



RISING STARS? - These area dance students performing as "Vogue" in a national dance competition in Virginia Beach, Va. placed 7th overall among 101 talented groups performing and won a silver award recently. From left, Lauren and Erin Folk of Boiling Springs, Micheal Wilson, Leigh Anne Jackson and Anna Goforth, all of Kings Mountain. Wilson won the gold for his character tap routine in "Headliners" competition.

Dancing on the stars

It takes practice to win the gold in a national dance competition.

Just ask Micheal Wilson, 11, rising 6th grader at Kings Mountain Middle School, whose ambition is to dance on Broadway.

The son of Tonya and Jeep Wilson has been dancing since he was four years of age. When he won a gold trophy for his recent character tap routine in Virginia Beach, Va., he came away feeling like he just batted the winning run in the World Series. He also got the judges eye for concept set design and personality for the routine, "If I Only Had A Brain," which he performed in a scarecrow costume designed by his mother and maternal grandmother, Helen Sisk.

Micheal's younger brother, Adam, 7, and his parents and grandparents, Dick and Helen Sisk, were cheering him on from the sidelines as he scored 554 from a possible 600 to take the top prize. They, along with grandparents Margaret and Furman Wilson and great-grandparents Charlie and Eula Mae Cobb and Louzetta Wilson, have beamed with pride as the youngster has piled up numerous awards in tap, jazz, ballet and acrobatics.

Micheal was the only male dancer in a local dance group called "Vogue," which placed seventh among 101 groups of talented performers in the "Headliners" competition of the recent national dance competition with groups from Louisiana, Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Michigan. Other members of "Vogue," coached by Michelle Wyatt of Shelby, are Leigh Anne Jackson, 12, daughter of Pat and Larry Jackson of Kings Mountain; Anna Goforth, 11, daughter of Paul and Debbie Goforth of Kings Mountain; and Lauren and Erin Folk, daughters of Jack and Julia Folk of Boiling Springs. Anna has been dancing since age four and is a 6th grader at KMMS. Leigh Anne, a 7th grader at KMMS, has been dancing since age five. Erin Folk is completing her first year in jazz classes and Lauren is completing her second year in jazz classes but both have been clogging for several years. This is the first year "Vogue" has performed together.

Practicing four hours a day and doing his homework takes up most of Micheal Wilson's time. School's out this summer for the local dancer but he still practices routines daily and has been busy in

dance competitions. He says it's important to build muscles with good exercise, avoid stress, eat plenty of healthy foods and drink water. Dancers have to be careful about broken bones. Anna Goforth recently hurt her foot in a routine and for awhile feared she would miss the national competition. Wilson said that occasionally he has sore muscles and cramps but when he gets on stage even if he forgets a routine he ad libs. That happened to him during a recent "Showstoppers" performance and he was able to substitute part of another routine he had memorized and came away with a second place award.

As a gold winner in Spartanburg, S.C. competition he won top soloist award and received the award for the best costume and for showmanship. He won first place in "Rising Star" competition in Greensboro this spring. His room at home is filled with more than 100 trophies.

A tap dance student of Cathy McLamb, Wilson prefers tap dancing and would like to tap dance on "Star Search," if an opportunity comes. His mother, who is probably his top booster, spends hours driving and accompanying him to dance classes and competitions. Judges who have scored Micheal for A-plus personality and concept set design, say he is a winner. Micheal smiles brightly at the judges and dances on stage just as he does in his own room at home because he enjoys it.

"He brings such life to dancing and involves everyone who watches him," says his mother, who says Micheal and other young dancers enter the contests as professionals judged by pros who count off for such minute things as a string showing on an elaborate costume.

Local sponsors Joe and Sophia Goforth, Plonk Brothers, Kings Mountain Florist, Dellinger's, Joe Ann Don Agency, Allen's Florist, Barrett's Floor Covering and Conner's Amoco helped financially with the local group's trip to the national competition. Families of the local dancers say they appreciate the encouragement local people have given to the talented group.

With only 2 minutes, 35 seconds to do a solo act on stage, Micheal Wilson gives 100% to his dance routines but that brief time in the spotlight takes hours of sweat.

