

LIFESTYLES

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"I'll never get acting out of my blood," says versatile Laura Beth Moss, who recently came home for a visit with her parents, Larry and Linda Moss, after a busy schedule doing television commercials in New York City.

Kings Mountain friends won't believe the pretty young woman who cut her teeth as an actress in Kings Mountain High School drama shows, is 32 years old. It was 10 years ago that she played Amanda Corry on the soap, "Another World" which ran for two years and then played "Letta" in the Broadway revival of "Death of A Salesman" with Brian Dennehy at Eugene O'Neil Theatre on Broadway.

She was also seen as Maxanne Bollers in the prime time TV show, "Law and Order."

"My agent wanted me to go to Los Angeles, California and I moved but I'm an East Coast girl and LA was not for me," said Moss, who was in "Strong Medicine"

and other TV appearances before she returned to the Big Apple. Laura says New York City offers diverse career choices, not only TV but theatre and film. She loves life in New York.

Currently, Moss has cut commercials for Sprint, Saturn, Advil, Prodigy, Mercedes and Pizza Hut but come January she will be seeking more serious work. She has been recuperating for 18 months from an upper cervical injury of the neck and jaw but is mending.

Doing part time TV commercials has proved a blessing for Laura. "It's hard to step out of the entertainment world because it's so cut throat and I love being an actress," says Laura. But she said the past year has given her time to do some reflecting and soul searching and to spend more time with her family.

Moss attended Kings Mountain schools through her junior year, enrolled in North Carolina School of the Arts in 1992 and earned her high school diploma and her four year degree. Her first work as an

actress took her to New York City in 1996 for her first role on a soap and she played opposite Lindsay Lohan, now 20 and a star in MTV shows. Lohan played on "Another World" as Laura's daughter.

Moss was encouraged at Kings Mountain High School by her drama teacher Betsy Wells to continue her dream of theatre. Laura had the lead role of Eliza Doolittle in the school production of "My Fair Lady" and was "Ado Annie" in "Oklahoma," also singing the rousing "Can't Say No." She also had the lead role in the school production of "The Crucibles."

During her time at home Laura enjoyed her family, renewed friendships with friends, and helped host a birthday party for the family's youngest member, Harley Bradley, 6, at Bethware School where Laura spoke to the students about life in the theatre.

"Kings Mountain really looks good to me," says Moss.

KM Woman's Club installs officers

The November 27th meeting of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club was held at the clubhouse at 7 pm. After the pledge to the flags Linda Dixon read a "mouse" story emphasizing how we all need each other.

Helen Richie, District III President from Charlotte was present to install new officers. Karen Bunch succeeds Anne Gamble as President; Lori Sutherland is First Vice President and Sandra Murphrey, Second Vice President. Betty Gamble is Historian and Margaret McGinnis, Corresponding Secretary. Anne Gamble will be Editor of the monthly newsletter "Words For Women."

Ms. Richie gave each new officer a spice bottle symbolic of the office they will hold and emphasizing how everyone adds



New officers for Kings Mountain Woman's Club stand with District III President Helen Richie after the induction ceremony. Left to right: Historian Betty Gamble, Corresponding Secretary Margaret McGinnis, Richie, President Karen Bunch and First Vice President Lori Sutherland.

"spice" to the club.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed as well as a financial report. Fall Festival profits are \$4,410.72, but not final

at this time. Members were encouraged to turn in bills or ticket sale money as soon as possible.

Interviews for the Sally

Southall Cotton Scholarship will be held December 9. Members of the Board of Directors of the club were hostess at the conclusion of the meeting.

BRIEFS

Mrs. Savage hosts Magnolia Garden Club

The Magnolia Garden Club met recently with Mrs. Molly Savage.

President Maxine Bennett opened the meeting with the Collect and a brief business meeting was held. It was decided to sponsor a birthday party at the Life Enrichment Center in 2007.

A program on Arizona Cacti was presented by Mary Neisler. She shared her experiences traveling in Arizona and her observations on the Cacti.

Mrs. Savage served a delicious dessert plate before the meeting adjourned.

School Board to meet

The Cleveland County Board of Education will meet Monday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Auditorium.

The board will elect a chair and vice-chair and will adopt the 2007-2008 calendar. There will be reviews and possible action on some policies and student transfer requests.

Accor commission chair

Mary Accor of Kings Mountain was elected chair of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners at Monday's meeting.

Newly-elected commissioner Eddie Holbrook was elected vice-chairman.

Food distribution set

The Shelby Lions Club distribution of surplus commodities will be Wed., Dec. 13 at 8 a.m. at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

Those who wish to apply for food will not receive a card in the mail. When a person is picking up food for someone else, they must take a signed note from that person giving their income, number in the household, and current address of their residence.

For more information call J.D. Baldree at 487-7466.

Train exhibit at museum

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum, 100 E. Mountain St., is hosting the fourth annual Trains, Trains, Trains through January 6, 2007. The Atlantic Coast S Gaugers are back with their interactive train layout and several train collections will be on exhibit at the best model train display in the area.

Moravian Cookies and Cheese Straws from Old Salem will be available at the Gift Shop during the exhibit.

Santa will be visiting the museum from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Civil War Interpreters will be camped at the Museum Commons from 10-4 pm.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Group and school

tours are welcomed. For more information, call 704-739-1019.

Musical at Emmanuel

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will present the Christmas musical and drama "The Mystery of Christmas," December 9-10 at 6 p.m. The church is located behind The Herald and across from the new Senior Center at the east end of US 74 Business. For more information call 739-9339.

Eastside choir to perform

The adult choir of Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Rd., Kings Mountain, will present the Christmas musical "One Small Child" Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Cantata at St. Paul UMC

St. Paul and Galilee United Methodist churches' choirs will present their ninth annual Christmas Cantata, Sunday at 5 p.m. at St. Paul UMC, 220 N. Cansler St., Kings Mountain. The public is invited.

Peanut Butter Christmas

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, children's choir will present "Peanut Butter Christmas" December 10 at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

Peoples Baptist program

Peoples Baptist Church, 1010 Groves Street, Kings Mountain, will host an evening of Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Dixon play slated Sunday

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, will hold its annual children's Christmas play Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Following the play Santa Claus will visit and hand out gifts. The public is invited.

Second Baptist musical

Second Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Kidz Praise children's choir will present the Christmas music celebration "Hope Has Come" Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Dixon Christmas cantata

The choir of Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, will present the cantata "Jesus" during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 24.

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