SOCIAL BRIEFS

Party honors bridal couple

An engagement party was held March 20 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Martin W. Stallings honoring Kindra Harrington and Kenny Houston. The party was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Stallings. Family, neighbors and friends attended.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres were served. The home was decorated with beautiful floral arrangements. The large deck was lighted and lighted torches were placed throughout the yard. Edward Cook provided classical guitar music for the event.

Dr. Stallings recognized Mr. and Mrs. Kinder Harrington, parents of Kindra, visiting from Florida. Afterwards, he toasted Kenny and Kindra.

A decorated gold and white marvel cream filled cake was cut by the couple. It was served from an antique family heirloom crystal cake plate. Guests were served miniature decorated cheese cake, marvel cream, and french vanilla cream cakes.

The couple received a number of gifts, including a set of luggage for their engagement present.

Kindra and Kenny are to be married May 29, 2004 in Orlando, FL.

Blood drive set at Boyce Memorial

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and Boyce Memorial AR Presbyterian Church will host a blood drive April 15 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the church.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors should take either photo identification or a donor card.

Egg hunt slated at Broad River

An Easter egg hunt and an annual visit by the Easter bunny will be held Sunday, April 4 from 2-4 p.m. at Broad River Greenway.

Approximately 3,000 eggs will be filled with candy.

Children will be divided by age groups.

Parents are urged to take their camera and take pictures of their children with the Easter bunny.

Meet at the Phifer Cabin.

For more information call 434-2357.

Sunrise service at Broad River

A non-denominational/bilingual Easter Sunrise service (English & Spanish) will be held Sunday, April 11 at 7 a.m. at Broad River Greenway.

The community is invited.

Meet at the boat launch.

For more information call 434-2357.

Pioneer Council banquet set in KM

Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council will honor adult volunteers and leaders during an Adult Awards ceremony at Boyce Memorial ARP Church, Kings Mountain, on April 22.

In honor of Girl Scout Leader's Day, the ceremony recognizes the countless hours of service and dedication of volunteers in the Pioneer Council. Adult recognition in Girl Scouting is designed to honor individuals, organizations and businesses for promoting Girl Scouting through their commitment and support.

Literacy Council to host free study

Lincoln County Literacy Council will sponsor a free multicultural study circle for English as a Second Language students and any citizen who is interested in exercising their human and legal rights and civic responsibilities by becoming informed and taking action to strengthen their community.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. April 13 in the fellowship hall of Emanual United Church of Christ, 329 East Main Street, Lincolnton.

Speaker will be legal aid lawyer Sharon Dove.

CROSSWALK

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the play is appropriate for all ages. There are no violent scenes.

"We've taken great pains to down play the violence even though it's real. Our challenge is to express the meaning behind Easter so everyone from little kids to senior citizens can get a better perspective," Alexander said.

The crucifixion, which is the only posed scene in the play, is viewed from behind the cross.

Approximately 200 people have volunteered both behind the scenes and as actors. Most are playing crowd members, however, the central characters include Bill Eddie Parker as Jesus; Rev. Dale Swofford as Joseph; Jim Belt as the Roman centurion; and Cindi Wood as Mary Magdalene.

Using local talent is intentional. Alexander envisions town residents as actors, drawing audience members from other cities and states.

"I want this to become a presentation of the people of Kings Mountain, not just one church or a group of churches," Alexander said.

Marking its fourth year, the CrossWalk has reached its maximize capacity for how it is currently produced. Alexander hopes to expand next year while keeping it downtown.

"I can't wait to see how we're going to solve that problem," he said.

In past years, Alexander watched as audience members discarded their programs. This year the playwright has produced something he hopes they will hang onto, a newspaper from the first Easter Sunday. "Tomb Empty," the front page headline will read.

"This will give an indication of the confusion of the people of Jerusalem when the tomb was found empty," Alexander said.

Alexander says the City of Kings Mountain has been supportive of the CrossWalk.

"There are some leaders in Kings Mountain who see potential where this is going," Alexander said.

This year the CrossWalk received $4,000 in funds from the Kings Mountain Tourism Development Authority. That money comes from hotel occupancy tax; not from the town's general fund.

Alexander said some objections have been raised to tax money helping fund a religious event though he defends the practice. Religious tourism has become a major industry across the country drawing crowds to cities where they spend money in local businesses, he said.

Alexander would eventually like to create an entire Easter festival using the CrossWalk as an anchor.

CrossWalk tickets are $3 per person though the fee can be waived for individuals who cannot afford to pay.

The entire production will cost around $10,000 with ticket sells making up $2,700 of that total, Alexander said. TDA and private money will also help fund the project. Last year, the CrossWalk broke even financially.

Currently, the CrossWalk is viewed by groups of 150 though Alexander would like to increase that to 300 per group. He also hopes to raise enough money to purchase production items that are currently borrowed.

Some of the production costs include promotions, costuming, insurance, props and food for volunteers.

Alexander plans an aggressive marketing campaign next year including working with the tourism industry to create hotel and meal packages.

He has opted not to pass a collection plate at the end of the drama, saying it would detract from the emotional climax.

"They've gone through the struggle of Jesus. Some are shouting and clapping. I'm just not going to break that," Alexander said.

CrossWalk runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. For ticket information, call 704-739-3838.

Egg hunt slated in uptown Shelby

The annual Uptown Shelby Easter egg hunt will be held April 3.

The Easter bunny will arrive at 11 a.m. and children will hunt by age group beginning at 11:10 a.m. with the hunt for ages 2-3. At 11:20 a.m., children ages 4-6 will hunt, and at 11:30 a.m. children ages 7-8 will hunt.

More than 7,000 eggs will be hidden around the court square, and every egg will contain a piece of candy, toy or coupon to redeem for special prizes.

Following the hunt there will be activities for the whole family.