'Moon over the Mountain' goes Hollywood

By JYMA ATWELL **Interim Executive Director** of KM YMCA **Special to The Herald**

The third annual "Moon Over The Mountain," an evening of entertainment and live and silent auctions to benefit the Kings Mountain Family YMCA, was held at Bobby Horne Construction on Saturday, June

First National Bank was the presenting sponsor and Brenda Page, Roger Humphries and their staff decorated the building beautifully and provided the delicious dinner. Attendees enjoyed being entertained by celebrity emcee Mark Mathis of "Fox News Rising", and the band "Harvest" who provided music throughout the evening.

The Hollywood theme was enhanced by special guests Miss Kings Mountain Kristin Long as Miss cent Moon sponsors are America and students from the KMHS Drama group as various movie and music stars and paparazzi.

Many generous donors contributed auction items including vacations, art, furniture, and jewelry. Adding to the fun of the silent and live auctions was a raffle of a beautiful pair of diamond earrings donated by Dellinger's Jewel Shop,

The event brought in \$28,000 to support Kings Mountain Family YMCA community outreach programs, subsidized childcare, and "Open Doors" income-based pricing for membership and programs. The YMCA, as a recognized charity, will kick off it's "We Build People" campaign in August.

Sponsors of the event include Blue Moon Sponsor John O. Harris Interests, and Harvest Moon sponsor Carley Family Care. Cres-

Battleground Commons, Brinkley Financial Group, Dilling Heating Company, and Florrie and Larry Hamrick, Jr.. Alliance Bank sponsored the emcee, and Bobby Horne was the Host sponsor. Contributing sponsors are Suzy B's/Ambience, Maxwell B. Hamrick Insurance, Brother Man's, Fox Distributing, Mary and Charlie Miller, and PRP International.

First National Bank was presented with a plaque to thank them for being the presenting sponsor of the auction for the past three years. Marie Brinkley of the auction committee was recognized for three years of service and presented with a thank-you plaque. Gina Ayscue, auction committee chair, and Bobby Horne, site host, were thanked for all their hard work preparing for the event and presented with special gifts.



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Left to right, Bobby Horne, site host of the YMCA's recent "Moon Over the Mountain" fundraising event; Gina Ayscue, auction committee chairperson; Mark Mathis, of Fox News Rising (emcee); and Sharon Horne.

The Kings Mountain Family YMCA board and staff would like to thank all sponsors, donors, and committee members for contributing to this event, and everyone who came for People" campaign, or being

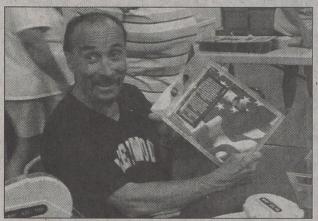
Outreach programs.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the YMCA, volunteering, donating to the "We Build

their support of the YMCA a part of next year's auction can call 704-739-9631.

> With your generous support, we can continue to build strong kids, strong families and a stronger community.

County visited by Lee Greenwood



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Country music star Lee Greenwood assembles a patriotic shadow box at Cleveland Vocational Industries, Inc.

Vocational Industries, Inc., welcomed a special guest to its plant recently - country music artist Lee Greenwood.

and fulfillment center Good" are produced. A spokesman for the company said that Greenwood has wanted to visit the facility since he started serving as the national spokesperson for "Products for Good."

"Products for Good" sells patriotic shadow boxes with un-circulated Iraqi coins that were commissioned by Saddam Hussein at the end of the Gulf war, according to Jeff Adams, marketing coordinator and intake specialist for CVII. "Twenty-five percent of the sales of the shadow boxes support various disabled veterans groups."

"Lee wanted to meet the people and see how the shadow boxes are assembled," Adams said. "He toured the facility and graphs passionately.

"Lee was welcomed by Congressman Patrick McHenry who thanked him for helping raise funds for disabled vets and for supporting Cleveland Vocational.

