

Thunderous Applause for Moonshine and Thunder

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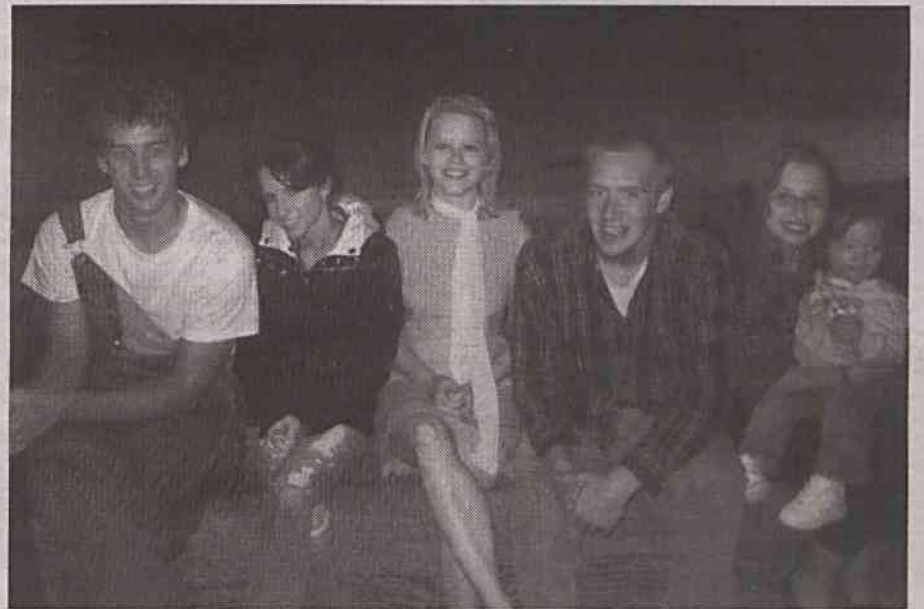
The Wilkes Playmakers along with Wilkes Community College Drama Department recently performed the outdoor drama, Moonshine & Thunder: The Story of Junior Johnson. This play tells the story of local racecar driving legend, Junior Johnson, and his early years of making moonshine and running from revenuers. Directed and written by Karen Reynolds, Moonshine and Thunder features vintage vehicles (a 1940 Ford Coupe, and a 1939 Ford Pick up Truck), a bagpipe player, half-naked streaker, moonshine stills explosions, and one angry woman with a shotgun. Along with these special effects some scenes of the performance were recorded and are projected on to a movie theatre size screen on stage.

The stage manager for the play was WCC freshman Jacob Reeves. Reeves also appeared on stage as well as on

screen as the young Junior Johnson. Also assisting with the tech. work was Susan Ringo, as well as WCC students Eric Brown and Leah Fussell. Brown states "Running sound for Moonshine and Thunder has given me the opportunity to gain experience in technical theatre." Other WCC students involved in this play were: Erica Dunn, Kyle Lacey, Stephen Horton, Shea Akers, Justin Gambill, William Brooks, and Toby McChillen. The cast and crew came together to make the show a memorable experience for all who attended. Student Rebecca Catrett stated "I watched the play last year and loved it so I came back for another year, and it was as just as exciting the second time as it was the first if not more. The Forest Edge Amphitheatre at Fort Hamby Park hosted this show giving the audience a sense of reality in the show. WCC freshman, Stephanie Burke stated "The whole atmosphere

out at Fort Hamby is so beautiful, right near the lake, the new facility is so nice and the moonlight and stars help make the scene fit." The play ran from Oct. 2nd through the 5th as well as Oct. 9th through the 12th. The show started at 7:30 each night. Tickets for the show were sold through the Wilkes Playmakers, at the guard house

Cougar Cry entering Fort Hamby, as well as at the Brushy Mountain Applefestival. The next play from the WCC Drama Department will be "Stocking Stuffers". It is a compilation of short pieces revolving around the Christmas holiday. Also coming soon from the Wilkes Playmakers is a production of A Little House Christmas.



(L-R) Kyle Lacey, Leah Fussell, Erica Dunn, Toby McChillen, and Shea Alzers

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