

LIFESTYLES

BRIEFS

The Eagle to hold open house

The Eagle will host its annual holiday open house on Thursday, December 9 from 6-8 p.m. during the 'Christmas on Main St.' celebration. Members of the community are invited to drop by The Eagle in downtown Cherryville for refreshments and the chance to visit with staff members Todd Hagans, Lib Stewart, Bill Fulton, Dean Lutz, Claude Dixon, Cathy Key and other members of the Republic Newspapers, Inc. family. For more information, call The Eagle at (704) 435-6752.

Hospice plans special program

Gaston Hospice will sponsor its 'Light A Candle 2004' service of remembrance and candle lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 805 S. York St., Gastonia. People wanting to recognize a loved one during the ceremony is invited to contribute a gift of \$20 to light a candle. For information, call (704) 861-8405.

St. John's to hold blood drive

St. John's Lutheran Church in Cherryville will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, December 12, 2004 from 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For more information, call (704) 435-9264. The church is located at 310 W. Church St. in Cherryville.

BIRTHDAY



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BIG BIRTHDAY - Above, Helen Bess Froneberger, left, received a special visit from her life-long best friend Ruth Hull Plyler during her 80th birthday party on Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Plyler made the trip from Jacksonville, Florida for the birthday celebration.

Froneberger celebrates her 80th birthday

Helen Bess Froneberger or 'Helen Sue' to her friends celebrated her 80th birthday with many of her friends and family on Sunday, December 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cherryville. The party was a complete surprise until she arrived at the church and not even Helen's husband, Jim, was told about the party in advance to ensure that it remained a secret.

Helen was speechless as she arrived at the church fellowship hall at 3 p.m. and was immediately greeted by many of the 70 or so friends and family in attendance. Guests enjoyed a variety of light hors d'oeuvres, punch and birthday cake. A special surprise for Helen was seeing her long-time best friend, Ruth Hull Plyler, who came from Jacksonville, Florida for the party.

The party was given by Helen's niece, Debbie Hailey of Houston, Texas and by her son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Pam Froneberger of Charlotte. Expert assistance was provided by John Kennedy of Cherryville. While the party was held on Sunday, Helen's actual 80th birthday is on Wednesday, December 8.

Website that honors military updated for holidays

Rep. Sue Myrick announced last week that she has updated the www.HonoringHeroes.com website for the holidays. HonoringHeroes.com is a website to honor American servicemen who have fallen on the battlefield as well as those who still fight. "I encourage everyone to visit this site and find out

how they can support our troops and honor those who have given their lives to protect America," said Myrick. "It is especially important to show our support for troops currently deployed overseas and their families during the holiday season when they cannot be at home."

promotes the idea that families and communities should 'adopt' a serviceman and their family. Many military families lack the manpower to complete little things like mowing their grass or running basic errands. By adopting the soldier and their family, residents commit to help them anyway they can.

COMMUNITY

Timmerman receives dance award at regional competition



Arianna Timmerman

Arianna Timmerman received the 'Awesome Platinum' dance award at the first regional competition of Dance Machine Productions held on November 20 in Hudson. Timmerman won the honor for her jazz solo routine to 'My Happy Ending' by Avril Lavigne. She also earned special advancement to the national competition set for June 2005 where she will compete for the coveted overall title award. Her placement of the day included competition in interview, dancewear modeling and an audition class along with her solo routine. The 'Awesome Platinum' recognition is the highest honor that can be achieved at an event sponsored by Dance Machine Productions. Timmerman is the daughter of Chuck Timmerman of Cherryville and Vicki Blythe of Lincolnton. She is in the fifth grade at Beam Intermediate School in Cherryville and is a dance student at Tammie's On-Stage Productions in Cherryville. Tammie, Tiffany and Terra McSwain are her instructors.

Federal disaster assistance made available to area farmers

Farmers in a number of North Carolina counties are eligible for federal disaster assistance to help recover from losses experienced because of Hurricane Frances that passed through the state in early September. A total of 15 counties were designated as primary disaster areas, including Alexander, Bladen, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Gaston, Hoke, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Robeson, Scotland and Union counties. Additionally, a total of 11 counties were named as contiguous counties to the primary disaster counties, including Anson, Brunswick, Davie, Harnett, Moore, Pender, Richmond, Rowan, Sampson, Stanly and Yadkin counties. The emergency disaster loans are being made available to farmers in the above-mentioned counties from the United States Department of Agriculture - Farm Service Agency. Applications to file for disaster recovery loans must be submitted by May 19, 2005 and any farmer who experienced a production or physical loss in one of the disaster counties can contact Robin Hampton at (336) 838-3622 for more information.

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