"Jo Boggs chairperson of the County Commissioners and other County Commissioners as well as County Manager David Dear presented a county commemorative shadow box and thanked him for his support of Cleveland Vocational. Jo Boggs also gave him her personal county commissioner lapel pin."

Shelby Mayor Ted Alexander gave Lee a key to the city.

Greenwood, then, as-

SHELBY - Cleveland sembled a shadow box and autographed it, according to Adams. "This shadow box will be used for a special fund raiser."

Greenwood also visited CVII is an outsourcing HarvestWorks, while he d fulfillment center was in town. The Burns where shadow boxes, like High choir serenaded those sold by "Products for Greenwood with his original song "Proud to be an American."

Greenwood gave Ann Goss, at HarvestWorks, a bracelet that had been given to him years ago by a fan who lost a soldier in Iraq, according to Adams. "On the bracelet are the chorus lyrics to one of Lee's songs."

The country star met with LifeSkills participants at the center, autographed shirts and other items for those in attendance, toured the barn, pet the animals, viewed the greenhouses and fish tanks; learned about the various agri-tourism and educational programs offered to the community at HarvestWorks, and about future plans in the "works."

After HarvestWorks, signed hundreds of auto- Greenwood traveled to Charlotte to be on the John Boy & Billy radio show.

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By KYRA ALEXANDER Staff writer This summer, in addition to the usual book reviews, Mauney Memorial Library has offered adults many ways to "Be Creative" in its sum-

mer reading program, according to Margot Plonk, library assistant. "Attendance has been up at the adult programs, compared to past summers,"

Plonk said. The last couple of workshops they have had are: a pottery workshop with Corinne Guseman; a yoga workshop with Mind/Body Synergy Studio; two author events by Julia Ebel and Leanna Sain (focusing on "saving our stories"); the Snazaroo (face and body make-up) Company president, Gary Cole, came for a face painting workshop; and local artist Camiel Bradshaw led a "Paper Art" workshop.



Adult summer reading program gets 'creative'

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Tom Pacheco, professional photographer from Mt. Holly, teaches a class at the library as part of the summer reading program.

The library also had Tom Pacheco, Mt. Holly professional photographer who presented a talk entitled "Photography and the Num-

"This was an extremely well attended event, and attendees have requested a follow up class, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of August," Plonk said in at the workshop."

The next adult event is a drama workshop on Wednesday, July 8 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m., presented by local playwright and director, Wendy Walega.

On July 15th, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m., there will be a scrapbooking workshop, led by Teralea Moore.

On Monday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m., there will be a "walk-about" photography workshop with professional photographer, Stephen Tor-

"I have truly loved every program we have had so far. I sense that the library's adult summer reading program has touched a nerve in this community, helping our patrons realize the connection between creativity, reading and knowledge," Plonk said. "They have left these workshops feeling empowered, renewed, full of energy, and ready to learn something new

Library to add new books to shelves thanks to grant

Thanks to a \$17,552 grant, the Mauney Memorial Library will be able to better serve school age readers, particularly boys. The federal Li-Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds were awarded by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural

Resources. These LSTA funds, originating from the federal granting agency, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), invest dollars to expand learning resources and access to information for individuals from all walks of life.

At the Mauney Memorial

Library, the LSTA grant will renovate the children's picture book, juvenile and young adult fiction collections for young readers. The juvenile fiction collection has been the highest circulation collection in the Mauney Library for 10

The library will re-purchase award winning titles. In addition, Mauney Memorial will purchase high demand series titles.

"Our young people are requesting new authors and genres to read and we will respond to that need with well selected, comprehensive author and genre titles," said Sharon Stack, library director.

Upon learning that the library received the federal grant, Stack said, "Kings Mountain young people will benefit with new materials throughout the juvenile fiction collection. Our goal is to replace the classics, add new series materials, as well as purchase books of interest to boys. We hope to have a great selection of new materials ready for checkout at the start of school."

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