

BIRTHDAY ARTS



SARAH DRENNAN

Sarah Drennan three years old

Sarah Drennan, daughter of Randy and Karla Drennan of Kings Mountain, was three years old November 13. She celebrated November 15 with family and friends at a Lilo and Stitch party at First Baptist Church.

Sarah is the granddaughter of Rick and Jean Moore of Kings Mountain and Nancy Drennan of Dallas. She is the great-granddaughter of James and Betty Falls of Kings Mountain and Mamie Peeler of Laurinburg.

Lifestyles deadlines

The Herald welcomes your lifestyles news for publication in each Thursday's paper. Lifestyles items include weddings, engagements, anniversaries, birthdays, club news, church news and community news.

Deadline for information and articles is 12 noon on Monday. Items received after deadline may run in other parts of the paper if time and space permit.

When holidays or other reasons make it necessary for the paper to publish a day early the deadline is Friday at 12 noon.

There is a \$10 fee for birthdays for ages 0-5. Forms, which must be signed by the parents, are available at the receptionist's desk. Regular advertising rates apply for birthday articles for persons ages 6 and above.

There is a \$20 fee for weddings, anniversaries and engagements. Wedding forms are also available at the receptionist's desk. Only the information requested on the form will be published. Persons requesting additional information in wedding write-ups must pay regular advertising rates. It is the bride's responsibility - not the Herald's - to obtain permission to publish copyrighted pictures.

Information and articles may be mailed to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, brought by the office at 824-1 East King Street, or sent by fax to 704-739-0611. All articles and information are subject to editing for clarity, spelling and/or length.

'04 will be big year for arts

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Staff Writer

Art lovers in Kings Mountain have an exciting year to look forward to. The Southern Arts Society is opening its Depot Arts Center and the Cleveland County Arts Council plans to continue its film festival at the Joy Performance Center.

The Southern Arts Society plans a late spring grand opening, according to Johnnie Reavis. She credits the community for helping out.

"We've come a long way since June," Reavis said.

Renovations are complete except for painting one room and refinishing

floors. The depot was formerly occupied by the Senior Center which is now housed on Business 74.

The newly restored depot will be home to a large antique display case that was used in the Wade Ford Grocery and donated by the family.

Once open, the Society plans activities for children and adults.

The group still has 2004 silk screen calendars for sale at \$20 each. For more information, call Reavis at 704-739-2056.

The Joy Performance Center will once again be the venue for Cleveland County Arts Council's Real to Reel Film Fest. This will be its fifth year. Last year's July event

attracted entries from over 90 filmmakers including domestic and international artists.

The arts council will also continue its October music festival in Shelby.

There three art galleries have opened up in a little over a year, according to arts council Director Shearra Miller. These galleries, the Depot and the council's gallery can make Cleveland County an arts destination for out of town visitors, according to Miller.

"It's exciting and encouraging to all of us," she said.

In other arts council news, the organization will hold its annual Feast for the Palette Jan. 24. For the

first time, the council is partnering with the Communities in Schools program to share proceeds.

In another first, the fundraiser is expanding from its Arts Center location to also include the First National building and the former BB&T location.

There will be beach music at the BB&T location, big band at First National and Blues at the Arts Center. Food will be served at all three locations. Merchandise donations are still needed for the silent auctions.

For more information, call 704-484-2787.

Auditions set for 'Hide and Seek'

BY AL RANKIN
Special to The Herald

Cathy Garland, the director of Kings Mountain Little Theatre's next play, "Hide and Seek," will hold auditions on Thursday and Friday Jan. 8 and 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Joy Performance Center.

Set in a long abandoned farm house, which is being refurbished by its new owners, this suspense filled and gripping play blends present terror with past mysteries as it probes into the chilling secrets

which the old house yields only at great peril to the present occupants. Cast includes roles for four men, four women and one girl.

The four adult female roles, Elly, Jennifer, Vickie and Martha range in age from about 25 up to 40s. Adult roles for four males, Richard, Matt, Tony and John span from 25 up to 50s with some flexibility for younger or older. A young female between ages 9 and 14 who can be made to look 11 or 12 years old is also needed.

KMLT welcomes newcomers and

there are many opportunities for volunteers for all aspects of the production. The talents of a stage manager, a sound and lighting director, a set director and an assistant director are required as well as support persons willing to help build and decorate sets. It is not necessary to be a member of KMLT to participate.

Director Garland describes "Hide and Seek" as being "an intensive play with the most complicated set and challenging special effects since KMLT opened its new venue at the old Joy Theatre."

KMLT is a tax-exempt non-profit corporation and is completely volunteer based. It is a funded affiliate member of the Cleveland County Arts Council. KMLT programs are supported in part by a grassroots grant from the N.C. Arts Council, a state agency.

Actual scheduled performance dates for "Hide and Seek" are Feb. 27, 28, 29 and March 5 and 6. For further information, leave a message at 704-730-9408 or visit www.kmlt.org.

CHURCH/SOCIAL BRIEFS

Church offering Adult Basic Education

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
Staff Writer

Central United Methodist is once again partnering with the Learning Center to offer Adult Basic Education and GED classes.

"We're excited about giving members of the community an opportunity to finish their education," said Tom Bennett, chair of the church's trustee board.

A remodeling project a few years ago caused space problems, ending the classes there. Now construction is finished and the church is able to once again donate classroom space.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and are expected to begin in January. The church also sponsors a community kitchen on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is free.

The Learning Center which is located on the Cleveland Community College campus also offers GED and adult basic education classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at East Elementary School. Those classes run from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 704-484-4050.

Bible study set at Dixon Church

The Mayberry (Andy Griffith Show) Bible study will be held each Sunday night in January at 7 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian Church, 603 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain.

Randy Patterson, pastor, will lead the study. The public is invited.

Bible study set at Bethlehem

A women's Bible study, "The Purpose Driven Life," will begin Sunday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Rachel Sunday School class at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Ministers to meet Wednesday at Y

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will meet at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, January 7 at the Kings Mountain YMCA. Chief of Police Melvin Proctor will present a program on protecting the church during times of heightened alerts of terrorism activities.

All pastors and church financial secretaries in the Kings Mountain area are invited to attend.



Librarian Rose Turner (right) reads a card as library board member Anne Corry looks on. Board members and the City of Kings Mountain surprised the retiring librarian with a retirement party.

Wonders of Winter at Gaston Library

The Wonders of Winter, a family program for children ages 3 and older, will be held Saturday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. at Gaston County Public Library, 1555 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. Admission is free.

The program focuses on a celebration of the season with cold-weather stories, fun activities, and a take-home winter craft creation.

For more information, call 868-2164 (dial 3 during regul-

lar library hours).

Senior exercise class in Gastonia

The Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a senior citizens exercise class starting January 5 at Flint Groves Baptist Church, Gastonia.

The class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. The class will start with basic chair aerobics including cardio work, strength training, and balance enhancing exercises.

For more information, call Gaston County Parks and Recreation at 922-2160.

Monthly dance schedule for '04

The Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department sponsors monthly dances for senior adults ages 55 and older. Dances are held on the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Citizens Resource Center on Dallas-Cherryville Highway.

Live music is performed by the Country Bucks.



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