



PARADE OF TABLES - The Patrick Senior Center was festive with vary-colored tables Saturday for a big benefit for the Kings Mountain Relay for Life and over \$4,000 in donations were received, according to Fire Chief Frank Burns, co-chair of the upcoming April 23 event. Above, Body Junction's Hawaiian-decorated table. Diners at 17 tables enjoyed food prepared by the various teams and an auction.



HART WELLS, first on the front row, stands with his guitar students at Potomac Falls High School.

Hart Wells brings guitarists to ASU

Hart Wells, guitar teacher at Potomac Falls High School, Sterling, Va., will bring his thirty-six guitar students to perform at the Appalachian State University Guitar Festival, April 9th-11th in Boone, NC.

The public is invited to their Sunday's performance, April 11th, at 11 AM at the Rosen Concert Hall in the ASU Music Building. They will play several pieces of classical music.

Hart, a 1995 honor graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a Teaching Fellow at ASU, studied under the direction of the renowned classical guitarist Dr. Douglas James who heads the annual ASU guitar festival.

While at ASU, Hart participated and helped with the festivals from 1996 until his move to Virginia to teach high school guitar in 2005. After graduation

from ASU, Hart taught elementary music at Granite Falls Elementary School in Caldwell County before moving to Virginia. His students competed in Chicago last year where they won the Gold Award at the Music Festival. and they performed twice the two preceding years in New York City.

Hart is the son of Steve and Betsy Wells of the Dixon Community in Kings Mountain and is the grandson of the late Harold and Lucy Wells of the Dixon Community and the late Lester and Blannie Hart of Lansing, NC in Ashe County.

His love for guitar began with his learning the chords from his grandfather Lester who was an accomplished player. Hart also studied music in high school under the direction of KMHS choral teachers Eugene Bumgardner and Sherry Young. And he learned from

his friend Pete Small who helped him prepare for his audition into ASU's guitar program.

Hart was also a active member of the KMHS theatre program, playing Tony in his senior musical of "West Side Story". Other musicals include: Louie in "The King and I", Max in "Sound of Music", the agent in "Annie Get Your Gun".

He also played the Sheriff in "To Kill a Mockingbird" for NC Theatre Competition and Friar Tuck in his 1995 Senior Play "Robin Hood". He also ran track and played football.

While at ASU, Hart played in the ASU Guitar Ensemble and sang in the ASU Gospel Choir.

Hart is married to the former Kelly Faulkner of Lenoir, NC. They reside in Leesburg, Va. where Kelly is a nurse at a urology clinic.

Journey to host grieving talk at senior center

Journey - Partnership for End of Life Issues will give a program Thursday, April 15, from noon-1 p.m., at the Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain. The topic is "How Do You Help Someone Who Is Grieving" with Kim Strange, Director of Grief Services for Hospice Cleveland County.

Journey will sponsor a second program on the same topic Thursday, April 22, from noon-1 p.m. at the Neal Senior Center in Shelby.

"What do you say to someone who is grieving?" This is a question we often face when someone that we know and care about is grieving. It is a question hospice professionals, especially grief counselors hear every day. In most cases, it is best if we say nothing at all, and just provide encouragement in the form of a touch on the shoulder or a hug.

What people need most when they are grieving is permission to do just that - grieve. We come from a society that wants to comfort our loved ones and friends, but also "fix" their pain. Sometimes we make people feel worse with well-meaning words and attempts to

stifle their expressions of sadness and longing. But pain and longing are natural reactions to losing a loved one or experiencing any kind of loss.

Therefore, many times, being present with our loved ones' pain is the most sacred and loving thing we can do. Being present is often the hardest thing we can do in the presence of pain and emotional suffering. Being present means listening, affirming one's feelings, and basically "getting out of their way" as they tell us how they feel.

Remember the next time you encounter someone who has experienced a great loss, they just need your compassion, patience, and time to talk over a cup of coffee. Journey invites everyone to come out to the Patrick Senior Center on Thursday, April 15 or on Thursday, April 22 at the Neal Senior Center in Shelby to share conversations about helping people who are grieving.