When the lights go up and the dancing starts, he says the long preparation is worth it.



MICHEAL WILSON

Kershaw a wild and crazy guy

Wild, colorful, and crazy. That's the way some folks describe Doug Kershaw. Shot full of energy, he keeps the audience awake with his speedy fiddle playing. Sometimes he tears the horseshair from the fiddle bow. Known as "The Ragin' Cajun," Kershaw has been playing music all his life. His whole family was musical. Louisiana-born Kershaw made his debut at age nine. It was in one of those bayou-rough honky tonks called "The Bucket of Blood."

Doug and his brothers, Rusty and Nelson, put together a band. They soon became very popular in Louisiana. At age 18, Doug began to record for Crowley records in his home state.

Doug moved to Nashville to seek his fortune. He landed a contract with Hickory Records and introduced his wild cajun style to the world. In 1961 Kershaw had the big hit song he had been looking for. It explained life on the bayou. It was called "Louisiana Man" and made him famous. The song was also the first to take a space flight and be sent back to Earth. The

Ballenger to be in KM August 14

Congressman Cass Ballenger will be at Kings Mountain City Hall August 14 from 9-9:45 a.m. to meet with the citizens.

Ballenger will meet with citizens on any problem they are having with a federal agency or program. No appointment is necessary.

"I will be glad to discuss problems and assist in any way I can," he said.

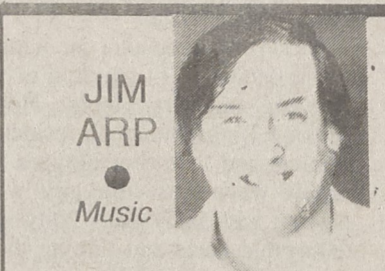
He also solicits comments on any issues facing the country.

Mountaineer Days vendors needed

The Kings Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for crafters and food vendors for the annual Mountaineer Days celebration.

Mountaineer Days will be held October 12 in downtown Kings Mountain. Anyone interested in a booth should call (734-0449) or go by the community center.

PLANNING BOARD-The Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board will meet August 22 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, according to Planning Director Eugene White. Wilson Griffin, chairman, will preside.



JIM ARP
Music

five songs at his ranch in Colorado.

Kershaw had spent his whole life entertaining. He plays 28 different instruments. He's best known for his cajun-style fiddle.

Kershaw has signed with BGM Records in Texas. He did a duet with Hank Jr. of "Cajun Baby." His last release is "Cajun Stripper." It climbed to number nine on the Major Canadian chart. His current record is "Cajun Baby." It holds the number three spot on the Major Canadian chart.

The Ragin' Cajun is back and as wild as ever, playing his style of music, and keeping his audience happy.

Apollo 12 crew chose their own music and the commander requested "Louisiana Man."

Kershaw laid off recording for awhile. He still did his tours. He spent more time with his wife and

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Bird hike at Crowders Mountain

Crowders Mountain State Park has scheduled a bird hike at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

A local expert will lead the hike in search of colorful and active birds of

the park. Participants should wear hiking boots and take binoculars. The hike will last about one hour.

For more information, call the park at 867-1181.

Fish Camp Jam hooks new logo

Fish Camp Jam will be held Sat., Oct. 19 in downtown Gastonia. This year, all of the T-shirts and souvenirs will be donned with a new logo designed by Leigh Brinkley.

Leigh is a two-time logo winner. She resides in Mount Holly and attend-

ed UNC-Charlotte. Her design is an exciting and fun linear logo of fishes that has a multi-color scheme. New merchandising with the logo will appear in local shopping sights and eateries on August 19.

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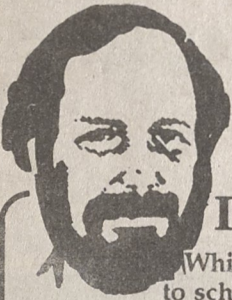
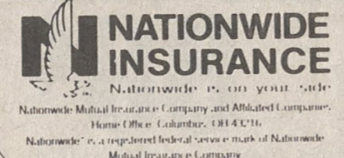
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