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JIFESTYLES



Jessica Falls, left, of Sharon, SC works with Brenton Colbert, Landover Hills, Md., right, pulling shingles off a rooftop in southeastern Virginia. Falls, a member of Sharon Baptist Church, Sharon, S.C., and a sophomore at Hope Christian Academy, Kings Mountain, and Colbert, are two of approximately 850 volunteers participating in the Norfolk-area World Changers project. An estimated 21,000 students and their leaders will work on substandard housing in more than 90 cities this summer. Photograph by **Kathleen Murray**

Fall registration at CCC

Cleveland Community tact Emily Sisk, program College will hold registra- coordinator at 704-484-6626 tion for the Fall 2006 Semester on Thursday, August 3, 2006. Registration hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or sists of four different certifi-4 to 8 p.m. in the Jack Hunt cates: Multi-Craft Campus Center at CCC. Classes begin August 16.

Biotechnology and Multi-Craft Maintenance are new programs this fall. The Associate in Applied Science Degree in Biotechnology is a two-year program. The program is funded by grants from GoldenLeaf and the North Carolina Community College System BioNetwork. For more information, con-

or siske@cleveland.cc.nc.us.

The Multi-Craft Maintenance Program con-Apprentice, Multi-Craft Advanced, Mechanical Maintenance, and Electrical Maintenance. The program is funded by a \$250,000 grant from Duke Energy. For more information, contact Mark Gengler, program coordina-tor at 704-484-6619 or genglerm@cleveland.cc.nc.us.

For more information, visit the website at www.clevelandcommunitycollege.edu.

Project Child Find offers help to children with special needs

ages 0 through 21 who have disabilities and need special education and other services.

of a concentrated statewide child (individualized educaeffort to find children who tion program) and a referral need special help which they are not currently receiving. Project Child Find is also an endeavor to inform parents and/or guardians of these children of the services available trom their local school system and other state and community agencies.

dren with special needs, assistance.

An effort is underway in according to Mary Watson, the Cleveland County area to Director of the Department identify children and youth of Public Instruction's Exceptional Children Division. This help is in the form of a complete evalua-The local efforts to identify tion, an education program children and youth are part designed specifically for the to other agencies which provide special services.

Project Child Find is looking for children and youth who have been diagnosed or are suspected to have mental, physical or emotional disabilities and are unable to benefit trom a regular school Help is available for chil- program without special

Watson and Steve Borders, local superintendent of schools, encourage anyone who knows a child or youth who may have disabilities and is not in school or receiving special assistance to urge the parent/guardian to contact any of the following: superintendent, exceptional children director, principal or the State Department's Children Division.

For more information, call Cleveland County Schools at (704)476-8000; the Exceptional Children Division at (919) 807-3996, or parents or guardians may call the toll-free Information

and Referral Service/CARE-LINE at 1-800-662-7030 and ask for the Exceptional Children Division, or the Family Support Network at 1-800- TLC-0042.

HOW TO REACH US

Deadline for Lifestyles information is 12 noon Monday. Bring your items by The Herald at 824 East King Street; mail them to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; call 704-739-7496, fax 704-739-0611, or Email gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com



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be "down to earth people" on jaunts from California to the Mexican Riviera. Just about every weekend they are at a Anderson concert or listening to other wellknown country and gospel entertainers and having the time of their life.

"I have loved country music all my life but gospel is my heart," says Hicklin, who is well known in Kings Mountain as the talented pianist at Gaston Christian Church and the former entertainer at Peggy's Olympic Restaurant, Restaurant and Satterfield Restaurant. She has worked in the admitting office at Kings Mountain Hospital for 26 years and went back to work full-time two days after retirement 10 years ago. She says she loves her job in the medical field and every morning goes to work with a song in her heart.

'Hey, you're good," said Anderson to Hicklin when he heard her rendition of "Still" on the 2000 cruise where she met him. "We were walking down the corridor of the ship and I was singing and along came Bill," said Hicklin. "I want to sing with you some day," she told Anderson and he responded "okay" and the big moment on the Nashville stage came six years later. At Christmas time at a concert in Kinston Anderson asked Billie if she was ready to sing with him and they made plans to sing together at a concert in June in Commerce, Ga. Her big break came in Nashville a month later.

Billie started singing at age 3 with the encouragement of her father to play piano by ear. "Any talent I have comes from God," said Hicklin, who said music has been her life. She has written several country and gospel songs, encouraged by Jim Arp of WKMT Radio, to get them produced by Tommy Dee in Nashville in 1994. "After I used a backup band I was introduced to Bill Anderson's band," she recalled.

A native of Bladenboro, Billie Kinlaw graduated from high school and joined the staff of Valdese Hospital where she worked for eight years in the admission office. Her brother Clifton came home on leave with his USAF buddy. Bob Hicklin, and it was apparently love at first sight for Bob, formerly of Burlington, and Billie, who were married 53 years ago. They have two children: Cliff and his wife, Barbara, of Delaware and Karen and husband, Gary Ward, of Valdese. They have six grandsons and six greatgrandchildren ranging from age 29 to age three.

Billie's sister-in-law Claudie, wife of Clifton Kinlaw, is a former switchboard operator at Kings Mountain Hospital and her other siblings are Kenneth and Sarah Kinlaw of Myrtle Beach, SC, Alton Kinlaw of Bladenboro and Bobby Kinlaw of Whiteville.

A former Baptist minister for many years, Rev. Hicklin does supply work on occasion but enjoys traveling with his wife and her music hobby keeps them both busy. Anderson fan club members hear from Mrs. Hicklin in regular news letters and in her spare time Billie enjoys making jewelry and crocheting angels.

'I enjoy life and music just puts a feeling in my heart I can't explain," she says.