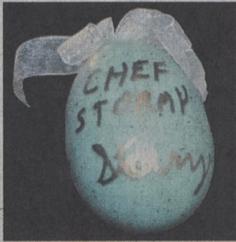


Grover inn celebrates Capitol tradition

The Inn of the Patriots Bed and Breakfast in Grover held an Egg Roll and Easter Egg Hunt on its lawn Monday morning, paying homage to a Capitol Hill tradition that began 200 years ago.

Innkeeper Marti Mongiello, who hosted the event with his wife Stormy and son JT, said that they scattered hundreds of eggs for children to find. Some of the eggs contained cash prizes, coins, candy and fruit. Special 2010 wooden eggs, painted red, white and blue, were also found in the hunt. Another prized find were the few hand-painted eggs that bare the signature of innkeeper Stormy Mongiello.



Other activities Monday morning were an Easter Egg Roll, which involved children rolling their plastic eggs in a race to the finish line with only the aid of a spoon; a visit from the Easter Bunny and games of horseshoes and carrot basketball batting.

Marti said that First Lady Dolly Madison is credited with having the first egg roll 200

years ago on the lawns of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

She was inspired by some photographs she saw of kids in Geesza rolling eggs with a stick, he said.

The event was originally held on Capitol Hill, but rumor has it that the stench from rotten eggs left out in the sun and the debris of broken eggs remaining after each event spurred some to protest the Easter activity, Marti said.

The issue was debated on the Hill and both sides held firm until a law was passed that banished the activities from the D.C. lawn.

First Lady Lucy Hayes, wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes, moved the festivities to the grounds of the White House, where it continues to this day, Marti said.

The Egg Roll and hunt at the inn started simultaneously with the festivities held this year in Washington, D.C., hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama.



Eight-year-old Hannah Smith, left, and Renee Unnasch, 9, run back to the starting line as they participated in an Easter Egg Roll outside of the Inn of the Patriots on Monday morning.

photo by EMILY WEAVER

CITY HONORS THOSE WHO SERVE



LEFT, Sgt. Bob Myers was honored for 34 years of service on the KM Board of Adjustment. Right, RED HATS FOR FIREMEN -- Shon Paul Sheffield, Fire Chief Frank Burns, Assistant Fire Chief Jamie Black, Fleete (Chip) Wilson and Mayor Rick Murphrey, left to right, are pictured at city council's Tuesday night meeting. Sheffield, Wilson and Tanner Brown (not pictured) all received their red hats, signifying they had completed a nine week Fire Academy course, 408 hours at Cleveland Community College, and are now Certified Level II Firefighters and Haz-Mat Level I Certified. The three graduates, hired by the city in July 2009, traded their blue hats for red, said Chef Burns.

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MAYOR RICK MURPHREY, right, accepts a plaque from the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America from Scouter Allen Queen on behalf of the city and city council. Queen stated appreciation for support of Boy Scouts on Boy Scout Day Feb. 12.



JOHN WRIGHT, left, Fire Captain, receives an award for 25 years of service with the City of Kings Mountain from Mayor Rick Murphrey.



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Winners of a recent 3-on-3 contest, which helped raise money for the city's Relay for Life team, are: left to right, Daniel Asgari, Jonathan Hines, Brandon Putnam - organizer of the event, Jeremy Watson and DJ Darby.

City's 3-on-3 raises money for Relay

Brandon Putnam, an officer with the Kings Mountain's Codes Department, recently organized a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament raised \$622.75 for the city's Relay team.

Daniel Asgari, Jonathan Hines, Jeremy Watson and DJ Darby won the tournament. Runners up were Steven Surratt, Stoney Fanney, Johnny Malaythong and Sheldon Crockett.

Steven Surratt won the free throw contest and the 3-point contest. Logan Fuller won the tournament's half-court shot contest.

SASi plans 'Artist's Way' workshop

The Southern Arts Society is sponsoring a workshop based on the book "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron. It is a journey for all artists and creative people to help them explore their creativity.

