

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Entries needed for KM parade

The City of Kings Mountain will host its annual Christmas parade Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. and the community is invited to participate.

Participants should register by Nov. 29. Line up position will be determined by noon on Dec. 1. Positions should be claimed by calling 704-730-2103 between 8 a.m. Dec. 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 3. Late entries will be added to the back of the parade.

Candy should be tossed from entries, not thrown, according to city Events Coordinator Ellis Noell.

Horses are only allowed if diaper bagged.

Tree Lighting set at KM Hospital

Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual tree lighting Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m.

The tree is decorated with crystal angels placed in honor and memory of many individuals. The money raised benefits the auxiliary's scholarship fund for local students entering the healthcare field. Two scholarships were given last year.

Rev. John Houze from People's Baptist will give the devotion and Eric Wright will sing.

A staff member will be recognized with an angel for giving outstanding service. Another angel will recognize an auxiliary member.

The public is invited to the tree lighting and reception.

Jimmy Wayne at Cleveland Mall

Hometown boy turned country music star Jimmy Wayne will be at Cleveland Mall November 26 from 8-11 a.m. to promote his new song "Paper Angels" and the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Jimmy Wayne is a native of Kings Mountain and grew up in Bessemer City, where he attended Bessemer City High School.

He discussed the meaning of "Paper Angels" on his website, www.jimmywayne.com.

"This is a very special song. My sister and I grew up in and out of foster homes. But when we were home with my mom, before Christmas she'd take us down to the Salvation Army. We'd fill out these forms and put them up on the paper angel tree, hoping someone would pick them out and give us presents. A lot of times we didn't get picked, but one Christmas I got a deck of Uno cards and my sister got a pair of brown men's socks. We played Uno all day. I wrote this song to make more people aware of how little it can take to make kids happy."

Along with WSOC FM 103.7, Jimmy Wayne will be at the Salvation Army Angel Tree located near center



The Youth of the Month Award was presented to Kings Mountain High School senior Philip Bunch, center, by the Exchange Club of Shelby. The award recognizes industrious high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. Bunch is pictured with club president, Myra McGinnis, left, and youth of the month/year committee member Bob Smith.

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court greetings fans and signing autographs.

Giannini Brass at Joy Theatre

The Giannini Brass will perform Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Joy Performance Center. The concert is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre.

Two types of seating will be offered for the concert, preferred/assigned seating and general/open seating. Preferred/assigned seating tickets are \$12 each in advance and \$15 each at the door. General/open seating tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$12 at the door.

For tickets and further information, contact Jim Champion at 704-739-9603 or 704-730-9408 or visit www.kmlt.org. To learn more about the Giannini Brass, visit www.giannini-brass.com.

Black Achievement banquet to be held

The Greater Gaston County Organization for Community Concerns' 17th Black Achievement Award Banquet will be held December 4 at 6 p.m. at Erwin Center in Gastonia.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased by calling 864-5850.

Honorees include Mrs. Jacqueline P. Robinson of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Servilla Gamble Byers of Bessemer City, Rev. Tony Giles of Cherryville, Mrs. Betty Hand Earle of Belmont, Mrs. Frankie Gardin of Dallas, Charles Whitesides, Clarence Fisher Jr., Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson and James Froneberger of Gastonia, Mrs. Maggie Brown of Stanley, Mrs. Ruth Moore of Mount Holly, Nevin Wilson of Tryon, Rev. Jerry Davis, and youth winner Jessica Burriss of Highland School of Technology.

KM softball team cooking for Christmas

The KMHS varsity softball team will be cooking Boston butts and smoked turkeys for Christmas.

The Boston butt will come with free slaw and sauce.

The cost for either the butt or turkey will be \$25. Checks should be made out to KMHS softball.

The butts and shoulders will be cooked by Chris Johnson's Allnighters Cooking Team. Orders will be ready for pickup on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the front entrance to the high school.

Orders must be placed by December 3.

For more information call Suzanne Grayson at 734-5647 ext. 34 or e-mail stgrayson@clevelandcounty-schools.org.

Proceeds will go toward the team's spring break training trip to Florida.

Champagne, shop at CC Arts Center

The Cleveland County Arts Council presents Champagne and Shopping Dec. 3 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Work by local and regional artists will be on sale at the Arts Council's South Washington Street center. Champagne, juice, coffee and breakfast will be served.

Tickets are \$7.50 with \$1 off additional tickets purchased. To purchase advance tickets, call 704-484-2787.

