

## OBITUARIES

### Richard Lee Bell

Loved gardening, fixing things

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Richard Lee Bell, 89, 238 Press Sweezy Rd., died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012 at his home.

He was the son of the late William Lawrence and Pearl Ware Bell and was preceded in death by his brother, Bobby Bell and son-in-law, Mike Smith. He retired from the textile industry and was a farmer who loved gardening and fixing things and was a loving husband, father and grandfather and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The family would like to thank Richard's special caregiver, Shelley Brackett, and a special friend, Jay Greene. Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Willodene Thornburg Bell of the home; daughters, Glenda Bell Smith of Kings Mountain,

Phyllis Brackett and husband, Rev. Carroll Brackett of Roxboro; bother, Joe Bell, sister, Geneva Dedmon, sister-in-law Janice Bell, all of Kings Mountain; Shelley Brackett, King Mountain, and Donnie Brackett, Gastonia; great-grandchildren, Jamie Greene, Jesse Greene and Mikeal Greene.

The funeral service was conducted Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Travis Northcutt and Rev. Carroll Brackett officiated and interment was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family received friends in the Oak Grove Church sanctuary one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church, "Bell Tower Fund," 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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### Maralyn Goins

SHELBY- Ms. Maralyn C. Goins, 56, 200 Fox Run Road, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012 at her residence.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, December 29, at Christopher Road Baptist Church.

### Nellie Hamrick

EARL- Nellie Marie

Hamrick, 76, 642 Austell Graham Road, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home Chapel of Shelby.

Interment was in the Pine Grove United Methodist Church cemetery.

## POLICE REPORT

### ARRESTS

DEC. 17: Matthew Scott Buckner, 27, 605 Mica St., assault on female, no bond.

DEC. 20: Jeffrey Tryon Ross, 41, 1101 Groves St., domestic trespass, no bond.

DEC.21: Stanley Gardner, 54, 328 Ebenezer Rd., flee to elude, felony, driving while license revoked, larceny, injury to property, \$10,000 bond, secured.

### CITATIONS

DEC. 13: Rustin Caine Broome, 29, 209 Harbor Springs Ln, speeding, revoked license.

DEC. 18: Carlos Dee Clark, 42, Shelby, damage to property.

DEC. 18: Thomas Arthur Anthony Jr., 60, 514 Deerfield Dr., speeding.

DEC. 18: Toshia Marie Gressling, 31, Clover, SC, speeding.

DEC. 18: Gregory Lane Albea, 44, Shelby, speeding.

DEC. 18: Kenneth James Wells, 31, Grover, no inspection, expired tag, revoked license.

DEC. 18: Cynthia Heggs, 41, 227 Walker St., no inspection, expired tag.

DEC. 18: Ernest Whitener, 46, 907 First St., speeding.

DEC. 18: Matthew Douglas, 44, Bessemer City, speeding.

DEC. 19: Angela Taylor, 42, 216 County Line Rd., no seat belt.

DEC. 21: Kenneth Spivey, 24, 612 Mauney Ave., stop sign violation.

DEC. 21: William Emory, 31, Stanley, speeding.

DEC. 22: Travis Anthony, 38, 827 Ramseur St., speeding.

DEC. 22: Daniel Dittman, 33, 104-9 Penny Dr., speeding.

DEC. 22: Rose Hawkins, 59, Blackburg, SC, speeding.

DEC. 23: Lisa Cody, 45, 10 Chesterfield Court, driving on wrong side of road, failure to carry driver's license.

DEC. 23: Schiron Burris, 20, 101 Water Oak St., speeding.

DEC.23: Daryl Ward, 54, 110-10 Carlin Dr., revoked tag, driving while license revoked.

DEC. 2 5: Misty Patterson, 34, Shelby, no insurance, fictitious tag.

### INCIDENTS

DEC. 17: Premier Federal Credit Union, 1113 Shelby Rd., reported financial card fraud.

DEC. 17: A resident of Lord's Landing reported that someone painted the concrete driveway, sidewalk and porch in white paint.

