



Arrie Ellis is presented a plaque naming the Earl town hall in her honor.

Earl Town Hall named for former mayor Ellis

Arrie Ellis, mayor pro tem of Earl, recently celebrated her 90th birthday at New Hope Baptist Church in Earl, and was surprised by the mayor and City Council who named the town hall the Arrie B. Ellis Municipal Building.

Mrs. Ellis was presented a resolution and bronze plaque that will be permanently mounted on the building. Mayor Max Hoper and council members George Frances, Thomas Austell and Laladge Moss made the presentation.

The first town hall in Earl was located in a barbershop. Mrs. Ellis was instrumental in establishing the present town hall when the town purchased the former office of the late Dr. J.B. Crow. Mrs. Ellis worked with community services workers assigned to Earl to remodel the building.

During her birthday celebration, State Senator Walter Dalton presented Mrs. Ellis with the Old North State Award on behalf of Governor Easley. Dalton also presented Mrs. Ellis a Certificate of Congratulations from the Senate and a North Carolina flag that was flown over the State Capitol on her 90th birthday.

County commissioners Mary Accor and Johnny Hutchins presented Mrs. Ellis a proclamation declaring May 2, 2006 at Arrie

Ellis Day in Cleveland County. Betsy Wells, Cleveland County Chairperson of the Democratic Party, recognized Mrs. Ellis for her contribution to the county, and Joyce Sheaffer represented the Rippy District in presenting her an engraved pin. Mrs. Ellis received birthday greetings from President and Mrs. George Bush, Vice President and Mrs. Dick Cheney, Governor Mike Easley, and Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue. She also received a United States flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol on her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Ellis is retired from Esther Mill with 31 years of service. She also worked at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and as manager of a private laboratory for pathologist, Dr. J.B. Gentry.

Mrs. Ellis was elected Mayor of Earl in 1985 and was the first female mayor in Cleveland County. She served five terms before deciding not to run again in 2005. She was elected to Town Council and appointed mayor pro tem.

Mrs. Ellis has served Earl and Cleveland County in numerous civic, church and community endeavors and currently serves on the Cleveland Association of Government Officials. She attends Westview Baptist Church in Shelby.

Summer Reading to begin

Mauney Memorial Library kicks off their summer reading program full of games, prizes, learning and excitement for all ages on June 12th. Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales (PCST), for children ages 0-11, will run from June 12th through July 28th. The teen summer reading program, Creature Feature, is for 12 to 18-year-olds and will run during the same days as PCST. The adult summer reading program will begin July 1st and end August 11th. Parents can set good examples for children by reading on a regular basis. Readers can register at the library or by logging onto <http://www.cityofkm.com/library.asp>. Reading goals and progress can be updated weekly on the website. Prizes will be awarded each week and include, but are not limited to: t-shirts, jewelry, free hair cut coupons, free skating and bowling passes, and gift cards to restaurants, Walmart and Claire's.

"Our first activity to kick off summer reading will be the Bright Star Children's Theatre performing Aesop Fables. That will be a lot of fun," said Children's Librarian Christy Conner. She said that there will be a lot of fun activities for the youth to be involved in this

summer but participation is optional. People that are on vacation, can still register in the program and read on their own. "They can post their progress each week on the website and still win prizes without being here," she said. Upcoming teen activities include Jeopardy, a mystery party and a DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) Day at the library. Any teen who registers for the program will be forgiven of any pre-existing library fines and will have computer access again.

If the children who participate in the program reach their goals, then Conner and Mayor Rick Murphrey will have to kiss a pig at the final celebration. "We will have to put on red lipstick and they'll put the microphone up to the pig. Children will hear the pig squealing and we'll give her a kiss," Conner said.

Teens can join the Youth Advisory Council, which meets at the library to talk about books, services, materials and programs for the library. The council will meet at 3 pm on June 22nd, July 13th, July 27th and August 14th. Membership is free and looks great on a resume. For more information, contact

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ENGAGEMENTS

Potter-Alexander couple plan August 12 wedding

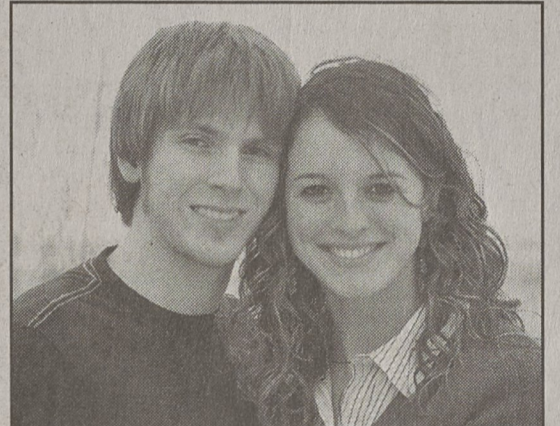
Dan and Pat Potter of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan Casey Potter, to Lane Alexander Wood, son of Larry and Cindi Wood of Kings Mountain.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Casey Durham and the late Dr. T.G. Durham, and Mrs. Jeannine Potter and the late Mr. Leslie Potter.

She is a 2002 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and graduated cum laude from UNC Wilmington in 2006. She was a NC Teaching Fellow.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. Charles Alexander of Kings Mountain and the late Mrs. Ruby Alexander, and the late Richard and Colleen Wood.

He graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 2003 and will graduate from Appalachian State University in December 2006. He plans to attend Southeastern



Meghan Casey Potter
Lane Alexander Wood

Seminary. He is a member of the band One Way.

An August 12, 2006 wedding is planned.

Jones-Sellers pair to wed at Daniel Boone Gardens

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones of Elk Park, NC and Debbie Carriveau of Marion, NC announce the engagement of their daughter Christie Annette Jones of Boone to William Aaron Sellers of Boone. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mina Jones and the late Danton Jones of Elk Park, NC and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Murray of South Pittsburg, TN.

Aaron is the son of Junior and Karen Sellers of Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of the late George and Alma Sellers of Kings Mountain and Victoria Sellers and the late William E. "Bill" Sellers of Kings Mountain.

A garden wedding is planned for June 25, 2006 in Daniel Boone Native Gardens, Boone, NC.



Christie Annette Jones
William Aaron Sellers

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