

LIFESTYLES



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Three-year-old Brayden Deaton gives her dad, Marine Brad Deaton of Kings Mountain, an Eskimo kiss just minutes before he deployed last week for his third tour of duty in Iraq.

BRIEFS

Basile graduates Basic

Army National Guard Pvt. Jeffery A. Basile has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Deborah Conway of Scism Farm Road, Kings Mountain.

Basile is a 2008 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Bennett presents two original plays in Hendersonville

Two plays written by Kings Mountain Playwright

Tom Bennett were presented as part of an "Evening of Shorts" performance July 26-27th at Crazy Lady Café in downtown Hendersonville.

"The American Dream" and "Side Effects" were both written and performed by Bennett at the "Evening of Shorts." A playwright, actor and musician from Kings Mountain, he has performed with the Kings Mountain Little Theatre and Greater Shelby Community Theatre. His short plays have been produced in Charlotte and Rock Hill, S.C., as well as in Hendersonville. Bennett is an active member of Lost Playwrights of Western North Carolina, which produces the short plays each month.

CBC blood drive slated August 6 at KMH

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas will be conducting a blood drive at Kings Mountain Hospital on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 from 9:30-12:30 p.m.

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit group, formed through the combined efforts of the four hospital systems serving the Charlotte metro region. It provides more than 90% of

the blood to 14 area hospitals including: Gaston Memorial Hospital, Piedmont Medical Center and all of the Carolinas HealthCare and Presbyterian Hospitals in Mecklenburg County. All the blood CBCC collects in the community is returned to the community at the lowest possible cost consistent with the highest required quality, according to CBCC.

Duke endows \$36,930 to Children's Homes of Cleveland County

The Duke Endowment, based out of Charlotte, recently awarded Children's Homes of Cleveland County a total of \$36,930 in grant money.

An \$11,930 grant was awarded to be used for the Homes' first-time reaccreditation through the Council on Accreditation.

Duke Endowment also awarded Children's Homes of Cleveland County a \$25,000 grant "for unrestricted operating support for maintaining national accreditation."

The Duke Endowment organization was established in 1924 by N.C. industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke.

Bolt celebrates 80 years, finds unexpected gifts

EMILY WEAVER

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Lois Bolt, of Kings Mountain, turned 80 years young on Friday.

Her dearly departed neighbor, whom she refers to as "Catfish," had given her a long-stem rose as a gift on one of her previous birthdays. To celebrate her 80 years, like a special gift from beyond, the rose blossomed in full bloom on her birthday. It has grown nearly eight feet tall.

She also found another special birthday treat on her front porch. A local cat had decided to have a litter of kittens on her front stoop in a comfy box that she had laid out for it. Amidst all of the celebration of life, Bolt enjoyed the day with her friends and family.



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