DEC. 17: A resident of Northwoods Drive reported theft of an apple red Moped with chrome trim valued at \$2500.

DEC. 19: CVS Pharmacy, 1017 Shelby Rd., reported larceny of over \$200 worth of over-the-counter medicines.

DEC. 19: A resident of Crown Court reported a break-in and damage to a door frame.

DEC. 20: A resident of Chesterfield Court reported a home invasion by three males who knocked on the door and forcefully entered the residence.

DEC. 20: A vehicle owned by a Greensboro man was damaged at a construc-

tion site on Countryside Road.

DEC. 20: Trinity Church of the Living God, 119 Kristie Lane, reported a break-in and theft of a range hood and \$2000 in copper pipes and damage to door frames and sheet rock walls.

### WRECKS

DEC. 18: Officer David Warlick charged Carlos Dee Clark of Shelby with damage to real property after his 2005 Cadillac was in a collision with a 2007 BMW operated by Tammy Clark of Shelby in the parking lot of 314 N. Piedmont Avenue. Ms. Clark was attempting to leave the parking lot. Carlos Clark told police he was trying to retrieve personal belongings from the BMW. Property damages were estimated at \$2500.

DEC. 19: Officer J. L. Dee said that a 1997 Ford operated by Colleen Queen, 401 E. King St., struck a Jeep Grand Cherokee operated by David Long of Blacksburg, SC on Phifer Road. He said that Long proceeded to stop for a vehicle that was stopped in the unauthorized loading area at the high school and the Queen vehicle was traveling behind him. Minor damages were reported.

DEC. 20: Officer J. L. Dee said that Marlene Smith, 310 Amhurst, backed her 2006 Chrysler from a parking lot at Buchanan Auto on Cash Road and struck her 2006 Mercedes doing minor damage to both vehicles.

DEC. 20: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that Dennis Ramey, operating a 2000 Chevy, was backing from a parking space at 301 Phifer

Road and hit a 2004 Dodge operated by Ellen Stephens, 1127 Phifer Road. Property damages were estimated at \$1200.

DEC. 21: Officer Chris McKnight said that a 1989 Ford operated by Bransel Godfrey of Columbus, NC struck a 2003 Honda operated by Dustin Davidson of Gastonia. The accident happened in the parking lot of Battleground BP Station. Property damages were minor.

DEC. 20: Officer B. L. Wilkinson said that James Wesley Farmer II, of Grover, operating a 1984 Dodge, turned in front of a Toyota operated by Johna Griesman of Clover, SC resulting in \$14,000 damage to the vehicles. The accident happened on NC 161 near Quality Inn.

DEC. 21: Cpl. K. L. Putnam said that an unknown vehicle struck a 2003 Nissan operated by Elvin Torres, Alexa Lane, doing \$1,000 damage.

DEC. 21: Officer Lee Wittington said that Deborah Bruce, 407 Alan Drive, was backing from a parking space at Bojangles and struck a 1999 Saturn operated by Evelyn Colvin, Cherryville. Property damages were minor.

DEC. 23: Officer M.D. Butler charged Lisa Morrow Cody, 10 Chesterfield Court, with driving left of center after an accident on Lake Montonia Road. Cody's 1994 Mazda struck a 2000 Mitsubishi operated by Patricia Huggins of Gastonia. Property damages were estimated at \$1200.



Photo by MARK BRYSON  
Kings Mountain High School students release balloons at a prayer vigil for the 26 lives lost in the Newtown, Connecticut school shooting.

## Sunrise balloon release by KMH students

They couldn't ease the pain but 100 students and teachers at Kings Mountain High School showed their support Dec. 19 to the families of the 26 victims of the Newtown, CT school shooting by raising 26 green and white balloons as the sun rose about 7:15 a.m. at Kings Mountain High School.

As each balloon in the school colors of Sandy Hook Elementary School was released, 9th grade English teacher Tara Fleisher read the name and talked about each person.

"It was a very moving and very touching service," said Technology Facilitator Mark Bryson.

