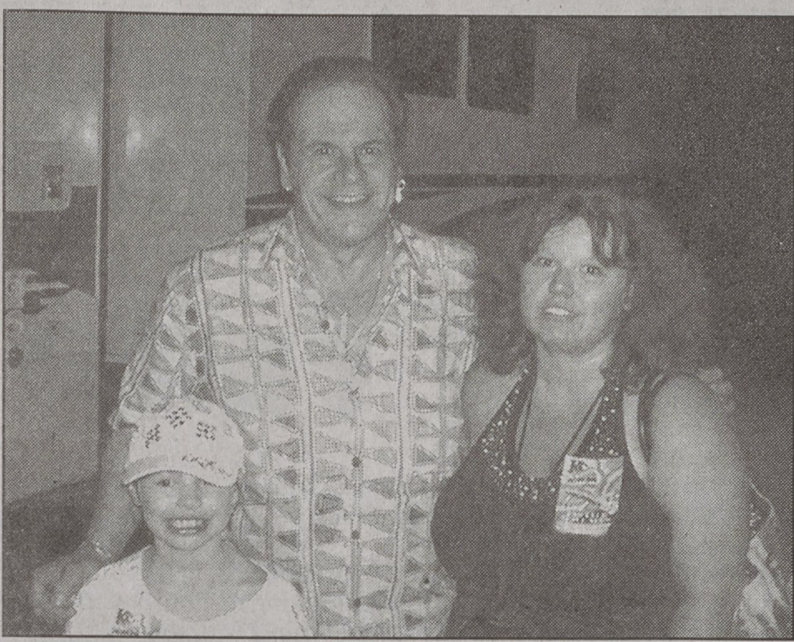


LIFESTYLES



Taylor Strickland and her mother, Brandy, are shown with KC of KC and the Sunshine Band during a recent trip to Orlando, FL.

Stricklands meet KC during trip to Florida

Taylor Strickland and her mom, Brandy, met KC of KC and the Sunshine Band Saturday April 14 at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL.

KC was doing a concert as part of "Mardi Gras Days." After the concert, Taylor and her mom went back stage and met everyone in the band.

Taylor is the daughter of Woody and Brandy Strickland of Kings Mountain. She has a brother, Hunter Strickland. She

is the granddaughter of Dean and Brenda Howell of Kings Mountain and the late Woodrow Strickland and the late Ruby Edwards Neal.

She is the great-granddaughter of Jim and Joy McGinnis and Hazel and the late Jim Coleman, all of Kings Mountain.

Taylor is in Mrs. Shirley Smith's second grade class at East School where she recently made the A-B honor roll.

T&C Garden Club meets at Art Center

Town and Country Garden Club met on April 12 at the Arts Center.

Cindy Hovis was the hostess. The Club Collect was said by the members present. Ms. Hovis served a lovely dinner plate of chicken salad croissant, fresh fruit, mints, and caramel cake.

Ms. Hovis opened the business portion of the meeting. A letter of communication and the minutes of a previous meeting were read.

The nominating committee made a report. Lou Ballew reminded members that the May meeting will be a plant exchange. Brenda Sipe invited the group to meet at her home.

Mrs. Sipe made a report on the scrapbook that she is making on the history of Town and Country

Garden Club. Memorabilia from 1952 will be placed in the books. The club has newspaper clippings and photos that go back to the club's beginnings.

Cindy Hovis gave a tour of the Arts Center and a brief history of the building. The building was built in 1925 as a train depot. The train delivered mail and newspapers to Kings Mountain. The train also served as a passenger route from Kings Mountain to Gastonia and Charlotte.

The building is 5,200 square feet and was completely remodeled in 2002. Club members looked at the art on display and learned how the screen prints were completed for the calendars.

Genealogical Society Heritage Day May 5

Broad River Genealogical Society, 1145 County Home Rd., Shelby, will hold its Heritage Saturday on May 5 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The public is invited to set up tents, tables and lawn chairs on the grounds, and sign up for a free "family booth" space.

Visitors will have an opportunity to sell or trade books and other goods.

The library will be open for

research. Materials of interest include old newspapers, microfilm, books, and maps. Genealogy books and T-shirts will be sold and re-enactors will be on the grounds.

Light refreshments will be provided and hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be sold. Door prizes will be given.

Additional parking is available at Putnam Memorial Baptist Church.

LOCAL NEWS

Infant Immunization Week set

The Cleveland County Health Department will be conducting immunizations in honor of National Infant Immunization Week (April 21-28). Immunizations will be held Monday-Friday 8 am-4:30 pm at CCHD in Shelby.

According to the Health Department, the recommended Immunization Schedule for children ages Birth-6 years old is as follows: Birth - vaccinated for Hep B; 2 months - vaccinated for DTaP, Hib, IPV, Hep B, PCV7, and RV; 4 months - DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV7, RV; 6 months - DTaP, Hib, Hep B, PCV7, RV; 12 months - Hib, IPV, MMR, Var, PCV7, Hep

A; 15 months - DTaP; 18 months - Hep A; and 4-6 years - DTaP, IPV, and MMR. Remember to always take along your child's Lifetime Immunization Record to every health care visit. Ask the doctor or nurse if your child needs any immunizations.

