CHERI FULLER

Fuller to speak at First Baptist

Nationally-known teacher, author and speaker Cheri Fuller will lead a seminar Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church on the subject, "Helping Your Child To Succeed In Public Schools."

A question-answer session will follow until 7 p.m. when Fuller will give her testimony in the Worship Center of the church.

Fuller earned her B.A. and Master's degrees from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She was a contributing author to "Family Circle," which won the Educational Press Award for excellence in educational journalism.

"Cheri has a great sensitivity to the present needs of American school children and their parents can gain insight into learning styles as she suggest ways to help children learn," said Rev. Chip Sloan, pastor.

The public is invited.

Homecoming set at Victory

Homecoming will be held Sunday, August 28, at Victory Baptist Church, located on Highway 216 (just off Highway 29) between Kings Mountain and Grover.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and worship service will begin at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jeff Davis.

Following the worship service, a covered dish lunch will be served in the fellowship building.

Rev. Dennis Wells, pastor, invites the public.

Musical/drama set at Second Baptist

The King's Kids Children's Choir of Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, will present "And the Show Goes On" Sunday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

The drama is billed as "the greatest and most unusual carnival you've ever seen." Booths have been created by the children and each will tell something about the miracles of Jesus.

Rev. Eugene Land, pastor, invites the public.

Gospel Group to sing at Crowders Mountain

The Southerners will sing Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. worship service at Crowders Mountain Baptist Church.

The public is invited.

New Kindergarten teacher Page Wells, left, helps Lamar Robertson, Elizabeth Jeffries and Joey Jones build with blocks in their Bethware School classroom. Thursday will be the first full day of school of the fall term for local Kindergarten students.

Clifford the Dog makes learning fun at Bethware

There wasn't a time in her young life that Page Wells didn't want to teach school.

As a child growing up in Kings Mountain, she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her mother, a veteran elementary teacher, and last week her dream came true when 22 Kindergarten students entered Page's first classroom at Bethware School.

For a week before school opened, Page and her assistant Kim Franks put up Clifford the Dog posters, and created colorful centers for such activities as block building, housekeeping, play houses, shopping carts, and reading and art.

The Kindergarten Class may be the most visually exciting classroom in the entire school, according to Lamar Robertson, Elizabeth Jeffries and Joey Jones.

"It's fun," came the chorus of voices, as they played with blocks on the floor of the spacious classroom which has a multitude of fun things to keep five-year-olds busy and happy.

Joey demonstrated that he could count to 20 and all three students said they could sing the "ABC Song." Their favorite animal on the wall was, you guessed it, Clifford the Dog.

A 1989 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Wells is the daughter of Martha and Toney Wells. Mrs. Wells has taught elementary school for 31 years and now teaches a reading lab at Rhyne Elementary in Gastonia. Mr. Wells works at KMG Minerals. The other member of the family, Bryant Wells, works for Preparation Machinery Services.

On the fourth day of the new school term Tuesday, everything was running smoothly in Wells' classroom. Kindergarten students went home at noon the first week of school but Thursday the school bells won't ring for dismissal until 2:20 p.m.

Wells and her assistant, also a first year teacher, have numerous lesson plans and fun things to keep the children learning and happy all day long.

"We've cut out dolls and dogs and put up everything with love," said Page, who graduated last December from UNC at Charlotte. Wells says she's excited to be teaching in her hometown. After school, she enjoys walking, tennis, and reading. She is active in First Baptist Church.

Both teachers said it's exciting to be a first year teacher but not an overwhelming feeling.

"We are ready for our Kindergarten children and for this big responsibility and challenge," said Wells.

Principal Hugh Holland gives the newcomers high marks. Already he says he can see that in Wells' classroom the kids will love to go to school.

Webber on Chamber committee

Charles Webber, Director of Human Resources for the City of Monroe, formerly City of Kings Mountain Director of Human Resources, has been selected as one of 26 persons by the Leadership Union division of the Union County Chamber of Commerce to participate in its second such class.

This group is diverse, a goal of the selection committee, representing big industry and sole proprietorships, government, education, law and banking.

Orientation for the new members and their sponsors will be held next Thursday with a reception at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored by United Carolina Bank. Members will have an opportunity to meet their classmates and to learn more about the program they're enrolled in.

A two-day retreat at Camp Dogwood is planned as the second activity on September 16-17. Members will learn the results of their Myers-Briggs test, their group mates for the field study reports and potential topics for the reports.

The monthly day-long sessions will begin in October and continue through May.

Hope family reunion set

The family of Isaiah Hope and Mary Bumgardner Hope will holds its family reunion September 4 at 1 p.m. at Shelter #1 at Kings Mountain State Park.

All family members are urged to attend and take a covered dish.

City Council to meet Tuesday

Kings Mountain City Council is expected to award bids for improvements to City Lake and Davidson Lake dams at Tuesday's meeting at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Members of the Utilities committee will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the bids which will be opened at 2 p.m.

Interim City Manager Maxine Parsons said discussion of utility projects will feature the August meeting of the board.

Parsons said engineers with W. K. Dickson Company will meet with the full Council and new City Manager Chuck Nance on September 13 at 6 p.m. at City Hall for an update on current and future utility projects. The public is invited.

Parsons said the city is advertising for the position of Recreation Director vacated by Bruce Clark and the position of City Hall receptionist vacated by Betty Mitchell. Parsons said interviews for these jobs will be conducted after Nance takes office on September 1.

Nance, who is currently working a notice for the City of Spindale, is in Kings Mountain each Thursday to work with Parsons.

Parsons became the interim manager on March 21 after George Wood moved to Cleveland, Tennessee.

Jethro Hamm dies August 24

Jethro Gettis Hamm, 84, of 206 Cranford Dr., died August 24, 1994 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was married to Bessie Burton Hamm and was the son of the late Eron and Mattie Jane Allen Hamm. He was a retired twisting supervisor at Margrace Mill.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Michael J. Hamm of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Sue Saunders of Kings Mountain; one stepdaughter, Pat Kiser of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Rena Branton of Shelby and Lizzie Bowens of Grover; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Carothers Funeral Home Chapel on West Second Avenue in Gastonia. Rev. Gene Grigg will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. at Carothers Funeral Home Chapel.

Wells family expresses gratitude

Her family still grieves for their little girl they called Sunshine but the parents want local people to know they appreciate their kindnesses and the memorials being made to the former West School student.

Bobbie Jean Wells, daughter of Mike and Shirley Wells, was killed April 7 when she apparently darted in front of a truck as she headed home from the playground at West School.

The family, who lived directly across the street from the elementary school on West Mountain Street, has moved to Easley, SC, where Wells has taken a new job.

Mrs. Wells said they want to thank West School students who placed books in the library, Bethware students who planted a dogwood tree, Kings Mountain District School's Educational Foundation, pastors and members of Second Baptist Church and Victory Baptist Church, Delmar Studios who gave them school portraits of the youngster, and Schools Supt. Dr. Bob McRae.

BOBBIE JEAN WELLS

"We have had so many letters and cards of encouragement," said Mrs. Wells.

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