

Briefs

Encampment set at Military Park

The 84th Royal Highland Emmigrants will be holding a weekend muster at Kings Mountain National Military Park Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-8.

The recreated 84th Royal Highland Emmigrants will be the first Loyalist contingent to encamp at the battlefield known as the "Turning Point of the American Revolution in the South." Chief Ranger Chris Revels stated that the park "is trying to further the understanding of the American Revolution and the civil strife among the columnists. We hope to accomplish that goal by telling both sides (Patriot and Loyalist) of the epic events that resulted in our nation's independence."

The historic Royal Regiment was created to meet the demands of the Seven Years War, but was soon disbanded after that conflict. Most men elected to remain in the colonies because they had little to return to in their impoverished native homeland, Scotland. The 84th Regiment was raised in 1775 and consisted of two battalions. The first battalion was active in the early stages of the war and was responsible for the defense of Canada. The second battalion saw most of its service in the South during the later half of the war. The 84th Regiment was not part of the Loyalist contingent at the Battle of Kings Mountain, but served most notably at the Battle of Eutaw Spring in South Carolina. Many detached companies participated in most of the major conflicts in the South.

People would think that the uniform of the 84th included the kilts. However, the heat and insects in the southern colonies forced the Regiment to adopt trousers. The 84th Regiment was the only Highland regiment to carry their broadswords throughout the American Revolution. The men of the 84th Regiment were adept at woodland warfare and Light Infantry tactics. A combination that made them much more effective than the standard line regiment.

Over 15 men and women will be demonstrating such period skills as cooking, leather-working, flint knapping, and other necessities of military life. Weapon firing demonstrations and the utilization of the broadsword will be featured during the weekend. Unlike other encampments held at the park the 84th Regiment will concentrate on the role that the Scots played during the American Revolution.

The unit is active throughout the year and participates in events at various local, state, and national historic sites. Through these encampments group members are committed to promoting greater appreciation of our ancestors' lifestyles.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday and will continue during normal operating hours until 3 p.m. on Sunday. There is no admission fee and the public is encouraged to attend.

The final evening program of the summer season will be September 14 at 7 p.m. when The Miller-Rowe Consort performs in the park amphitheater. The talented duo will perform an array of selections on the hammer dulcimer and the classical guitar. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held in the park visitor center.

For more information, contact Kings Mountain National Military Park at (864) 936-7921.

Pioneer Days set at KM State Park

Their lives were rough on the South Carolina frontier, but early 19th century pioneers still made music.

Their bluegrass and ole timey country sound will be the centerpiece of the annual Pioneer Days Festival at Kings Mountain State Park September 21-22. The weekend festival will be held around the park's historical Living History Farm.

The bands Miller/Rowe Consort of Spartanburg, the Northern Border Bluegrass from Woodruff, and the Ruff and Rocky Bluegrass of Shelby will be providing the entertainment.

Participants can also stroll the festival grounds for a view of living history demonstrations, life skills of the 19th century, including basketmaking, dyeing with natural products, spinning and weaving, gunsmithing and other demonstrations. A sanctioned muzzleloaders shooting competition will also be held.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12.

Kings Mountain State Park is located south of Kings Mountain off S.C. 161. It's Living History Farm is a collection of 19th century log and timber structures from the Piedmont region.

For more information, call (803) 222-3209.

CC Hospice offers bereavement program

Hospice of Cleveland County will offer its bereavement support program "Reflections," beginning September 10 at 7 p.m. at the Hospice office at 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby.

The program will run for four consecutive Tuesdays.

Through the use of music, art and personal reflections, the group will deal with reactions to death such as shock, anger, guilt and depression.

For more information or to register, call Gloria Lightsey at 487-4677.

Choral Society plans auditions

The Gaston Choral Society will hold auditions for its Christmas Concert September 12 and 19 at First ARP Church fellowship hall, 317 South Chester Street, Gastonia.

Any adult interested in singing should plan to audition between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m. before the first rehearsal on September 12. All former choral members are invited back. The concert will be held December 5 at 8 p.m. at Hunter Huss High School.

For more information, or to schedule a particular audition time, call Esther Muench at 739-1917. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:30 and end promptly at 9:30 p.m. Rehearsals are scheduled for each succeeding Thursday at the church.

Dress rehearsal is Monday night, December 2.

Blanton reunion set Sunday, September 8

The annual Drury Allen Blanton and Julia Ann Ledbetter Blanton family reunion will be held Sunday, September 8 at Sharon Methodist Church fellowship hut.

Dinner will be at 1 p.m. Each family is asked to take food and a drink. Paper and plastic products will be furnished.

Danny and Faith Thornburg of Mentor, Ohio, will be presenting a musical program. Danny is Choir Director and Faith is pianist at Lakewood Baptist Church in Mentor. He is a Kings Mountain native and is President of DanRon Industries in Ohio. Faith is a retired school teacher.

Lovelace-Hamrick reunion at Oak Grove

The Lovelace-Hamrick reunion will be held September 8 at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

Diabetes support group to meet at EmeraldCare

A diabetes support group meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 10 from 6-7 p.m. at Emerald Care, 2923 Rousseau Court, Gastonia.

The topic of the free program is "Share and Care." A panel will be on hand for a question and answer session.

Diabetes program meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, call 867-1141.

Prostate screening at Gaston Memorial

This year in North Carolina, it is projected that more than 9,700 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and that 1,300 men will die from the disease.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Gaston Memorial, The Diagnostic Center, and Gaston Urological Associates, PA, are sponsoring a free prostate screening for men over the age of 50 on Tuesday, September 24

and Thursday, September 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Diagnostic Center, 655 Cox Road, Gastonia. Appointments are required by calling 834-2226. The screening includes a rectal examination and PSA blood test (drawn from the arm).

The prostate is a walnut-sized gland located just below the bladder and surrounds the urethra.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 834-2226.

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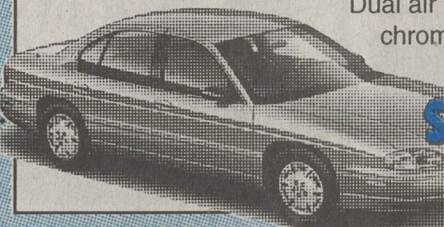


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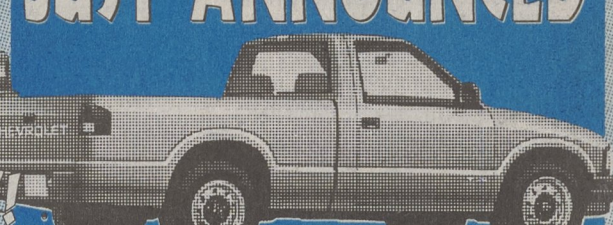
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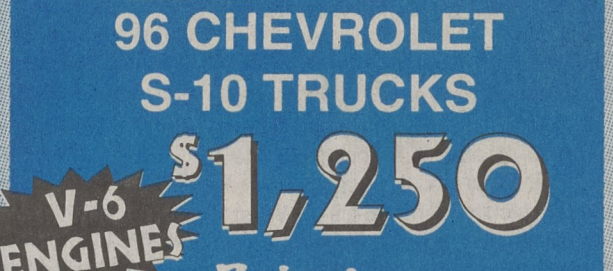


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