

**REUNION**

**Bethware class holds 53rd year reunion**

The Bethware High School Class of 1950 held its 53rd reunion June 14 at the El Bethel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

A memorial service was held for the deceased classmates with Harold Hord giving the names and Dean Costner lighting a candle that was placed with a picture of each on a memorial table. They were Joan McSwain Sorrells, Wilhelmina Summitt Sprouse, Margaret Pridmore Henderson, Rose Nell Moore Ledford, Peggy Dixon Timsley, Ruth Babb Howell and Betty Philbeck Langley.

Thirteen of the remaining 21 classmates attended.



**The Bethware High Class of 1950 held its 53rd year reunion recently. Front row, left to right, Corrine Reynolds Swofford, Barbara Allen Bridges, Martha Jo Randall Nance, Geraldine Moore Carpenter, Dean Spearman, Colleen Brooks Wilson Betty Stone DeBruler. Back row, Marshall Jones, Charles Herndon, Dean Costner, Harold Hord, Joe Ware and Carol Ledford.**

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**ARTS**

**Art class to feature dragons**

The rising popularity of dragons prompted art teacher Anne Maoney to design a week long class dedicated to the creatures.

"They (students) love them. Dragons are really big right now," Maoney said.

Held through the Cleveland County Arts Council, the class, which runs July 14-18, is part of the organization's summer art program. Openings are still available.

On the first day, students will talk about what dragons

mean to them. Maoney will review the principles and elements of design. Then students will draw and sketch their own dragons.

After some instruction on how to use oil pastels, students may add colors to their dragons.

Maoney will break out clay on the second day. Students will learn hand building techniques and then they'll design their own dragons.

On the third day, they'll glaze the creatures.

Day four is tee shirt day. Students bring a plain white shirt to paint a dragon on.

They will use acrylic paint on day five to make mono prints.

Maoney is an art teacher at Kings Mountain Middle School. She also teaches in her home studio.

Her students inspired the dragon-themed week.

"All of them come in with tee shirts with dragons, Chinese dragons," she said.

During the class, students will pull from their own

imagination. The dragons do not have to be cute. The creatures can have some spunk.

Class for rising 1-4 grades is from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Rising 5-8 grades attend from 1-3 p.m. Classes are held at Kings Mountain Middle School. Students should wear older clothes.

The class cost \$45.

Payment must be made with registration. Registration cannot be made by telephone unless using MasterCard/visa. All classes

will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Enrollment is limited.

Artwork will be on exhibit at the Arts Center in Shelby from July 31 to August 14. A reception for all students and parents will be Thursday, August 14 at the center. All artwork is to be picked up the night of the reception.

For more information, call the Cleveland County Arts Council at 704-484-2787.

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are scheduled for the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center. All persons ages 60 and over living in the Kings Mountain School District are encouraged to participate.

The second annual Senior Trivia Bowl will be held Tuesday, August 5 at 2 p.m. Kings Mountain resident Participants will be placed on teams of 5-7 people age 55 or older, and teams will compete for trophies.

Anyone wishing to compete on a team may obtain an entry form at the receptionist desk of the Patrick Center, 909 East King Street, Kings Mountain.

Through a Duke Power grant, the Senior Center has obtained fans that will be distributed to eligible senior adults through the Operation Cool-Off program.

Persons must be 60 years old or older, must reside in a county served by Duke Energy Foundation, and must have a home situation which presents a threat to health.

The Senior Center also have fans to loan for the summer. They must be returned in September.

For more information, call Carolyn Bell at 734-0447.

Several special events are scheduled at the Center in July and August, including:

July 11 - Summer Camp Kids from Miracle Tabernacle at the nutrition site.

July 14 - Special program by Carol George.

August 11 - Watermelon slicing in the dining room.

**Film festival July 17-19 at Joy**

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER Staff Writer

A secret agent in Prague, Tibetan politics, an extra terrestrial stand up comic, the test to find the perfect woman -- these and many more story lines will be explored during the Real to Reel Film and Video Festival July 17-19.

For the second year, the Cleveland County Arts Council is holding its festival at the Joy Performance Center bringing to Kings Mountain work by film makers from all across the United States, Canada, Australia, England and the Czech Republic.

Only in its fourth year, the festival had entries from 90 film makers from across the world.

"It floored us," said Shearra Miller, arts council director.

The four-year-old festival was moved to Kings Mountain Little Theater's

Joy Performance Center last year.

"It's more fitting to have a film festival in an old theater," Miller said.

Films were shown at the council's arts center in Shelby prior to the move.

Miller describes a film as more artistic than a movie.

"They're more artful than commercial," she said. The concept is catching on in Cleveland County. Last year over 200 came out. The arts council is expecting a good turn out again this summer.

"This year people are looking forward to it," Miller said.

Film makers submit their work in hopes of catching the interest of a representative from a large studio.

In addition to getting sponsorship from within the film industry, the arts council would like to add classes and workshops to the festival.

Miller describes the three

day event as a boon to the local economy. Film makers are staying at area hotels and eating in nearby restaurants.

"They like our southern hospitality," she said.

Some may like more than the hospitality. Miller suspects some of the artists are looking around for potential film locations.

"You can see the wheels turning. They're looking at sites," she said. "This has the potential of being a really big deal."

Some of the films have a mature theme, Miller said. Most of these will be shown later in the evening. Parents are encouraged to call the arts council if they have questions or concerns.

Tickets cost \$5 per session. A festival pass is \$10, children aged 12 and under are admitted free.

The Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association will host a kick-off reception Thursday, July

17 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Joy.

The screenings will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. A special matinee showcasing documentaries will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. The final screenings will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 19.

Returning again this year is the silent auction which See Film, 5B

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