

**ARTS**

# Dinner theater planned at Joy

King Mountain Little Theatre returns its most recent hit comedy "Dearly Departed" for two evening dinner theater performances on Friday and Saturday, June 11-12 at the Joy Performance Center.

The meal will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 8.

The performances are a fund raising project toward the purchase of state curtains for the Joy Performance Center. The event is not a part of the KMLT 2002-03 theater season, thus season passes will not be honored.

Tickets are \$25 each and include a complimentary cocktail. A cash bar will be open. Seating is limited to 80 for the dinner portion of the venting and tickets are only available in advance. Advance tickets are available at Bridges Hardware or by calling the Joy at 730-9408.

Tickets for the performance only are available for \$10. These tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 730-9408, or as available at the door beginning at 7:45.

"Dearly Departed" is a southern comedy praised by KMLT audience members during its recent run for its true-to-life portrayals of many recognizable characters. Wendy Walega is director.

The cast includes Teresa Williams, Jim Tate, Karen Lattimore, Linda Grant, Robert Jenkins, Susan Champion, Matt Walega, Dan Walega, John Caveny, Cathy Garland, Jim Champion, Bethany Falls and Ginger Deaton. A special guest star will appear a Bud Turpin each night.

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## Piedmont Jazz Quintet to perform June 20 at Joy

The Piedmont Jazz Quintet will perform Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Joy Performance Center in Kings Mountain.

The quintet features a mix of piano and saxophone selections by members Guy Rudisill, Jeff Renn, Rob Elmore and Anne Goss. They have performed with the Frank Love Orchestra and have played throughout the area.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at the Cleveland County Arts Center. For more information call 484-2787.

## MUSEUM

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Celebrations of the Battle of Kings Mountain were held at the monument for many years, as well. The obelisk that now stands in the park was built in 1909. Pictures from the celebration in town are also on display.

In 1880, two businessmen in town, Mr. Homesley and Mr. Willford, set up a restaurant by the original monument. A flyer from the restaurant indicates that President Hayes and his Cabinet, as well as every governor in the United States, were going to attend the celebration. Also, 10,000 soldiers were expected to set up an encampment at the battleground.

"These are really neat things to have," said Crowell.

President Hoover attended the 150th anniversary celebration. Flyers from the 196th and the 200th anniversaries are also on display.

In addition to the flyers and pictures, books about the battle are also included in the case. One book is a fictional account of the battle, written by Florette Henri. The book was published in 1950.

A permanent textile mill

section is also included in the display. Newspaper articles and pictures of the mills, as well as a loom, are included in that section.

Another case contains pictures of several different groups and families in Kings Mountain. One of the most unique pictures in the case features a group of men playing baseball while dressed up as women. The picture was taken in 1923.

Another photo shows what appears to be Mayor Glee Bridges emptying moonshine down the storm drain. The picture is from the early 1950s.

Two other cases contain pictures and books from the elementary and high schools. Pictures from the 1930s indicate that the high school had both men's and women's basketball teams. One of the textbooks is from 1845.

One aspect that Crowell said is lacking in the exhibit is pictures from the African-American schools. She encouraged anyone who might have some to contact her so that she can include them in the exhibit.

A large picture of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus M. Carpenter rests on an easel in front of the display cases. The Carpenters used to live in the house where the old

## SOCIAL BRIEFS

### Wrestling June 13 to benefit CMN

Kings Mountain Food Lion and Foothills Wrestling will sponsor professional wrestling June 13 at 8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain National Guard Armory.

All proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network, which provides funds for children's services at numerous hospitals including Carolinas Medical Center.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be sold.

### Coffee house set June 13 at theater

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre Board will hold its monthly coffee house Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Joy Theater.

Admission is free. It is open to the public.

Coffee, pastries and other delectables are available at modest cost in an informal setting.

There will be board games, impromptu poetry readings, short video presentations and a variety of other entertainment.

