ENGAGEMENT



McRae-Wallace

Molly McRae and Charles Wallace, both of Rock Hill are to be married May 6, 2006, at Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

The future bride, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert McRae of Kings Mountain, N.C., graduated in 2000 from Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. She is a business analyst with Bank

The son of Mrs. Mary Claire Wallace of Rock Hill and the late Mr. Jack Wallace, the bridegroom-to-be is a 1997 graduate of York Technical College, Rock Hill. Wallace is a network technician with the Chester County School District.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will show "Robots" Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Joy Performance Center as part of its Free Flicks

Rev. Bill Worthen is showing religious movies every Monday at the Patrick Center in Kings Mountain. To request a movie call Rev. Worthen at 739-4945 or see him at the Patrick Center

Greater Shelby Community Theatre will hold auditions for the musical, "She Loves Me," No. 17 from 7-9 p.m. at Dover Theatre, Gardner-Webb University. Auditions will also be held at the Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 S. Washington St., Shelby, Nov. 19 from 6-9 p.m., Nov. 20 from 2-5 p.m. and Nov. 21 from 7-9 p.m. There are major roles for two women and seven men, of various ages. There are also multiple cameo roles and choral roles. Technical positions such as props, set construction, stage manager, lighting and sound are also available. For more information call 480-8495.

The Cleveland County Area Brain Injury
Support Network meets Thurs., Nov. 17 from
5:30-7 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church
Family Life Center, 1106 Poplar Springs Church
Rd., Shelby. The group meets the third Thursday
of each month. Call Carolyn Costner at 434-5624

for more information.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Cleveland
County will hold its 18th annual holiday bake
sale Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 a.m. at Hendrick
Appliance, 1241 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby. Meat
casseroles, vegetable casseroles, homemade
bread, chili, soup, specialty cakes, pies and cookies will be sold. For more information, call 704-

487-4677 or go online to www.hospiceinfo.org. Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, will have a bloodmobile Thursday, Nov. 17 from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Crowders Mountain State Park will host "Animals of Crowders Mountain" Sat., Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. See photos of animals found in the park. A ranger will answer questions and provide information. Meet at the visitor center. Call 853-5375 for more information.

Crowders Mountain State Park will host "Ranger on the Ridge" Sun., Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. at the overtook at the top of Backside Trail. Ask questions about the park and look at the surrounding countryside through a spotting scope. Call 853-5375 for more information.

Crowders Mountain State Park will host

Crowders Mountain State Park will host "Introduction to Fly-Fishing" Sat., Nov. 26 from 2-4 p.m. Learn basic equipment and how to use it, how to buy a fly-fishing outfit, and how to set up an outfit. A brief casting lesson and demonstration will be included. If you have fly-rod, take it; otherwise one will be provided. Meet at the visitor center. Call 853-5375 for more information.

LIFESTYLES

Berry to compete in Teen Pageant

Valerie Berry, 15, of Kings Mountain, will compete in the 2006 Miss Gastonia's Outstanding Teen Pageant Saturday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Cherryville Little Theatre, 301 W. Academy Street,

Cherryville.
Valerie is the daughter of Tony and Amy Berry and is a freshman at Shelby High School. She will present a vocal selection for talent competition. Her community service platform is Connecting the Generations.

BERRY

Eleven contestants
will compete for the titles of Miss
Gastonia's Outstanding Teen, Miss
Lincoln County's Outstanding Teen,
Miss Cleveland County's Outstanding
Teen, Miss Charlotte's Outstanding
Teen, and Miss Rutherford County's
Outstanding Teen. The five area winners

advance to the 2006 Miss North Carolina's Outstanding Teen Pageant next June in Raleigh. The state winner will represent North Carolina in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in August in Orlando, FL.

Tickets are \$5 at the door.
Other contestants are Brittney Bailey of Mount Holly, Katelyn Beasley of Gastonia, Monique Brown of Gastonia, Carley Buchanan of Dallas, Kristen Butler of Dallas, Samantha Hester of Mooresboro, Logan Kavanaugh of Matthews, Ginny Nix of Gastonia, Laura Page of Gastonia, and Brittany Sisk of Bessemer City.

Bessemer City.
The Outstanding Teen pageant is a new program for the Miss Gastonia Scholarship Association, Inc. The pageant is designed for young women ages 13-17 who live in Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Mecklenburg and Rutherford counties

For more information, call (704) 827-7277 or visit online at www.missgastoniapageant.com.



CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Bear Den of Pack 92 visited Kings Mountain Hospital's surgery department recently. They include Austin Anthony, Austin Russell, Colby Crisp, Daniel Thomas, Dylan Graham, Gregory Grabert, Jared Belcher, Jordan Bullins, Josh Shuford, Josh Tucker, Lance Long, Nicholas Matola, Robbie Lysek, Robert Baker, Ryan Perkins, Samuel Cutlip and Shad Johnson Jr.

Pack 92 Bear Den visits KM Hospital

The Bear Den of Pack 92, the Battleground District, visited the Kings Mountain Hospital's new surgical services as part of "To the Rescue," that was celebrated in October.

The Bear Den also visited the Kings Mountain Police Department and was visited by Firefighter David Ayscue.

The scouts toured the new surgery area including an operating room. Jama Hammond, division director of surgical services, explained equipment and how the room is set up.

Stephen Watson of Stryker Endoscopy demonstrated how surgeons use a trocar

that is inserted through a tiny incision in the abdomen and perform surgery while watching on a monitor. He explained that the surgeon can be precise with this less invasive procedure.

The scouts performed pretend surgery.

They were treated to a Halloweenthemed reception of cupcakes, chocolate body parts and eyeball punch by Dana Painter, Judy Hensley and Kathy Morris. Thomas Matola is the leader of Pack

92 and Bear Den leaders are Jeff Perkins, Ray Graham, Jamie Belcher and Patsy Long.

Open house at KM Art Center

The Sunday before Thanksgiving is the traditional open house for the Southern Arts Society and kicks off their annual calendar sale and members art show. This will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. November 20.

Come out to the Kings Mountain Art Center (the old railroad depot) and pick up your 2006 calendar. Refreshments will be served. The 21st edition of

the Southern Arts calendar is only \$20. Frames are available for \$20 each also. The 2006 calendar theme is "Artist's Choice."

Each year the members of Southern Arts Society design and silk-screen by hand 600 limited edition calendars to sell to the public. The money raised



Pat Childers Arts

from the calendars goes to scholarships to Cleveland County students entering college to study art and to support the Kings Mountain Art Center.

Members will also have work on display and for sale in the galleries. There is a Christmas Express Shop with artwork for sale under \$75. All work is original to the artist. There will be paintings, pottery, knitting, jewelry and much

The Kings Mountain Art Center is located at 301 N. Piedmont Avenue. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call 704-739-5585 or 704-739-2056 for more information.

To all my friends and neighbors in Ward 5 who voted for me, many thanks for your support. I appreciate each of you very much.

Lou Ballew

The day you were born the angels smiled and the world filled with beauty. The world continues to be a more beautiful place because you were in it. However, heavy our hearts are with grief, the weight is lessened by the treasures you gave us.

We give thanks every day for the time we had with you, and only wish that it could have been longer. Your life on earth may have ended but our love for you is eternal.



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