

LOCAL

HEAT

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tis also are eligible. Fan donors are being sought. For more information, call 704-734-0447.

City Hall also has 15 fans available on a first come, first serve basis.

In extreme situations, Senior Center and Fire Department staff will transport residents to either agency's facility to cool off, Mayor Rick Murphrey announced Wednesday morning.

City employees who must work outside have been taught the signs of heat stroke and exhaustion. They are advised to watch one another for symptoms, to work at a slower pace and to rest in the shade if overheated, according to Ray Wilson, director of safety and risk management.

In addition to water, the city is providing electrolyte replacement drinks, Wilson said.

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KM woman's poem published

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It was only a friend's pain that could make a Kings Mountain woman share her poetry.

Heather Ruppe had written poetry for a decade but never told anyone. Then when she watched a friend grieve a romantic break-up, she reached out with a poem.

"I understand what she was going through," Ruppe said.

Her 19-line poem "Broken" went over so well with her friend that she asked to see more. While Ruppe wasn't ready to share that much, she did show her work to her mother.

Teresa Ruppe encouraged her 24-year-old daughter to seek a publisher. Searching the Internet, Ruppe found the International Library of Poetry. The group liked Ruppe's work so much that they published "Broken" on

the first page of the just released compilation "A Surrender to the Moon."

While a student at Kings Mountain High School, Ruppe never used her gift for poetry in English class. Displaying something as personal as poetry intimidated her.

"To share that with somebody, you don't know how they are going to take it," she said.

That happened with her recent poem "Death." A few readers found the image of a perfectly groomed woman contemplating her appearance as mourners filed past her coffin morbid. Instead, Ruppe meant the poem as commentary on the over emphasis on appearance.

"Women are focused on that and they shouldn't be," she said.

A number of emotions can trigger writing for Ruppe. Relationship problems, happiness and boredom have all served as muse. Creating

poetry isn't something she can do on command though.

"I have to be in a mood when I'm going to sit and write," Ruppe said.

She often composes in bursts, generating as many as five poems at a time. Night is her best time to write.

Ruppe won the editor's choice award from ILP and is one of 33 poets chosen to read their work on the upcoming CD "The Sound of Poetry." She will be inducted into the International Poets of Merit during ILP's Washington convention in August. The group also has talked with Ruppe about publishing a book of her poetry.

Ruppe said she plans to donate a copy of "A Surrender to the Moon" to Mauney Memorial Library.

Her favorite poets are Kahlil Gibran and Walt Whitman. When she reaches for a novel, Dean Koontz is Ruppe's top pick.



Heather Ruppe's poem "Broken" appears in "A Surrender to the Moon."

"I'm always reading something," she said.

Ruppe works for her father Tony Ruppe at Ruppe Hosiery. She is studying phlebotomy at Cleveland Community College.

NIGHT OUT

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Apartments and the northern portion of town to form watch groups. For more information, call Officer Lance Hamrick at 704-734-4585.

COUNCIL

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proposed budget cut would reduce business at Shelby's Curtiss-Wright Controls Engineered Systems Division in Shelby, according to Hastings.

The city recognized the Images Performance Dance Troupes from Dance Reflections. The dancers took top honors in recent national competition. Each girl was given a medal and teacher Susan Morris was presented with a plaque.

BRIEFS

Bowling leagues present trophies

Mountain Lanes' 20th annual cook-out was held Saturday at the home of Ed and Colleen Philbeck.

Trophies were presented to the league champions with Mark Abernathy's team winning the Tuesday Night League and Allen Myers' team winning the Thursday Night League.

Most Improved Bowler was Parnell Byars.

Three Strikes in a Row trophies were awarded to Allen Myers, Sue Abernathy, Tommy Barrett and Gregg Evans.

Tommy Barrett and Gregg Evans had four strikes in a row.

Colleen Philbeck and Bonnie Wallace won High Game and High Set.

Before the cook-out a doubles tournament was held. Each person bowled, then drew a partner. John Dilling and Zeke Rybczyk won the event. Joey Whitaker and Mark Abernathy finished second.

League bowling will begin after Labor Day. Anyone interested in bowling should call Colleen Philbeck at 704-739-7259.

KM's Smith selected All-American scholar

Bre'Sean Davis Smith of Kings Mountain has been named an All-American Scholar At-Large Award winner by The United States Achievement Academy.

Smith will appear in the All-American Scholar Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

Smith is the daughter of LeShunda Smith and Sean Davis of Kings Mountain. Her grandparents are Ivan Wray and Geraldine Wray, and Logan Davis and Valorie Davis, all of Kings Mountain.

The Academy selects All-American Scholar winners based on the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's grade point average, student achievements, and a well-balanced schedule of academics and extracurricular activities.

Allison Hoppes makes dean's list

Allison Elizabeth Hoppes of Kings Mountain has been named to the Dean's List at North Greenville College,

Tigerville, SC for the spring 2005 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Newton attends REMC youth tour

Stephanie Newton of Kings Mountain attended the 2005 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, DC. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Susan Newton.

She was among more than 1,400 high school students nationwide who attended the tour to learn about electric cooperatives, American history and the U.S. government. Students also had the opportunity to visit the historic sights of the nation's capital.

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