

# Cleveland County Fair opens today



PATRICIA DECOSIMO DOAK  
**Doak-Morris**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Francis Decosimo announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Decosimo Doak, to L. Jason Morris III, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lovell J. Morris Jr. Both families are of Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

The bridegroom-to-be's mother is the former Virginia Plonk of Kings Mountain.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cessna Sharp and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Decosimo. She is a graduate of Notre Dame High School and attended the University of Alabama.

The bridegroom-to-be is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lawrence Plonk of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Morris Sr. of Signal Mountain, Tn. He is a graduate of Red Bank High School and earned his B.A. degree from UTK and his Master of Science degree in Engineering Geology from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. He is Vice-President of Southern Builders Inc. and Vice-President of Paddle Sports, Inc.

The wedding will take place October 29 in First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## Events planned at Shelby Senior Center

Cleveland County Council on Aging has scheduled numerous October events to usher in the fall season at Shelby Senior Center.

J.A. West will offer free legal counseling Monday, Oct. 3, from 9-12 noon at the Center, 408 E. Marion St. Call 482-3488 for an appointment.

Free blood pressure checks will be given October 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Lawndale Senior Center.

Seniors Fair Day is a big event of October 4 from 12:30-5 p.m. Join senior citizens at the Fairgrounds for activities at the

Performing Arts Stage. Gates open at 11 a.m. and admission is free to senior citizens until 5 p.m.

A class in basic line dancing will begin October 5 at 10 a.m. Cost of the 10 week session is \$10. Register at the Shelby Senior Center.

Nancy Bottoms will lead "Coffee and Conversation" on October 6 at 8:30 a.m. at Shelby Senior Center.

Free blood pressure checks will be available October 6 from 10 to 12 noon at the Shelby Senior Center.

Gates to the 1994 Cleveland County Fair open Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

Manager Joe Goforth says "there's something for everybody" at this year's fair which continues through Saturday, October 8, at 11 p.m.

The official opening day ceremony will be at 5 p.m. Thursday on Stage I near the barn.

This year the fair is saluting the local news media.

One dollar specials are available on Saturday, from 9-10 a.m. when everyone can enter the fair for a dollar. Monday, women of all ages will be admitted for \$1 all day. Senior Day is October 4 with free admission for senior citizens until 5 p.m. A full afternoon of free entertainment for senior citizens will include square dancing, Tommy Faile, pig racing, a puppet show and awards.

Special days for preschool children, disabled children and adults will be October 5 and 6 from 9-noon. Special entertainment will include pig racing, puppet shows, lumberjack shows, Carla Wallenda and Freddie Pierce.

## Pianist to perform at Gaston

Acclaimed classical pianist Robert Taub opens the 1994-95 Gastonia Community Concert Association season with a recital performance Friday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Myers Auditorium on the Gaston College campus in Dallas.

The season also includes a performance by The Bobs on February 19, two concerts with Jim Miller and The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on March 17 and an organ recital with Frederick Swann, director of music and organist at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California on May 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia.

Memberships for the series are \$15 for students, \$30 for adults and \$70 for a family of two adults and two more children. Patron level memberships are available beginning at \$125. Membership admits an individual to not only the four above-mentioned concerts, but also to four concerts presented in the 1994-95 Casual Classics series, also on stage at Gaston College. That series is made up of the international ensembles Arcadia Trio.

For membership information, contact the United Arts Council of Gaston County at 704-853-2787.

Free local musical entertainment on the Performing Arts Stage will include Trey Hill on Thursday at 5 p.m. and Friday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Night/Sunday Morning Band on Thursday at 7 and 9:30 p.m.; Starlite Express on Thursday at 8 p.m.; Crossroads Band on October 1 at 7:30 and 9 p.m.; Catawba River Boys October 2 at 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Frank Love Orchestra on October 7 at 8 p.m.; and Crosscreek Band on October 8 at 8:30 and 10 p.m.

Professional wrestling returns to the fair on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a big star-studded card.

Free entertainment on Midway Stage I will include Freddie Pierce September 29-October 6 at 7 and 9 p.m.; Alan and Essie on October 1 and 2 at 4, 6, and 8 p.m.; High Noon Band on Thursday at 6 and 8 p.m.; Rita Ayers on September 30 at 6 and 8 p.m. and David Wise, upcoming country music star and Nashville recording artist, on October 7 at 7 and 10 p.m.; and Saturday, October 8, at 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Local dancers will perform on the Performing Arts Stage.

The annual Miss Cleveland Fair pageant will be held October 3 at 7 p.m. on the Performing Arts Stage. Contestants are Emily Elmore and Carmill Shade, Burns High School; Stacy DeMaegd and Shawna Chambers of Crest High School; Jennifer Senter of Kings Mountain High School; and Kimberly Williams of Shelby High School.

Cheerleaders from the area junior and senior high schools, Cherryville and Bessemer City will perform on October 4 at 7 p.m. and a youth talent contest will be held on October 5 for ages 12-18 and October 6 for ages 5-11, also on the Performing Arts Stage.

The Belwood Antique Tractor Pull Association and Dellinger Tractor Sales will present its exciting new show in the Grandstand Thursday at 6 p.m. There will be over 60 hookups of original antique farm tractors. Reserved seats are sold on the day of the show.

Breath-taking new stunts will be

free on the Grandstand October 2 at 4 p.m. and Monday, October 3, at 8 p.m. The thrill-packed, 28-event, high speed show, will delight all ages.

Friday, September 30, and Thursday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. the Demolition Derby crashes back into the spotlight on the grandstand.

The National Tractor Pull Association puts on one big show on October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The Bar H Wild West Rodeo show will be free on the grandstand October 7 at 7:30 p.m. and October 8 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Barrel racing, bareback riding, bronco riding, bull riding and team roping will be featured.

The Bost Bread fireworks light the sky on October 3, 4, and 5 at 10 p.m. Publicity Director David Blanton said best viewing is from the

This weekend the Fair will be open from 2-11 p.m. Thursday; 2-11 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

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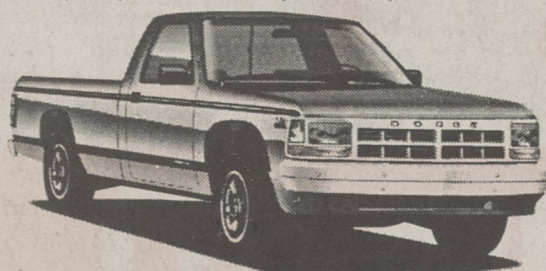
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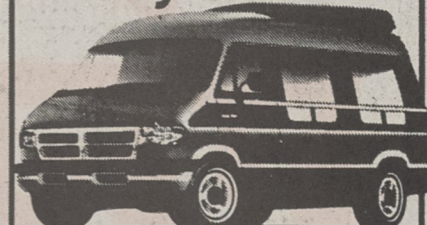


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