Fleisher arranged the service and gathered information about each of the 20 elementary school children and six adults killed by a gunman who had earlier killed his mother and, after the school shooting, turned the gun on himself.

The prayer vigil included the playing of "Amazing Grace" by flutist Emily Whitaker as each name was read and each balloon re-

leased. The Kings Mountain High School chorus sang "Silent Night."

Fleisher said drafting students donated a banner which was signed by students and included a message from the Art club. Members of the Drama club paid for mailing expenses of the banner and many sympathy cards. Last Thursday the cards were collected and mailed to the families in Connecticut along with teddy bears that students collected before school closed for the Christmas holidays.

### ELIZABETH STEWART

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By unanimous vote Cleveland County Commissioners Dec. 18 approved nearly \$1 million approved for Destination Cleveland County's Earl Scruggs Center and the planned charter school Pinnacle Classical Academy.

The board placed stipulations on the DCC loan of \$755,400 by the county after questions were raised by commissioner Eddie Holbrook of Shelby. He asked if the county would be "on the hook" for the money if the center was not open in April and an Economic Development Administration Grant (EDA) was not approved.

"We need to know a time frame for the opening since questions have been raised about the lease," said Holbrook. "We need to know what we are facing and we don't want to be on the hook for the money, we need a guarantee." Other commissioners agreed.

"We will not spend any of the loan from the county until the EDA grant is approved," said J.T. Scruggs, museum namesake Earl Scruggs' nephew and DCC representative. He reiterated that he had no objection to the stipulations that the loan won't take effect until the EDA grant is secured. Scruggs said the DCC group is working

with a lender for funds and using the furnishings of the old courthouse museum for collateral.

"If we say no to the loan tonight will that affect the outcome of your other loan application?" asked commissioner Jason Falls of Kings Mountain. Said Scruggs, "I have a feeling it would hurt our cause."

Holbrook's motion, seconded by commissioner Johnny Hutchins of Kings Mountain, was that the commissioners grant DCC a county loan of \$755,400, the amount of pledges that DCC has secured for the center, contingent that it be approved by the lending agency and the EDA grant deadline extended beyond April. DCC will be required by the county to repay the county the grant money by 2020 with secured pledges.

County Manager Eddie Bailes said there is an adequate number of pledges to cover the amount of money requested and that he has reviewed each pledge.

Commissioner Hutchins opened the board discussion on the request for financial assistance by Pinnacle Classical Academy. "The money that the academy is looking for is not being taken away from public school children. I had some concerned phone calls about that," adding, "What I'm looking at is the best interest of the county to give parents of other children a choice that they have asked for."

At last week's work session by commissioners, Pinnacle Academy requested \$325,000 to open a charter school at the former site of Hallelujah Acres on Joe's Lake Road. Commission Falls made the motion "that the county purchase from Hallelujah the 56.3 acres for a

cash payment of \$125,000 provided the county can obtain clear title to the property." As part of the purchase arrangement, Hallelujah Acres will not be required to repay the \$200,000 CDBG grant and the \$150,000 Rural Center grant. After the purchase agreement has been signed by both parties, the county will deed the property to Pinnacle Classical Academy upon receipt of their charter from the state. If within 15 years, Pinnacle Classical Academy ceases to operate a charter school, the county will be repaid \$325,000, which shall be secured by a deed of trust on the property in favor of the county. The deed of trust will be subordinated to the USDA loan.

Holbrook seconded and commissioners approved unanimously.

Two women spoke prior to the commission's vote on the two requests for financial assistance.

One parent said that the charter school's mission is the same as the mission of Cleveland County Schools. "We can't stop a charter school," she said. A second woman was critical of naming options for rooms at the old courthouse, the lease for the Scruggs Center running out, and the name change to Earl Scruggs Center Songs & Stories of American South which she said takes away the uniqueness of our region.

Commission Chairman Ronald Hawkins said after the meeting that the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center of Kings Mountain has also requested financial assistance in its expansion program and the request will be on the agenda for the next workshop meeting.



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