

BUSINESS

KM Business Showcase set February 22-March 18

(Editor's Note: Today, The Herald begins a bimonthly business column by Tim Waters, vice president of the Kings Mountain Branch of the Cleveland County Chamber. It will focus on business news and updates in the Kings Mountain area. Look for Tim's column every other week).

serves as a forum to show Kings Mountain and Grover members how much they are appreciated. This year's showcase will be held at Kings Mountain City Hall starting February 22 at 5:30 p.m. and continuing through 5 p.m. on March 18. The event will kick-off with a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on February 22 that is open to members, participants and the general public.

Last year, 40 businesses were hosted, and more than 1,700 residents visited the showcase during the open month. The event is open to all businesses and organizations in the Kings Mountain and Grover areas that would like to participate. There is a limit to the number of exhibitors we can accommodate. All interested partici-

pants are encouraged to get their registration in as soon as possible.

So what is this event about anyway? The Kings Mountain Business Showcase offers participants the opportunity to place relevant business materials, products, service information or promotional items on the display to help promote their business. During the kick-off reception, representatives from the business are present to address any questions that may arise, although it is not required that they attend.

The Chamber encourages area businesses to become connected with the community through the Kings Mountain Business Showcase and invites the public to come in and check out those businesses.

If you are interested in participating in the event or reception, contact Shirley Brutko or Tim Waters at the Kings Mountain office of the Cleveland County Chamber at (704) 739-4755.



Tim Waters Business

BY TIM WATERS

The Cleveland County Chamber recognizes that it is necessary to promote area businesses as efficiently and professionally as possible while maintaining low cost to both the business and the Chamber. One of the most effective ways to accomplish that goal is to "gather" as many local businesses together in a central location and promote the businesses.

For the past four years, the Cleveland County Chamber has hosted an event at the end of February known as the "Kings Mountain Business Showcase." This event

Shelby mayor named to post

Ted Alexander, mayor of Shelby, will direct Preservation North Carolina's southwestern office. He will be in charge of buying, selling and generating donations of historic properties across the region. Alexander, a Morganton

native, has a masters degree in historic preservation planning from Cornell University and 20 years experience in the field. He is immediate past president of the Historic Shelby Foundation and current president of the North

Carolina Downtown Development Association. Alexander has worked with downtowns across the southeast, Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, Iowa and Japan.

Horn appointed by governor

Governor Michael Easley recently appointed Jeri Horn of Coldwell Banker Horn Real Estate to the Commission on State Property/Sale of State Property. Horn's term will expire August 14, 2006.

Horn is founder of what is now Coldwell Banker Horn Real Estate, where she remains a broker.

"I am deeply appreciative of the governor's confidence in me and will do my best to serve the citizens of North

Carolina well," Horn said.

"Jeri's service on the commission is just another example of her service to both Coldwell Banker and the community," said Eric Gay, Coldwell Banker director of operations.



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Jim Belt, squatting, works with a crew from Concrete Speciality to pour the foundation of a bell tower at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Name "bricks" are still available by calling 704-739-5425.

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ENTERTAINMENT

KMLT to present 'Moon Over Buffalo'

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Moon Over Buffalo" Friday and Saturday, February 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 20 at 3 p.m. at Joy Performance Center, 202 South Railroad Avenue.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. KMLT also honors free admission for 2004-05 season passes and those from Greater Shelby Community Theater, Lincolnton Theatre Guild, and Rutherford Community Theatre. KMHS Gold Card holders also receive free admission.

For more information on reservations call 730-9408 or go online to www.kmlt.org.

The adult comedy tells the story of an acting couple on tour of Buffalo in 1953 with a repertoire consisting of "Cyrano de Bergerac" (revised one nostril version) and Noel Coward's "Private Lives." The backstage farce by Ken Ludwig, the author of "Lend Me a Tenor," brought Carol Burnett (as Charlotte Hay) back to Broadway and also starred Philip Bosco (as George Hay) her megalomaniac, often drunk husband and leading man.

Fate has given these thespians one more shot at starring roles in "The Scarlet Pimpernel" epic film and director Frank Capra himself is en route to Buffalo to catch their matinee performance. Will Charlotte Hay appear or run off with their agent? Will George Hay be sober enough to emote? Will

Capra see Cyrano, Private Lives or a disturbing mixture of the two? Hilarious misunderstandings pile on madcap misadventures, all of which are magnified by Charlotte's deaf mother Ethel who manages the theatre.

Stan Logan, a renowned local director with credits from successful shows at KMLT ("Rumors"), GSCT, LTG, and other community theater groups, leads the talented ensemble of actors in this production. The cast includes Linda Nichols as Charlotte, Jim Champion as George, Teresa Williams as Ethel, Linda Grant as Rosalind, Robert Jenkins as Howard, Dana McKinney as Eileen, Mike Davis as Paul, and Art Boyett as Richard.

Volunteers needed for set construction

Volunteers are need to help with set construction for Kings Mountain Little Theatre's "Moon Over Buffalo."

Work sessions are Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Joy Performance Center. KMLT will provide light refreshments on Friday, and a light lunch on Saturday.

Advance tickets on sale for 'My Emperor's New Clothes'

Advance tickets for "My Emperor's New Clothes" are now available at Arnold's Jewelry, Badcock Home Furniture, Cleveland County Arts Council and Maxwell B. Hamrick Insurance. All seats are \$5.

The play takes place in the mythical kingdom of Mango-Chutney with a cast of colorful characters who need the audiences help to overcome the villains. This comic adapta-

tion is filled with funny lines, hummable songs and fast paced action. It is suitable for all ages.

Performances will be held in the Mildred H. Keeter Auditorium at Cleveland Community College on February 10, 11, 12 at 7 p.m. and February 13 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.GSCT.org.

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