For more information call 730-9408 or go online to www.kmlt.org.

### Pops in the Park June 13 in Dallas

The Charlotte Symphony will perform at the annual Pops in the Park concert Friday, June 13 at Dallas Park.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Starr Acheson will perform at 7 p.m. and the symphony takes the stage at 8:15.

Admission and parking

are free. Call 853-ARTS for more information.

Vendors will be on hand to sell snacks.

### Militia to encamp at KM Military Park

The Backcountry Militia will hold an encampment at Kings Mountain National Military Park Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Admission is free. For more information call 864-936-7921 or visit www.nps.gov/kimo.

The Militia will practice its military drill, fall in for inspection, and demonstrate historic weapons that were used at Kings Mountain.

Militia fought at Kings Mountain, Cowpens and other battles in the area during the Revolutionary War. They were citizen-soldiers who were not well trained or well supplied, and often left their homes for short periods of time and used their own personal weapons.

### Hospice workshop slated for June 12

Hospice of Cleveland County will offer a workshop on "Creating Grieving: For Everyone There is a Season," June 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hospice office, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby.

The workshop is for people grieving the loss of a loved one.

For more information or to register call 487-0800 ext. 111. Seating is limited.

### Programs slated at Crowders Mtn.

Three programs are planned for Saturday, June 14 at Crowders Mountain State Park.

Tree Biz is set for 10 a.m. Participants will learn about trees and how they provide wildlife and humans with food, shelter, and clean air. The program will include an easy hike and is a good program for Scout badges. Meet at the visitor center. The program will be cancelled if it is raining.

A boulders hike is set from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The boulders are a unique area of the park that are best visited with a ranger because there are no trails or parking access. Meet at the visitor center where transportation will be arranged. The program will be cancelled if it is raining.

An outdoor safety program will be held at 2 p.m. Participants will learn what to carry in a daypack and about survival in the woods. The program is good for children and Scouts. Meet at the visitor center, rain or shine.

For more information on these programs, call the park at 853-5375.

### Annie Get Gun at Cleveland CC

The Greater Shelby Community Theatre and the Cleveland Community College Student Government Association will present "Annie Get Your Gun" June 20-22 and 26-28 in the College auditorium, 137 S. Post Road, Shelby.

Evening performances begin at 7:30 and the June 22 Sunday matinee begins at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets at the door are \$10 general admission and \$8 for senior adults and students. Advance discounted tickets (\$8 and \$6) are available by calling the Cleveland County Arts Council at 484-2787, or at Arnold's jewelry until 5 p.m. on June 20.

For more information call 484-4139.

### Appraisal Fair at Senior Center

An Antique Appraisal Fair will be held June 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Leona Smith Neal Memorial Senior Center, 1266 Fallston Road, Shelby.

Admission is \$10 and includes dessert, beverage and one item appraised. Additional items can be appraised for \$5 each.

For more information call Bob Davis at 482-3488.

### Ridge program at Crowders Mtn.

"Ranger on the Ridge" will be presented Saturday, June 21 at Crowders Mountain State Park.

Participants can meet a ranger at the mountain overlook at the top of Backside Trail, and ask questions about the park and look at the surrounding countryside through a spotting scope.

The first three persons to stump the ranger with park related questions will win a prize.

The program is subject to weather and staff limitations. It will be held during the morning hours but persons interested should call the park at 853-5375 for more information.

### Program June 28 at Crowders Park

Volunteers are needed Saturday, June 28 at Crowders Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain.

A trail helpers program is planned for 9 a.m.-12 noon. Volunteers are needed to help work on sections of the Turnback Trail, including clearing water bars and other activities.

# TOBACCO OUTLET

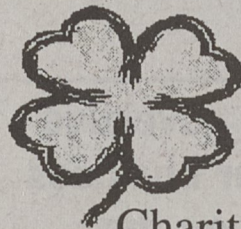
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