

LIFESTYLES

Greatest gift to keep on giving

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When Janie Pheagin, of Grover, recently won the "World's Largest Christmas Stocking" from Kings Mountain Pharmacy she found an even greater reward in passing it on.

Kings Mountain Pharmacy holds a drawing before the end of every year to determine which one of their lucky customers will win the coveted stocking. Pheagin's name, which was entered by her mother Audrey, was drawn from dozens of entries.

When the Pheagins were informed of their win, 16-year-old Janie decided that very night to give it to another family. "She heard about someone else giving clothes to a family that was in need (being sponsored) by Christian Freedom Baptist Church," Mrs. Pheagin said.

Clothes were being collected at the church for a family with six children. Janie felt bad that the kids would not receive any toys and decided to donate her new stocking. The "World's Largest Christmas Stocking" is about five-feet long and filled with toys and other treasures.

Mrs. Pheagin said that the stocking and clothes have not been delivered yet because



Janie Pheagin stands next to the "World's Largest Christmas Stocking" that she recently won in a drawing at Kings Mountain Pharmacy.

the family has been out of town. But as soon as they return, the church plans to deliver an extra special Christmas.

Janie, the youngest of four siblings, first heard about the family from someone who works with her sisters. She was excited to win the stocking. But after making the decision to pass it on a warmer feeling crept in. "It feels good," she said. "I hope they feel good about it seeing how somebody like me would do it and maybe other people will do it too."

Her mother, who works as a seamstress in Grover, and father, Ed Pheagin, a former police chief for the town, are proud of their daughter's generous decision. Dr. David Dellinger, with Kings Mountain Pharmacy, was also pleased with Janie's thoughtful actions.

"It made us proud to know that what we did was used for such a good purpose," he said.

Although the name of the winner is drawn completely at random, there could be an element of magic around each year's stocking. "We've been lucky. Every year it seems like it ends up in someone's hands that truly needed it," he said.

This year, the luck continued as the stocking went into the hands of a young lady who found the true reward in passing it on.

BIRTHDAY



MAX LAWSON THOMPSON

Max Thompson is one year old

Max Lawson Thompson was one year old November 21. He celebrated with a party at his home in Belmont on November 25. Fifty guests were present.

Max is the son of Jim and Vicki Thompson.

Grandparents are Ruby Fraley of Florida and Evelene Thompson of Kings Mountain, the late Max Fraley and the late Jim Thompson.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Trains exhibit to end at KM History Museum

Kings Mountain Historical Museum's Fifth Annual Trains, Trains, Trains Exhibit will run through January 5. The Atlantic Coast 'S' Gaugers will have their interactive trains running for everyone to enjoy. Several train collectors from the area will exhibit their prized possessions along with great railroad memorabilia.

Moravian Cookies and Cheese Straws from Old Salem, NC are available at the Gift Shop.

The museum is located at 100 East Mountain Street. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 704-739-1019. or email kmhmuseum@bellsouth.net.

Meeting in Shelby for questions on Medicaid

Medicaid specialists from the Department of Social Services will answer questions about Medicaid Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Shelby Life Enrichment

Center Adult Day Health Service.

The free program begins at 5:30 p.m. and will end by 7.

A free sitter service is available for caregivers to leave their adult loved one during the meeting. Call to make a reservation for the sitter service: 704-484-0405.

The center is located at 103 T.R. Harris Dr. in Shelby.

Southern Arts Society to meet on January 8

The Southern Arts Society will meet Tues., Jan. 8 at the Kings Mountain Arts Center, 301 N. Piedmont Ave. Social time is 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Jewel Elliott will demonstrate a watercolor on gold acrylic and help artists create their own painting. Watercolor

paper will be provided. Take watercolor supplies and an idea or photo to paint from.

Visitors are welcome.

Watercolors of Jack Greenfield will be on display Jan. 13-Feb. 29. Also, the Society's members gift shop is open, featuring fine arts, ceramics, wood work, jewelry and wearable art.

Ongoing activities include art and pottery classes and art exhibits by local and regional artists. The Fireside Gallery features the art of the late A.B.

Snow.

The Art Center is open Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call 704-739-5585 or 7604-739-2056.

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CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR
Rated R - 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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I AM LEGEND
Rated PG-13 - 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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