Photography display at CC Administration

Digital photography by Hal Bryant and Frankie Patterson is on display at the Cleveland County Administrative Offices on Marion Street. This is a joint venture between the Cleveland County Arts Council and Cleveland

County.

Bethlehem VFD to hold open house

Bethlehem Fire Department will hold an open house Dec. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The department is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The public is invited to tour the fire station and meet firefighters.

Tour of Homes set in Bethlehem

Bethlehem Fire Department will hold a tour of homes Dec. 5 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Four homes in the Bethlehem community will make up the tour. Proceeds will go toward purchasing equipment for the fire department.

Tickets are \$5. For more information, call Elaine Dixon at 704-739-7865 or the fire department at 704-739-6206.

Music to return to Clover, SC

Live music returns to downtown Clover, SC in March 2005 near the downtown square.

Tom Warlick, founder of Bluegrass Thursday Night, will return to the stage with a monthly music series. Known for bluegrass, Warlick will also bring in other types of music for the public's enjoyment.

Warlick's band, The Clover Feed & Seed String Band, will be the host.

Any groups interested in participating should call Tom Warlick at 803-222-5737.

Cops raising funds for kids' Christmas

The Kings Mountain Police Department is accepting donations for its annual

Christmas project. Officers will take underprivileged children and teens shopping near the holiday.

Donations may be dropped off at the police department. Checks should be made out to the KMPD with the memo marked Christmas fund.

"The more money we can raise, the more families we can help," said Officer Tony Walker.

Walker said he hopes some of the city's larger businesses will get involved this year. For more information, call Walker at 704-734-0444. Donations should be made by Dec. 19.

Grammy winner to perform in Clover

Grammy Award winner George Winston will perform a solo piano concert Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at Clover School District Auditorium.

Tickets are \$15 and seating is reserved. Call 803-222-8018 for ticket.

Persons attending are also encouraged to take a donation of canned food to the concert. The food and proceeds of all albums sold at the concert will be given to a local charity.

Ranlo accepting entries for parade

The Town of Ranlo is accepting entries for its annual Christmas parade to be held Saturday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. Lineup will begin at 12 noon in the parking lot of Ranlo Restoration Church of God, 1800 Spencer Mountain Road, Ranlo.

Churches, schools, businesses, cheerleaders, beauty queens, car clubs and individuals are invited to participate. There is no entry fee.

Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall, 1624 Spencer Mountain Road, Ranlo, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 740-824-3461 to register.

Learn to make buffet for birds

You can help make your yard ready for fall and winter by preparing a feeder for birds. A program to learn how will be held Saturday, Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. at Crowders Mountain State park.

Participants will make their own "recipes" by learning how different mixes can attract specific species. All materials will be provided.

Take plastic or rubber gloves. Meet at the amphitheater if the weather is nice, or in the classroom if it is raining.

Call 853-5375 for more information.

Christmas events set at Barber Cabin

"Christmas at the Cabin" is scheduled for December 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. behind

the Kings Mountain Historical Museum on the corner of Mountain St. and Piedmont Ave.

The Kings Mountain Back Country Militia from Kings Mountain National Military Park will represent the Revolutionary period in full costumes with demonstrations.

Dulcimer music, spinning, basket making, cabin tours, and more will be a part of the day.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Shirley Brutko at 739-4755 or the Museum at 739-1019.

Historical Museum open December 4

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum will be open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on December 4.

The first 50 guests will receive a free Kings Mountain Christmas ornament.

The gift shop will be open and there will be a train display.

For more information call the museum at 739-1019.

KM Art Center open December 4

The Kings Mountain Art Center (old Southern Railway Depot on Piedmont Avenue) will be open for early Christmas shopping and tours December 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Children's artwork and members' paintings will be on display.

Refreshments will be served.

The Kings Mountain Christmas Parade will begin at 3 p.m. in downtown.

For more information call Shirley Brutko at 739-4755.

Junior Cotillion program expands

The National League of Junior Cotillions will expand its program to include Gaston County.

The cotillion program's goal is to give students instruction in courtesies that make life more pleasant including sportsmanship, correspondence, paying and receiving compliments, telephone courtesy, ethics, table manners and behavior at cultural and civic events. Students learn through role playing, skits and games. Standard ballroom and line dancing is taught.

There are cotillion programs locally in Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Concord. The program was started in Charlotte in 1979 and has licensed cotillions nationwide.

Applications and nominations for cotillion director are being accepted. For more information, call 1-800-633-7947, visit www.nljc.com or email cotillions@nljc.com.

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