These quarterly sessions are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Pam Isaacs at 704-487-4677 ext. 168.

Museum's Spring Fling brings Civil War to life

Kings Mountain Historical Museum will be having its second annual Spring Fling Event on Saturday, April 17th, featuring members of Company H, Cleveland Regulators encamped on the Museum Commons behind the Exhibit Hall (old post office) from 10-5 p.m.

During this free event, the public is invited to come by and talk to the members of this re-enactment group to learn more about the Civil War and how the soldiers

lived through that time.

The museum also invites the public to view its current exhibit: Early Inhabitants of the Western Piedmont through May 1. The Kings Mountain Historical Museum is located at 100 E. Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Regular hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10-4 p.m. For more information call 704-739-1019, E-mail: kmhmuseum@bellsouth.net, or check out www.kingsmountainmuseum.org.

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area.

Suspect #1 was identified as a black male 6'4" tall, weighing 250 pounds and wearing a dark jacket with hood and a blue baseball cap, white t-shirt and jeans; suspect #2, a black male 6 feet tall of slim build, was wearing a tan jacket with

hood, tan toboggan and light-colored pants. Suspect #3, a black male 5'8" tall of slim build, was wearing a red t-shirt, dark jacket and dark pants; and suspect #4, a black female with curls in her hair.

Anyone with any information about either crime is asked to contact the Kings Mountain Police Department at 704-734-0444 or Crime Stoppers at 704-481-8477.

News briefs...

Spring festivals include pageant

The Miss Gastonia Scholarship Association will sponsor two spring festival pageants for girls ages 0-19.

The Miss Cherry Blossom Festival Pageant will be held on Friday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the mini-park gazebo in downtown Cherryville.

The pageant is the kickoff event for the festival, which is sponsored by the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cherryville. The deadline to enter is April 19.

The Miss Down Home Festival Pageant will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. on the west stage in downtown Bessemer City. The festival is sponsored by the City of Bessemer City. The deadline to enter is May 4.

Contestants compete in one of 10 age categories and model a springtime casual outfit or sundress. All girls receive a tiara and qualify to enter the Little Miss Gastonia Pageant.

Proceeds will be used to provide scholarships to the young women who will participate in this year's Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant on August 1 at Gaston College.

For more information or to receive an application, call (704) 827-7277 or visit www.missgastoniapageant.com. Applications also are available at the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce and at City Hall in Bessemer City.

Museum hosting Native American exhibit

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum is hosting its new exhibit "Early Inhabitants of the Western Piedmont" which will run through May 1.

This exhibit features private and other museum collections of early pottery, basketry and weapons from the Native Indians and early pioneers that lived in the Western Piedmont many years ago.

The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., located in the Old Post Office at 100 East Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. For more information, call 704-739-1019 or e-mail kmhmuseum@bellsouth.net

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"This expansion is another step in the execution of our heavy industry group's strategic plan," said Stewart, adding, "the ongoing investment in our Shelby campus has positioned Ultra Machine and Fabrication as a world leader in armor and thick plate fabrication and welding. We are committed," he said, "to meeting the needs of US and International OEMs that support our civilians and military troops through the Defense, Safety and Specialty Vehicle markets."

Ultra also has several industry initiatives underway that include complementing the nuclear energy growth that Charlotte and the region are experiencing, and those projects that are slated to bring high skilled jobs and

opportunities to the two Carolinas.

Said Stewart, "We are committed to the growth of the Ultra businesses, our employees, suppliers and their families. I would like to thank the City of Kings Mountain and Mayor Rick Murphrey for the partnering relationship we have shared for many years. All involved are working to realize the next phase of our facilities there, which could include other Ultra projects."

Ultra International is a diverse group of companies that provide both contract manufacturing services and OEM products, with a focus on military vehicles, heavy industry, transportation and the energy markets. Ultra Machine and Fabrication and UltraCoat are certified US Small Business HUB-Zone facilities and an equal opportunity employers.

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Debbie Wright & Philip Wright
for
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Thank you to all the participants in our 2nd Annual Piedmont Peeps Show!

The above winners may stop at the Kings Mountain Herald office to claim their prize!