En Espanol, Programa de Inmunizaciones: al nacer - vacunado para la hepatitis B (Hep B); a los 2 meses - Difteria-tetano y tos ferina (DTaP), Hoemophilus influenzae tipo b (Hib), inyeccion contra el polio (IPV), Hepatitis B, neumococica conjugada (PCV7), Rotavirus; a los 4 meses - DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV7, Rotavirus; a los 6 meses - DTaP,

Hib, Hep B, PCV7, Rotavirus; a los 12 meses - DTaP, IPV, sarampion-paperas y rubela (MMR), varicela (Var), PCV7, Hepatitis A; a los 15 meses - DTaP; a los 18 meses - Hepatitis A; y entre 4 y 6 anos - DTaP, IPV, MMR. Recuerde siempre de traer el Registro Vitalicio de Inmunizaciones de su hijo/a cada vez que tengo una consulta medico. Preguntele al medico o a la enferma si su hijo/a necesita alguna inmunizacion.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to promote the benefits of immunizations and to focus on the importance of immunizing

infants against vaccine-preventable diseases by age two.

This year NIIW will again be held in conjunction with the Pan American Health Organization's Vaccination Week in the Americas (VVA), April 21-28, 2007. The US will join together with 39 countries in the Western Hemisphere to concurrently promote the need for routine vaccinations for infants and children during the last week in April. For more information, contact the Cleveland County Health Department at 704-484-5100.

Para mas informacion llamada Cleveland County Health Department at 704-484-5100.

Commissioners take a moment of silence for victims of murders at Virginia Tech

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The Cleveland County Commission meeting at Grover Town Hall Tuesday night ended with a very reverent moment as commissioners remembered the tragedy at Virginia Tech in silence.

County Commissioner Johnny Hutchins suggested the silence and Chairwoman Mary Accor put the idea in motion. Vice Chairman Eddie Holbrook reminded them to remember the

citizens in Cleveland County who attended Virginia Tech or have ties to the university.

"One thing this tells us is to always expect the unexpected. Sometimes we get to the point where we just do not expect anything like that to ever happen," Accor said, and then it does.

Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins suggested that they talk with local law enforcement and the community college to make sure the county is prepared for such an incident.

Also at the meeting, County Fire Marshal Dewey Cook presented resolutions for updated fire insurance district maps. The new county map includes amendments to areas covered by 12 fire departments, including Grover Rural ("Old Yellow"), Bethlehem ("Big B"), and Oak Grove volunteer fire departments. The amendments are to increase their boundaries from five miles to six miles.

"It will be a savings to the people in our county in regards to

fire insurance," he told the board. "Right now, if they're not within the five mile boundary they don't get a break on their insurance."

Commissioners unanimously approved the resolutions. They also approved subdividing a parcel of land in the Cleveland County Industrial Park to sell to Ingles Markets to be used as a back entrance to their property. The parcel of land that will be subdivided is part of the Telerx property in the park.

Patrick McHenry given 'Spirit of Enterprise' Award

The United States Chamber of Commerce today presented Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10) with its annual "Spirit of Enterprise" award for his strong voting record on critical business issues in the second session of the 109th Congress.

"Rep. McHenry proved to be a valuable ally to the business community last year, supporting

measures to stimulate job creation and spur economic growth," said Tom Donohue, Chamber president and CEO. "The business community appreciates Patrick's dedication to a pro-growth agenda and we are proud to present him with this award."

The Chamber's prestigious "Spirit of Enterprise" award is

given annually to members of Congress based on rankings it gives for key business votes outlined in its yearly publication, "How They Voted." Rep. McHenry compiled a 93% score with the Chamber last year and holds a cumulative 91% ranking during his tenure in Congress.

The Chamber's designated "key votes" are recorded floor

votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber's board of directors, on which the Chamber informs Congress of its position prior to the vote. Senators and House members who support the Chamber's position on at least 70% of these key votes receive the "Spirit of Enterprise" award.

COOK-OFF

From 1A

teams are ready for the challenge. Willy T's BBQ, of Hildebran, NC, and Jacks Old South, of Vienna, GA, won't go down without a fight.

Willy T's has been competing in Kings Mountain since 2002. Over the years they have competed in about 75 competitions walking away with 31 trophies in Ribs, Brisket, Chicken and Pork, two time Reserve Grand Championships, 3rd in People's Choice and two times winner of the BBQ Battle Between the States. This will be their first year vending and competing in Kings Mountain.

Dale Duckworth and Bill Lambright founded Willy T's BBQ, named after their friend and silent partner William

Thomas. It didn't take long for them to fall in love with the barbecue culture.

"We really enjoy doing it. Our friends got us involved and we started going out and just the camaraderie was amazing," he said. "It's a competition, yes, but it's still like if somebody needs something there's three or four people there to help them out." He added if someone runs out of chicken and you have some extra then you'll share with the other team even if it means they could beat you with your own chicken.

Myron Mixon owner of Jacks Old South said that BBQ competitions are like coming home to see a dear friend. "My first time in Kings Mountain was last year

and everyone was great and made us feel at home and that's why we're returning," he said, adding that he can't wait to see the friends he made last year.

He started Jacks Old South in 1996 to help promote his mother and father's BBQ sauce. "The name came from my Dad Jack Mixon. He passed away in 1996 and never saw me win a trophy," he said. But since then, Jacks Old South has competed in over 400 BBQ contests and walked away with over 1,400 trophies, including 140 plus grand championships, two Memphis in May Old South said that BBQ competitions are like coming home to see a dear friend. "My first time in Kings Mountain was last year

Mixon and David Hair make up the two-man team and although the pressure should be on high with just four hands and trophies to win, he likes the heat. "Competitive barbecuing in an odd way relaxes me because I'm in my element and constantly trying to better my last performance," he said.

Mixon teaches a BBQ cooking school on TV called the Ultimate Cooking School, which, in itself, has produced several award-winning competitors. Jacks Old South has also been on several television shows on the Food Network, Discover Channel, History Channel, Travel Channel, and Versus for the BBQ All Stars.

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