



TRAVIS BRYANT

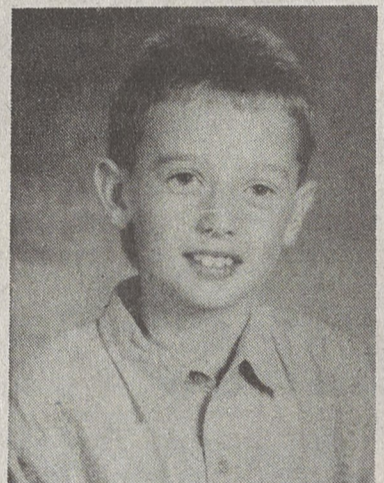
Travis Bryant eight years old

Travis Bryant, son of Lisa and Dennis Bryant, celebrated his 8th birthday September 26 at a party at his home with family and friends.

Travis has two younger brothers, Matthew and Jacob, and one older brother, Keith. Grandparents are Doris Garris, Raymond and Debbie Garris, and Evelene Bryant and the late Burman Bryant.

Great-grandparents are Maudie and John Queen, Mack Garris and Lloyd Elder.

Great-great grandfather is Odell Parker.



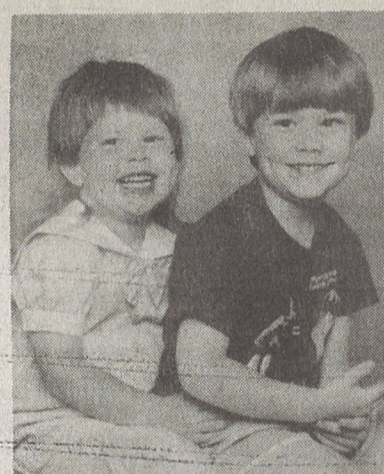
COLT McABEE

Colt McAbee ten years old

Colt McAbee celebrated his 10th birthday October 2 at a family party at his home.

He is the son of Debbie Goforth of Kings Mountain and grandson of Mary Goforth and the late Gene Goforth and great-grandson of the late Teal and Myrtle Childers.

A birthday cake was cut and served with party refreshments to friends and family.



BRITTANY NICOLE SISK
TRAVIS CHASE PETERSON

Brittany three, Chase is five

A Batman theme for Chase and a Little Mermaid theme for Brittany featured their birthday party September 26 at the home of their mother, Lorie Heavener.

Brittany was three on September 25. Chase was five on October 8.

Chase and Brittany are the son and daughter of Lori Heavener and the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Gastonia and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heavener of Bessemer City and great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Black of Gastonia.

Family and friends helped cut birthday cakes and enjoyed party refreshments.

Kings Mountain Fire Department will serve barbecue October 23 from noon to 11 p.m. and October 24 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Fire Department at 106 Spruce Street. Tickets are on sale at \$4.50 per plate.

A self protection seminar free and open to the public will be held October 12 at 7 p.m. at Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department and sponsored by Oak Grove Auxiliary.

Hospice of Cleveland County is offering basic volunteer training classes during October at Shelby Chamber of Commerce. Interested volunteers may enroll for classes each Monday and Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. by calling 487-4677.

THEATER

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theater had the latest in heating and cooling systems, a balcony and main floor and the newest sound and projection systems operated by the late Andy Jenkins who took pride in telling his friends that he was in the motion picture business.

In its heyday the New Dixie was a handsome theater that drew crowds. The grand opening of the New Dixie featured "It's In The Air"

starring Jack Benny and billed as entertainment for the whole family.

Local theater goers will recall that Grace Neisler Page chose the name for the Dixie after the theater operators held a contest to name the movie house. She won a three month's free pass to the Dixie, which also booked one of the first showings of the giant production, "Mutiny On The Bounty."

A number of local firms had a hand in equipping the theater in 1935 including the W. L. Plonk estate, the roof and heating system was installed by W. A. Childers; W.P. Herndon was general contractor;

the plumbing was installed by Welch and Jones; the brick was

manufactured by Gaffney Brick Company and sold by Elmer Lumber; the hardware was supplied by Plonk Brothers; Bridges and Hamrick furnished the hardware items; Elmer Lumber furnished lumber; A. P. Warlick poured the foundations; Jim Lindsay was in charge of plaster; L. A. Hoke was the electrician; and General Talking Pictures of Charlotte installed sound equipment after Walter Griffin and James Davis contacted them.

When he was handling the property transfer. Local lawyer Andy Neisler found the deed dated February 3, 1899 which described the original lot running to Piedmont Hotel and covering a half block 300 feet down Gold Street. The land was owned by W. O. Ware and Son in 1890 and there was a reference to a Garrett & Suggs Store on the property. The Wares sold their interest to W. L. Plonk and John P. Kiser in 1899. The Kisers sold their remaining interest in 1905 and the Wares their remaining interest in 1914.

Grigg said the small stage would have to be enlarged and the foyer widened to allow restroom facilities and handicapped access.

Restoring the building will be a

labor of love for the Little Theatre and a major, ambitious project but President Grigg says it can also be a hub for the cultural arts in Kings Mountain.

"We envision this facility being used for dance performances, musical concerts, both vocal and orchestra, and as an art gallery to exhibit local artists work," he said. "The possibilities are limitless for this facility."

Chamber of Commerce President Ruby Alexander pledged 100 percent support from the Chamber in seeing the project become a reality.

"A lot of things are happening downtown with the opening of new businesses and remodeling of others," said Alexander. "I'm excited and want to be a part of it."

Mayor Scott Neisler was also enthusiastic in his support of the project. "This is great," said the mayor. He said a theater would make a lot of difference in development of the downtown area and be a drawing card for more development.

"I'm tickled," said City Manager George Wood. "Anything that brings people downtown is positive and the Plonk building is an excellent place for a theater."

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