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East Elementary kindergartners recently enjoyed some fun in the sun during "Splash Day."

Grants are available for local nonprofits

The Cleveland County Community Foundation is currently accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for its 2008 Grants Program.

Funds may be used to launch new programs or develop innovative approaches for addressing community needs. The grants may also be used to increase the capacity of a nonprofit agency to carry out its specific mission. Grants generally are awarded up to \$2,500.

profit, tax-exempt organizations serving Cleveland County citizens. Grants do not cover capital campaigns, book publication, conferences, endowment funds or individual needs. Grant applications can be downloaded from fftc.org (click on Regional Affiliates and then Cleveland). Applications must be postmarked by July 16, 2008. For more information, call Grants Specialist Karen Coppadge at 704-973-4559 or E-mail kcoppadge@fftc.org

Applicants must be non-

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Hospice training set at KM senior center

Hospice volunteer training classes will be held June 16, 17 and 19 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center, 909 E. King St., Kings Mountain.

To get credit for the entire course, one must attend all classes. The 12-hour course is free and there is no obligation to volunteer.

For more information call Krista Haynes at 487-0800 ext. 129.

Abe Reid to perform at Blues Out Back event

The Gaston County Museum will host bluesman Abe Reid as part of its "Blues Out Back" summer concert series Fri., June 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the lawn behind the museum, 131 W. Main St., Dallas.

Admission is free. For more information call 704-922-7681 x 105 or email jp ruett@co.gaston.nc.us or visit www.gastoncountymuseum.org

The exhibit features decorative as well as utilitarian quilts dating from the 1840s. Needlework examples include embroidery, crewel, crochet and needlepoint.

The Museum is located at 100 East Mountain Street. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 4:00. For more information call 704-739-1019.

Summer Reading kicks off with circus Friday at Central UMC

Mauney Memorial Library kicks off this year's Summer Reading program, "Catch the Reading Bug!" at 10 a.m. on Friday at Central United Methodist Church, across from the library on Piedmont Avenue.

Special entertainment will be provided by Flow Circus. For more information, visit <http://www.flowcircus.com> or call the library at 704-739-2371.

Parents and children of all ages can register online, to participate in Summer Reading, at any time by visiting mauneylibrary.org or by filling out a registration form at the library.

Club is accepting nominations for a Kings Mountain resident, who has set a standard for extraordinary service to the community.

To nominate someone, contact Jerry Simmons at 704-481-8883, fax 481-8979 or E-mail jsimmons@carolina.rr.com

Nominations should be submitted by June 26, 2008.

Tickets for \$40 per person and \$80 per couple are on sale now until July 15.

To purchase tickets, send E-mail address and check payable to KMHS Class of '88, c/o Jenny Reid Hollifield, 1004 Lake Montonia Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. For more information, E-mail kmhs1988@yahoo.com or call 704-739-8001.

Tickets on sale for Class of '88 reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1988 will be holding its 20th-year reunion from 7-11 p.m. at Cleveland Country Club on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

The reunion will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and on-site photography by Shelby Camera and Video.

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Baseball exhibit slated at County Arts Center

Entries for "Baseball as Art: America's Favorite Pastime," will be held through June 16 at Cleveland County Arts Center. The exhibit coincides with the 2008 American Legion World Series which will be held in Shelby August 13-26.

Artwork must pertain to or depict baseball. Amateurs and professional artists are invited to submit up to three separate artwork. All media will be accepted. Artwork must have been completed within the past two years and must pertain to or depict baseball.

The American Legion Baseball Commission will sponsor a \$500 purchase award.

For more information call the Cleveland County Arts Council at 704-484-2787.

Free work available from Cross Connection

Carolina Cross Connection, a youth and adult Christian outreach ministry, is interested in doing summer work in the Kings Mountain area.

The ministry reaches those who need assistance in the community, free of charge. Services include minor home repairs, wheelchair ramps, painting, yard work, cleaning and other tasks.

Anyone interested may call 704-538-9113.

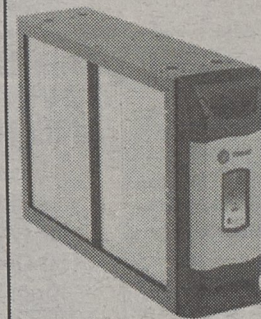
Quilts and needlework exhibit at KM Museum

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum's newest exhibit, "A Stitch in Time: Quilts and Needlework Pre 1960," will run through August 23.

KM Rotary Club seeks nominations for Citizen of the Year

The Kings Mountain Rotary

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