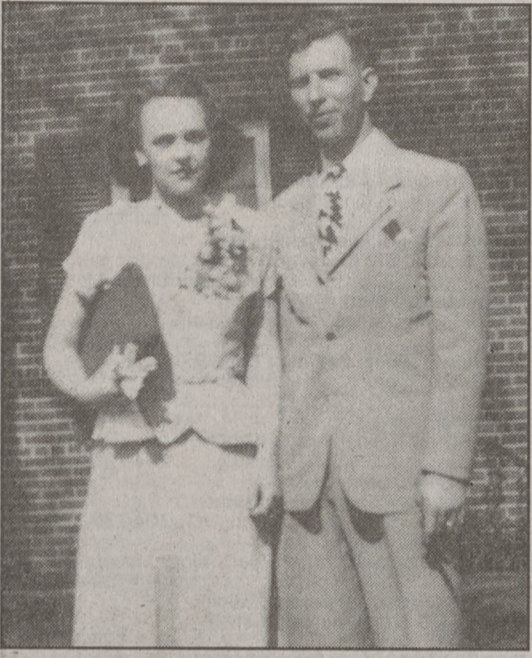


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WHETSTINES NOW



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Mr. and Mrs. Whetstine note 50th anniversary

Dot and Jack Whetstine of North Myrtle Beach, SC will observe their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, November 24, 2005 at the Biltmore House in Asheville.

Dot Whetstine is the former Dot McGinnis. They were united in marriage in 1945 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain. They spent most of their married life in Alexandria, VA, until they retired in 1982. Since then, they have resided in North Myrtle Beach, SC for 23 years.

They were blessed with three children, the late Patti of Virginia and twins Jack Jr. of Virginia and Joyce of Georgia.

They also have three grandchildren, Kelli of Virginia, Brandon of Nevada, and Dustin of Georgia.

LIFESTYLES



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Patrick Senior Center Volunteer of the Year Archie Cherpak, left, front, stands with staff members Carol George, Director Monty Thornburg and Sharon Eaker.

Cherpak Senior Center Volunteer of the Year

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Archie Cherpak enjoys the Patrick Senior Center enough to give its programs 183 hours of her time this year.

The high number earned Cherpak the Volunteer of the Year title for 2005.

"I wasn't working for that [the award], I do it because I like it," she said.

Cherpak teaches a craft class, performs with the line dancing group at nursing and assisted living facilities, folds newsletters, serves as vice-president of the advisory board and translated the center's brochure into Spanish. She also serves on the volunteer committee which means she helped out with a recent flu immunization clinic, craft bazaar and commodities distribution.

"I just enjoy it. I like to see the smile on their faces when they are happy," she said.

Cherpak said she would be at the cen-

ter more if she didn't have responsibilities at home.

She first got involved over two years ago when a neighbor invited her to a fitness class at the center. She kept coming to activities and soon staff member Carolyn Bell recruited her to teach crafts. Cherpak continues to teach the class every Tuesday. While crochet is her passion, Cherpak varies the class based on her students' interests.

"We just go with the flow," she said.

Cherpak's class is selling \$1 tickets on an afghan they made to raise funds for a new specialty sewing machine.

Center Director Monty Thornburg calls Cherpak a "neat lady."

"We're lucky to have her here," he said.

Because Cherpak is so active at the center, keeping her award a secret was difficult. Thornburg had to sneak a banner with Cherpak's name on it passed her while she was helping set up for the recent volunteer banquet.

Senior citizens have until May 15 to decide on Medicare Part D plan

Senior citizens have from now to May 15 to choose from 40 Medicare Part D prescription plans.

"It's very complicated," said Monty Thornburg, city aging director. Staff at the Patrick Senior Center have been training since March to help seniors decide which plan they need.

Free counseling and sign-up sessions are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5 from

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the center. Those attending should take a list of their medications and any recent letters from an insurance provider. For more information, call 704-734-0447.

Mountain Street Pharmacy is offering counseling sessions as well. For more information, call 704-739-7225.

Youth Advisory Council gives input at library

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Teens are giving input on Mauney Memorial Library's

collection through the Youth Advisory Council.

Twelve to 18 teens meet monthly in the library conference room. They have snacks,

read magazines, play games, and visit. Monday night the group made smores in the oven and played Pictionary with Children's Librarian Christy Conner.

"We're bringing the library and teens together," Conner said.

Last year Heather Walker, then a senior at Kings Mountain High School, started the group. Since then, teens have heard about YAC by word of mouth, from their school and

in the newspaper.

"They wanted a place they could just be," Conner said. "And the library wants to be that."

Brandie Penner said she likes the games best. Celisa Bolch agrees. Erin Moore, Steven Stumbo and Alicia Watkins say getting to know others is the best part. Patrick Galloway jokes that the snacks are his favorite.

Several of the teens also volunteer at the library.



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Children's Librarian Christy Conner, center, stands with members of the Youth Advisory Committee including Brandi Penner, Celisa Bolch, Erin Moore, Steven Stumbo, Alicia Watkins, Shyla McClain, Stetson Abdi and Patrick Galloway.

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