

LIFESTYLES

Winners named in Business Showcase displays

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After a kick-off ceremony with lots of prizes, give-aways and networking camaraderie on February 26, the 10th annual Kings Mountain Business Showcase at City Hall is open to the public.

Around 40 businesses set up displays and tables inside the lobby of City Hall. The Showcase will run until March 21.

Trains and locomotive memorabilia are infused throughout the displays keeping with this year's theme: "By the Tracks." Exhibits were judged on a variety of categories. The winners for each division are listed below.

Most Professional: Davidson Insurance, 1st place; Premier Federal Credit Union, 2nd; and BB&T, 3rd.

Neat and Concise: Cleveland County Health Department, 1st place; Kings Mountain Little Theater/Joy Performance Center, 2nd; Edward Jones, 3rd; and Mountaineer Partnership, 4th.

Fashionably Late: Elite Boutique, SunTrust, Gibson Industrial Services, Majors Chiropractic, Summit Place and Kings Mountain Hospital all tied for 4th place.

Most Sophisticated: Torrence Photography, 1st place; Fortress Security, 2nd; and First National Bank, 3rd.

Theme Award - "By the Tracks": Life Enrichment Center, 1st place; KM Woman's Club, 2nd; Mauney Memorial Library, 3rd; and Falls Insurance, 4th.

Most Attractive: Gateway Properties, 1st place; Fidelity Bank, 2nd; Carolina Roses, 3rd.

Most Creative: The Herald, 1st place; Baker Dental Care, 2nd; Scissor Smith Salon & Co., 3rd; and Bellus Tu Spa, 4th.

Best of Show: Smith & Dad, 1st place; Warlick & Hamrick Insurance, 2nd; and Caldwell Banker, 3rd.

Best Advertisement: Adventures in Advertising, 1st place; City of Kings Mountain, 2nd; and Hoke Electrical Contractors, 3rd.

Most Informative: H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center, 1st place; KM Historical Museum, 2nd; Pathways, 3rd; and Kings Pinnacle, 4th.

Wrestling benefit for Cheryl Green Friday

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As Cheryl Green wrestles to recover her life from the throes of a traumatic brain injury, others will be wrestling for the same cause at Grover Elementary School Friday, March 7.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. The bell for the first match will ring at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for \$8 (adults) and \$6 (children 6-12) will be on sale at the front door. Children ages 6 and under will be admitted free with an adult.

The event will also feature a bake sale, door prizes and movements of the Praise Drama Team, of Boiling Springs.

Green was thrown from the hood of a vehicle on Christmas morning after attempting to stop two shoplifters at the Wilco

Travel Plaza, where she worked. She spent over a month in the hospital. She has now returned home, but a long road of recovery is still in store.

Carolina Wrestling Alliance, in conjunction with Wings of Eagles Bike and Prison Ministry, of Shelby, and the Cleveland County Independent Bikers, is holding a "smack down" wrestling match benefit in Grover's gymnasium.

The Grover Rescue Squad, Grover Rural Volunteer Fire departments and Windjammers Motorcycle Club are sponsoring the event.

"It'll be a Christian show. This is something that you can bring a five or six year old child to and not have to worry about them hearing any language that they shouldn't be hearing," said

Dwight Polk, a.k.a. "DL Kool" in the wrestling ring.

"It's a community event. The county's pulling together on it," he said, especially some of the local bike clubs. "It's just to help this family out and that's basically what it's for."

Howard Stroup, leader of the Wings of Eagles based out of Abundant Life Church of God said that they wanted to hold a benefit for Mrs. Green because "it's what we do."

"The Lord was putting it on my heart to do something," he said. "It's going to take several months for it to warm up to do something (like a ride) so I called DL to do something with wrestling and he said he'd be more than happy to do something."

Another avid biker David

Howard also jumped at the opportunity to get involved. He met Mrs. Green when she worked at the Wilco-Hess Travel Plaza. He is familiar with the pains of a traffic accident. He said that he was hit head-on by a car on his bike.

"I wanted to do something. She was always so nice and outgoing and I really hated that this happened to her," he said. "It's just a tragedy really on both sides. I feel bad for both families because they're both going to be suffering now."

For more information, call the Wings of Eagles Chairman Howard Stroup at 704-418-4269, email wingsofeaglesministry1@yahoo.com or call Carolina Wrestling Alliance Promoter Dwight Polk at 828-390-8639.

BRIEFS

Energy savings tips Friday at Senior Center

Cleveland County Cooperative Extension will present "Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Savings Program" Friday, March 7 from 10:30-11:15 in Conference Room I of the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center, 909 E. King St., Kings Mountain.

All senior citizens are invited. For more information call 704-734-0447.

Meeting to discuss future of courthouse

A town hall meeting to discuss the future use of Cleveland County Courthouse and Historical Museum will be held Tuesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. at the Cleveland County Memorial Library.

The public is invited. For more information call 704-434-8819.

Easter bunny to visit kids at Cleveland Mall

The Easter bunny will arrive at Cleveland Mall March 8 at 2 p.m. to kick off the spring season.

Free games with prizes will be sponsored by Falls Insurance. Students from Step-n-Out Dance Productions will perform at 2:15.

Susan Indenbaum to give library program

Author/speaker Susan Indenbaum, author of "When the Fairy Tale Fails: How Women Today Can Create Their Own Happy Ever After," will speak at Mauney Memorial Library Monday, March 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"When the Fairy Tale Fails" is an eye-opener for women of all ages seeking fulfillment within themselves and longing to create complete satisfaction in their lives.

The program will be in the Community Room. For more information call Margot Plonk at 704-739-2371.

Antiques off Roadshow set at Gastonia church

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 258 W. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, will host the Antiques off Roadshow April 5 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

A preview party will be held April 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person.

Professional appraisals will be \$15 each. There will be other activities such as a white elephant tent, raffle and antique and gift shops.

All proceeds benefit St. Mark's Outreach Ministry.

For more information call 704-864-4531 ext. 19.

Writers, photographers needed for Anthology

The Tuesday Night Gang at Cleveland Community College is holding its first-ever anthology and seeks stories, poems and pictures from residents of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford counties.

People may write about hobbies, pets, family history, how life was when they were growing up, ghost stories, etc., and share photos and recipes. (Do not send originals).

Submissions may be mailed to The Anthology, P.O. Box 1431, Shelby, NC 28152 or Email them to clevelandwriters@gmail.com

Submission forms may be picked up at local libraries. The deadline is March 15.

Wild West Show set at Clover Auditorium

Chris McDaniel and his One Man Wild West Show rides into Clover School District Auditorium Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.

The show mixes trick roping, gun twirling, bull whip artistry and singing with a little magic and fun.

The cost is \$3 per person or \$8 for the entire family.

For more information or tickets call 803-222-8018.

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