The facilitator will be artist and Shelby resident, Susan Doggett. Susan is a fiber artist and founding member of Synergy Studios and Gallery in Shelby. She completed her BFA at

Converse College, and has done additional study at Winthrop University, UNC Charlotte, Arrowmont, and a number of workshops. Weaving, embroidery and book arts are her current focus. She has exhibited her work throughout the southeast.

The class begins Monday, April 19, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Southern Arts Society (at the Depot) in Kings Mountain. There is a fee. For more information call 704-739-5585 or 704-739-5723.

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ing to share his testimony of how his life was saved, on May 1st at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. The event is free and open to all.

Cruz' message is powerful. He rose from a birthright of satanic worship to lead the most feared gang in New York City before he had a total conversion experience. The man, who once led a gang to a life of crime, has now helped lead thousands or millions to a life of redemption through Christ. He has shared his testimony with about 40 million people so far.

Volunteer prayer counselors will be needed at the event on May 1st. Renn said that they are aiming to recruit 200 people, age 16 and older, to serve as prayer counselors.

These volunteers must attend one of two orientation sessions. The first session will be held Thursday, April 8, at the city council chamber in Shelby at 6:30 p.m. Another will be held next Thursday, April 15, at Goforth Hall on the Cleveland County Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m.

"The applicants also must be approved to serve in this capacity by their pastor," Renn added.

Volunteers, who are setting the stage for a memorable movement, are still collecting

donations and sponsorships for the Nicky Cruz Outreach. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the cause by calling Charles Cabaniss at 704-482-4107.

"Every penny goes to the outreach," Renn said. "We want to do this with excellence, so that those who attend will remember May 1st for years to come."

Transportation, like church buses, may be needed on May 1st to help get the youth to the event.

There is also a need for long-term mentorships or discipleships for the youth, who may find the Lord and will need a faithful guide on their new spiritual path. These "spiritual adoptions," Renn said, could be six-months-to-a-year commitments.

The Nicky Cruz Outreach planners also seek the gifts of prayer. Renn said that they are hoping to have four prayer centers in each quarter of the county (north, south, east and west) to meet in prayer for the outreach while it is taking place.

After a few visits to the middle school and high school in Shelby on Friday, April 30, and the public outreach Saturday night, a combined church service will be held at the Malcolm Brown Auditorium at Shelby High at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 2.

Pastor Renn said that they will have room for about 1,500 people in the non-denominational combined church service.

For more information, email ncoshelby@gmail.com

UPCOMING RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS

"Celebrating Birthdays" is the theme of Relay for Life events planned in Kings Mountain this month and Saturday, April 10, promises to be fun at "Parade of Tables" at 6 p.m. at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center.

Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor of the Kings Mountain Police Department will make the keynote address and a quartet of musicians will perform.

The "parade of tables" works this way: those participating make up their own round tables of eight, decorate them, provide the food and ask donations from each participant.

Relay co-chairs Frank Burns and Tammy White say that 17 tables are already reserved and 13 more tables are available. Relay teams and/or fami-

lies are among those planning to take part. The City of Kings Mountain team, for instance, plans to serve BBQ ribs. Tammy's team of Cowgirls plans to serve lasagna. Other teams have their own unique ideas for decorating including luaus, birthdays, sports, etc.

An auction will also be featured and some of the items up for grabs include a leather jacket, Dale Earnhardt diecast car, full size standups of NASCAR drivers, and lots of good items, says Burns.

"The welcome mat is out for everyone to come to all the events planned in Kings Mountain and have fun to raise money for a good cause," White added.

Other Relay events this week include: Karaoke Night at Kings Mountain Hospital Community

Room from 5-9 p.m. on Friday; car wash and hotdogs from 10 a.m.-noon in the First Baptist Church parking lot by the relay team from the Kings Mountain Herald; breakfast biscuits from 6:30-9 a.m. and hotdogs, hamburgers and bake sale from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian Church, Dixon School Road; and a Fish Off on Sunday at 732 Canterbury Rd. No. 1, sponsored by Long Creek Presbyterian Church. Kings Mountain Hospital BBQ lunch is planned Wednesday, April 14, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria; and Firestone plans a car wash Thursday, April 15, beginning at 9 a.m. at 100 Firestone Lane.