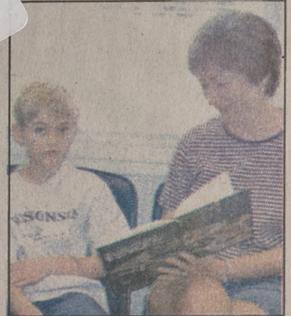


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Their wedding will be a 'Blast'

Mann, Dorsett to pledge vows at town celebration

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

Linda Mann went to the Beach Blast last year expecting to enjoy beach music and perhaps a slice of watermelon. She ended up falling in love with the watermelon slicer, Donald Dorsett. On Saturday, the two will get married at the gazebo in Patriot's Park during the Beach Blast.

"He was slicing watermelons. We started talking, and he invited me to the mountains. I had a good time, and we kind of went from there," said Mann, of how they met. "I like beach music. I had no idea of doing anything but listening to music that day. It

worked out real good."

They have been engaged for approximately three months.

The Beach Blast took place on the third weekend in June last year, so Mann tried to arrange a wedding for that same weekend this year. However, the city will be holding a triathlon that weekend and could not accommodate the couple then.

When Special Events Director Ellis Noell learned about how the couple had met at the Beach Blast, he invited them to get married during the event this year. The couple agreed. The wedding will take place during



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Donald Dorsett and Linda Mann will be married Saturday at Kings Mountain's Beach Blast

KM water problem continues

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

The Kings Mountain water saga continues this week and, in fact, may continue for several months and has concerned citizens concerned flooding grocery stores for bottled water.

The state tested water to see what was causing the odor and taste problems. The problems are a result of a combination of several things, including the lake inversion and all of the rain the area has received. The problems have been exacerbated by a problem with blue-green algae.

Blue-green algae normally appear in the lake for a couple of weeks in the fall. For a reason that has not yet been determined, the algae have appeared in the lake in the last couple of weeks. Usually the algae appear after the lake has been heated during the summer. The appearance of the algae at this point in the year is not a good sign, said City Manager Phil Ponder.

"It's the fear of the state that we're going to be fighting this problem all summer into the fall," he said.

However, there is some good news, he said. The problem can be fixed by increasing the amount of carbon that is put into the water each day. Carbon absorbs the algae and can be taken out

See Water, 3A

'Blast' features Maurice Williams and The Zodiacs

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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The annual Beach Blast will be held on Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., at the gazebo in downtown Kings Mountain.

The event will include a Teenie-Weenie Bikini Contest for kids ages 6 and under. Entry forms are available at City Hall. Also, the Harley Owners Group will have a motorcycle show if the weather is clear.

Mayor Rick Murphrey will also drop beachballs for the kids again. Hot air balloon rides will be given. A climbing wall and Cleveland County's largest sand pile will also be a part of the day. The sand pile will be twelve feet high. Also, the 90 degree angle fire hydrant will be running for the kids to play in.

"They have a grand time," said Ellis Noell, special events director for the city.

The city will also have a balloon release for the 505th battalion of the National Guard. Balloons will hold the names of

See Williams, 3A

Buchanan quads came into world Friday in Shelby

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

The bundles of joy have arrived. All four of them.

On Friday, Carol and Tim Buchanan's quads were born.

"It was amazing, probably the most exciting moment of my life," said Tim. "They're so cute."

The two girls, Maggie Grace and Mallory Faith, came first, shortly followed by the two boys, Carson Timothy and Calen Robert. The babies ranged in weight from 3 pounds 14 ounces to 4 pounds 10 ounces. They were all 17 to 18-1/2 inches long. They were born one minute apart, beginning at 1:51 on Friday. They are all doing fine right now.

"They're doing real well, and they should be able to come home soon," said Tim.

The babies were big for quads, but they will still have to stay in the hospital for observations until they get to be a little bit bigger. Tim said they were the biggest babies in their section of the hospital.

Carol was going to be released on Tuesday, although Tim said she would probably remain in the hospital until today.

Since the babies have been born, the Buchanan's family members have all come to see them at the hospital. Hazel and Charles Smith, of Kings Mountain, and Bobby and Susan Buchanan, of Shelby, are the grandparents.

"Everybody's been here," said Tim.

With all of the support the couple has been shown so far by their family members, they will hopefully have a lot of help with their children during the next few years.

The couple has already received some promise of help from at least one company. A formula company has promised to send them six months of free formula once they verify that the babies have been born.

WORK OF ART



GARY STEWART / HERALD
James Jefferies of Jefferies & Sons Painting, Inc. applies a fresh coat of paint to the old Southern Railway Depot which will soon become home of the Southern Arts Society.

A.B. Snow, founding member of Southern Arts Society, dies

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
Staff Writer

A.B. Snow was one of those ladies who touched the lives of everyone she met. Through her art and her kindness, she helped make the world a more beautiful place.

"She was just an outstanding lady that never said no to any situation. She was an adventurous person. She was just always on the go for any situation and encour-

aged anyone with their art abilities. She brought out the creativeness in everyone," said Johnnie Reavis, a member of the Southern Arts Society, which Snow helped found in 1984.

Snow was a member of the Southern Arts Society until she died.

"She kept us together. She was the big sister who took us all in and made us feel like a family. That's how our art group feels, like a family. Every member has some great memory of her," said Reavis.

"She was like my mentor. She was so knowledgeable in art," said Pat Childers, another mem

See Snow, 3A



SNOW

Gunshot death of Charlotte man on 74 East believed self-inflicted

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

Kings Mountain police are treating the Sunday shooting death of a motorist as self-inflicted.

Kings Mountain Police were called to Highway 74 East around 9:30 p.m. after Gaston County received a 911 call about the shooting. When Gaston County officers got to the scene they realized it was inside the Kings Mountain city limits and called KMPD.

The victim was identified as Ryan Michael Zucker, 19, of Charlotte.

According to Det. Derek

Johnson, the car had pulled over to the emergency strip and the driver left the vehicle "to relieve himself."

Johnson said the man heard the shot go off and when he returned to the vehicle he found Zucker dead with a gunshot wound to the head.

Johnson said the handgun was found inside the car.

"All the evidence is indicating that it was a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Johnson said.

Johnson said an autopsy on Zucker's body was performed Monday at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Residue tests have been sent

See Death, 3A



Young cancer victim Autumn Malpass to be honored by city

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD
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Nine-year-old Autumn Malpass, daughter of Billy and Sherri Malpass, has fought ovarian cancer since she was five.

Tuesday evening, City Council honored her battle by reading a proclamation for her and declaring Monday, June 9 to be "Autumn Malpass Day."

"She has shown a lot of courage and spirit," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. "She's very special. Even when she was going to Charleston for all the tests and surgery, she was so happy."

Autumn will spend the morning of June 9 with Murphrey and her family, enjoying a hot air balloon ride and lunch with City Council members. She will also be at City Hall from 1-3 p.m. to meet the public. Murphrey encouraged citizens to come by and say hello or bring her a card.

Autumn has completed the 4th grade at Bethware Elementary School through the

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