## SOCIAL BRIEFS

#### King celebration slated in Gastonia

The Gaston County Organization for Community Concerns, Inc. will hold its 17th annual celebration commemorating the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Saturday, January 17 at 6 p.m. at St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church at Unity Place, 201 West Franklin Ave.,

Rev. John McCullough, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, will be the speaker. Music will be provided by the 50-member Community Mass Choir, conducted by Mrs. Jocelyn. Pharr Thompson.

Tom Efird will receive the Humanitarian Award for his support of human relations.

The public is invited. For more information call David Moore at 864-5850.

#### Community watch meeting Thursday

The Gaston County Community Watch Association will meet Thursday, January 15 at the Citizen Resource Center located off Dallas-Cherryville Highway at the entrance to Biggerstaff Park.

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

#### Gospel concert slated in Valdese

A gospel concert featuring The Whisnants, The Haves

Family, The Praise Masters and The Bazzle Family will be held Friday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at Old Rock School in Valdese.

For more information call 434-2142.

#### 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 takehome winter craft creation.

For more information, call 868-2164 (dial 3 during regular library hours).

#### Stargazing set at Broad River

A winter stargazing program is slated for Saturday, January 17 from 7-9 p.m. at Broad River Greenway.

Participants will join local astronomers to locate constellations and talk with other enthusiasts from the

Meet at the Ranger sta-

For more information call

#### GPS program set at Crowders Mtn.

A GPS units/high tech compass class will be held Saturday, January 24 at 10 a.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park.

Participants will learn some tricks that will make it easier to use. The class will be outdoors. Participants should take their GPS and owner's manual.

Participants need to have prior knowledge of how to use a magnetic compass. Meet at the visitor's center. Compasses will be provid-

For more information call 853-5375.

### **CC** Arts Council plans activities

The following arts events have been scheduled by the Cleveland County Arts Council. For more information call 484-ARTS.

■ Glennis Redmond, poet, educator, performer and counselor, will perform January 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Kings Mountain High School.

"Treasures of the Earth" pottery show is February 12-March 11 at the Arts Council in Shelby. The show will feature works of 30 artists. An opening reception is Thursday, Feb. 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Hamptons concert at Cherokee Street

The Hamptons will be in concert Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m. at Cherokee Street Baptist Church, 423 Cherokee Street, Kings Mountain.

The public is invited.

## **ENGAGEMENT**

## Harrington-Houston

Kinder Jerome Harrington and Cheri Garver Harrington of Ocoee, FL announce the engagement of their daughter, Kindra Philana Harrington, to Kenneth Clayton Houston of Tuscaloosa, AL, son of Dr. and Mrs. Martin W. Stallings of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Houston of Maiden.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Ret. Col. Ralph T. and Charlotte Garver of Palatka, FL. She graduated from Orange High in Winter Garden, FL, and attended Valencia College in Orlando, FL and Auburn University in Alabama. She is employed at Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, AL.

The bridegroom-to-be is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Houston of Hickory and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ratchford Sr. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School and will graduate from the University of Alabama in May 2004.

The couple became engaged at Red Square in Moscow and plans to be married on May 29, 2004 at the First Baptist Church, Maria Williams Chapel in Orlando, FL.



KINDRA PHILANA HARRINGTON KENNETH CLAYTON HOUSTON

## LIFESTYLES DEADLINES

The Herald welcomes your lifestyles news articles for persons ages 6 and above. 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

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 739-0611. All articles and information are subject to editing for clarity, spelling and/or length.

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