 82, of Fairfax, VA, died July 15, 2012 at her home.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, July 20, 2012 at 2 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church, interment following in the El Bethel Church Cemetery.

#### Tonra Heffernan

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Tonra Lynn Heffernan, 49, a resident of Kings Mountain, died July 16, 2012 at her home.

The graveside service was conducted Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Mountain Rest Cemetery officiated by Rev. Barry Philbeck. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

#### Carrie Martin

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Carrie R. Martin, 93, formerly of Kings Mountain died July 24, 2012 at Summit Place of South Park, Charlotte, NC.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date by Harris Funeral Home.

#### Javier Martinez

SHELBY - Javier Martinez, 25, died July 13, 2012 at Hospice at Wendover.

The funeral and burial service will be held in Oaxaca, Mexico.

#### Charles Mashburn

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Lee "Charlie" Mashburn, 70, of 1717 Shelby Road, died July 20, 2012 at Kings Mountain Hospice House. He was born in Bryson City to the late Jesse "Ed" Mashburn. Mr. Mashburn served in the United States Army during Vietnam and was past commander of the American Legion Post 155 and the VFW 9811, both of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2012 at Mountain Rest Cemetery, where interment followed.

#### Dennis M. Moss

GROVER - Dennis Marvin Moss, 60, resident of Grover, died July 15, 2012.

The memorial service was held Friday, July 20, 2012 at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Grover of which he was a member. Rev. John Barnhardt officiated.

Memorials may be made to his children's educational fund at any Wells Fargo Bank.

#### Jimmy Peeler

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jimmy Peeler, 68, resident of Kings Mountain, died July 17, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, July 20, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Westover Baptist Church, interment following in Cleveland Memorial Park in Boiling Springs.

#### Margaret Spencer

SHELBY - Margaret Morrison Spencer, 84, died Friday, July 20, 2012 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center.

The funeral was conducted Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Chapel in Shelby, interment following in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.

#### Madge Turner

SHELBY - Madge McIntyre Turner, 99, died July 22, 2012.

The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Shelby's Second Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. before the service. Interment will be in Cleveland Memorial Park.

## KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE LOG

#### ARRESTS

JULY 12: Milton Fitzgerald Huskey, 44, 310 Waco Rd., injury to personal property, communicating threats.

JULY 16: William Anthony Day, 41, defraud innkeeper, two counts probation violation, \$2500 bond, secured.

JULY 16: Amber Sloane Fortner, 19, 312 Fulton St., conspiracy breaking and entering, conspiracy commit larceny, both felonies, \$2500 bond, unsecured.

JULY 17: Frederick Alphonso Nixon, 43, 1202 Northwoods Dr., larceny, two counts, and second degree trespassing, \$7500 bond, secured.

JULY 20: Dustin Scott Marion, 24, 312 Fulton St., felony braking and entering, felony larceny after breaking and entering, and conspiracy breaking and entering building, \$10,000 bond, secured and conspire to commit felony larceny.

JULY 20: Brian Dwain Noblett, 29, 915 Second St., obstructing justice, intimidating witness, both felonies, \$25,000 bond, secured.

JULY 20: Michael Shane Hall, 41, 306 Blanton St., disorderly conduct, \$2500 bond, secured.

JULY 20: John Fitzgerald Ross, 46, 105 Braton Lane, second degree trespassing.

JULY 22: Joseph Emmanuel McDaniel, 29, Lincolnton, assault on female.

JULY 22: Dequan Lamar

## Cannedy in custody

Tyrone Cannedy, 23, wanted in the murder of Larry Jabar Hall, 29, of Kingstown, was arrested July 19 on Faye Street in Gastonia by Gaston County Police.

Captain J.W. Human said the Kings Mountain man fled the residence out a back window when officers arrived at the house but was apprehended a short distance away in the woods. Cannedy was jailed in Gaston County Jail without bond.

Human said that on June 28 at 10:20 p.m. the Kings Mountain Police Department responded to a possible shooting call in the area of Kings Road and J.E. Herndon Access Road. Upon arrival they discovered the victim, Larry Jabar Hall, lying beside the roadway dead. It was later determined that the location was actually a short distance outside the city limits of Kings Mountain. Gaston County Police responded and assumed the investigation. On June 29 a warrant for first degree murder was obtained on Tyrone Marcus Cannedy for the murder of Larry Jabar Hall and Cannedy had been on the run. Authorities had considered him armed and dangerous.

Police said Cannedy used a network of people who provided him aid during the past month and charged a Cleveland County man with accessory after the fact for allegedly aiding Cannedy in hiding.

Jarvis O'Neal Adams, 34, of 1820 Boyce St., Kingstown, was charged on July 8.



Tyrone Cannedy

Hutchens, 18, 109 George Lewis Rd., probation violation, a felony, resist, delay, obstruct, two counts breaking and entering vehicle, felony, no bond.

#### CITATIONS

JULY 16: Tommy Lee Hendricks, 27, Shelby, speeding.

JULY 17: A16-year-old female, a 17-year-old female and a 16-year-old male were cited for trespassing.

JULY 17: Dontarius Adams, 18, Gastonia, trespassing and possession drug paraphernalia.

JULY 18: Noe Saravia Ter-cero, 20, Shelby, no seat belt.

JULY 18: Shea Grigg, 22, 914 Second St., expired tag, no inspection.

JULY 18: Thomas Jay Jackson, 57, Grover, speeding.

JULY 18: Anthony Shane Smith, 41, Rock Hill, SC,

speeding.

JULY 18: Dennis Dean Bingham, 59, Fallston, speeding.

JULY 19: Timothy Messick, 29, Grover, speeding.

JULY 19: Latesha Johnson, 27, Bessemer City, revoked license, no child seat belt.

JULY 19: James Leak, 21, Shelby, no seat belt, unsafe movement.

JULY 20: Christopher Vance, 36, Sherrills Ford, no insurance.

JULY 21: Jonathan Harris, 21, Dallas, revoked license.

JULY 22: Joshua Williams, 28, 113 Lois Lane, strap not property secured on helmet while operating a Moped.

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