

Happy Thanksgiving

Jessica Detter back in school after near fatal car wreck

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This could have been the Thanksgiving that 16-year-old Jessica Detter of Kings Mountain missed in a big way. Involved in a near fatal automobile accident on October 9, the Kings Mountain High student returned to classes for the first time in six weeks Monday with a new perspective on life.

"The wreck made me appreciate life and the fact that it can be gone in a split second," Detter said. "It feels great to see my friends, and to be free of medical problems, but I know that if it had gone the other way, God would have taken care of me and I would still have come out a winner."

In addition to sending Detter a huge card autographed by her classmates while she was in

the hospital, students at Kings Mountain High also welcomed her back with a banner in the school cafeteria covered with hundreds of signatures.

"I have been overwhelmed with all the love that everyone has given me," Detter said. "I never knew that I had an impact on so many lives."

The daughter of Trudy and Ronnie Detter, Jessica spent several days in a coma as a result of her one car accident on State Road 1001 near Moss Lake. The wreck was attributed to hydroplaning. Jessica's mother recalled the night as one that changed the family's lives.

"Our preacher told us about Jessica being in an accident and how serious it was," Trudy Detter recalled. "If each person who was involved in Jessica's rescue and treatment hadn't

been as professional as they all were, she wouldn't be here today."

Trudy Detter wants to go on record as giving a big "hats off" to members of the Oak Grove Fire Department, Kings Mountain EMS, Cleveland Regional Medical Center, and Carolinas Medical Center. The Deters also want to extend special thanks to the Cleveland Regional doctor who attended Jessica, then called back three times in successive days from his vacation in Alaska to check on her progress.

"All the people in Love Valley, our church, and Jessica's school have been wonderful," Trudy Detter said. "We give God the glory because He was with her through this whole time. It's the only explanation for her recovery, because even the doctors weren't sure she

would make it. Life is precious thing and we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving."

As for Jessica, her accident and recovery has given her a new determination.

"I could be in a wheelchair or scarred for life, she said. "I am going to really focus on my education and try even harder in school."

Jessica's mother also sees her daughter in a different light now that she's back in class and healthy.

"Jessica's life was spared for a reason," Trudy Detter says. "God has a purpose for her being here."

Despite some aches in her ribs and back, Detter is doing fine. She's scheduled for a three month checkup in February that should put the fateful night of October 9 behind her for good.



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Jessica Detter (left) and her mother Trudy Detter admire the sign welcoming Jessica back to school following her near fatal auto accident last month. The Detter family says they have much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving with Jessica's miraculous recovery.

Entries needed for Christmas parade

Deadline for entries in the Kings Mountain Christmas Parade is November 30 at 12 noon.

Any groups interested in entering floats, units or marching in the parade should go by City Hall and pick up an application, or call City Hall at 734-0333 and have an application faxed to you.

The parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 4 at 3:30 p.m.

RELAY

From 1A

Mitchell said most of the funds raised through Relay for Life activities go to cancer research. Very little goes to administrative costs, she said.

Mitchell is encouraging local business and families to begin forming teams for next year's walk. Teams should shoot for ten members, with each seeking pledges for the number of miles or amount of time walked. their own Christmas tree.

By printing the name and year on the ornaments, Mitchell hopes citizens will continue to buy them each year and build their own memorial tree.

The Relay for Life each year sells luminaries in honor and in memory of cancer patients. Next year's Relay for Life will probably be held in September at the KM Walking Track.

"But we want to start early on our fund-raising," Mitchell said. "We'll be going into businesses soon to show them a new video that tells the whole story of the Relay for Life."

Mitchell said Relay for Life will have a float in the December 4 Kings Mountain Christmas parade, featuring an honor tree and ornaments. The committee will also be handing out literature about Relay for Life.

Kings Mountain raised over \$57,000 in its first two Relays - the first in September of 1998 and the second in April of '99. Because both of those dates fell within the American Cancer Society's fiscal year, the total amount counted toward Cleveland County raising the 12th highest total in the U.S.

COUNCIL

From 1A

proposal also freezes the rate of customers in the Power Agency cities, which is higher than non-Power Agency cities, for a three-year period.

Another part of the proposal is that the 51 cities - including Shelby and Gastonia - be required to sell off their systems to recoup almost half of the \$6 billion debt. However, in recent days some of those cities have made counter-proposals that would allow them to keep their systems, which Maney said could drive the monthly fee higher. The remaining \$3 billion would be paid through tax-exempt state revenue bonds, which the monthly transition fee would pay off. Then and only then, Maney said, would deregulation fully occur with customers being able to choose their own electric supplier.

Maney said all members of ElectriCities were given the opportunity to buy into the plants 20 years ago, but Kings

Mountain was not interested. There are 110 municipal power systems in the state.

"Nobody twisted anyone's arm," he noted. "I believe Duke Power would have built those plants anyway."

But, Maney said, Kings Mountain customers will have to pay the monthly fee even if the city opts to purchase its electricity from someone other than Duke.

Kings Mountain officials don't agree that cities that didn't buy into the plan should be required to help pay off the debt.

"In the beginning of this, the legislature said it was a good thing," noted committee member Gene White. "Now they're saying the same thing again. They say it's in the public interest...so cough up the money."

Newly-elected Council member Howard Shipp, who sat in on the meeting as a non-member of the committee, pointed out that the state has a AAA bond rating and default on the debt would hurt the future bor-

rowing power of every city in the state.

Maney agreed.

"If all of a sudden we had to borrow money and the state had a low rating, our pay back would be higher," he said.

Still, it doesn't seem fair, they agreed.

"At some point we need to get on record as opposing this," Murphrey said.

"And encourage all other cities to do the same thing," added committee member Clavon Kelly.

In other matters Monday, the committee heard a report from Engineer Al Moretz on a new water system management plan that is being required by the state and discussed again a possible alternative sewer system (grinder pump) policy.

MUSEUM

From 1A

way to the actual battle of Kings Mountain may have dined on an udder or two they got at Cowpens.

"The possum was prized in colonial days because it was a white meat," said living historian Suzanne Simmons. "It also has a lot of sweet fat in it which was also a prized food item."

Drink at the Schiele spread was cider. In colonial times that and water were the beverages of day to day living. Of course, something stronger would occasionally be brought out for special occasions or "medicinal purposes."

Utensils used to cook Saturday's feast consisted of iron pots, skillets, and Dutch ovens. All foods were cooked over an open fire outdoors or on the hearth of one of the restore cabins behind the museum.

"I like cooking this way better than with modern appliances," said Susan Goforth of Kings Mountain. "Once you get your fire and coals the way you want them, it doesn't take any

longer to actually cook the food."

Getting cooking ingredients was a little different over 200 years ago. Not only were some items scarce, but the time it took to procure them was also a consideration.

"Things like sugar had to come from Charleston or another trading stop like Salisbury," said Moss. "It would have taken over two weeks to drive a wagon to Charleston and back in those days. Sometimes, one person would take a wagon and make a supply run for an entire village."

In addition to the cooking demo, the Carolina backcountry village at Schiele also had several colonial craftsmen making wooden furniture, iron articles like meat skewers and forks, a wool spinning exhibition, a mountain man with musket and coonskin hat, and a wagon ride for the kids.

"It's important to remember that they used what they had at hand back then to make a feast," Moss said. "A feast was a special occasion where everyone in a community got together for food and fellowship."

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