

County Potato Project in need of plow

With harvest time fast approaching, members of the Cleveland County Potato Project are in need of a potato plow.

Steering committee members Bill Horn and Doug Sharp said that they will soon start harvesting the Irish (white) potatoes they planted a couple of months ago. But we "need a plow that will dig potatoes out of the ground to be picked up by volunteers," they added, in an email.

The group, and its mission to feed the hungry in local communities with white and sweet potatoes, recently received another grant. PPG, after a request from one of its employees, Bill Cullum, awarded the project \$1,000.

A few weeks ago, members of the Cleveland County Potato Project steering committee

traveled to Hickory to receive a check for \$2,000 from the Charlotte Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Since the project began, 8,000 lbs. of white potatoes have been planted on over eight acres of land in 11 different plots around the county. Volunteers with the project plan to start harvesting the white potatoes as early as next month.

In May, Sharp told The Herald that they planned to plant a little over an acre of sweet potatoes, total.

One acre of harvestable land can produce up to 400-500 bushels of sweet potatoes, according to Lloyd Lewis, who runs Lewis Farms with his family in Fallston and who serves as a member of the project's committee.

More sweet potato plantings may be coming up. In addition to planting and harvesting, maintenance on the potato patches may also be needed. To volunteer, call Doug Sharp at 704-480-1608 or Bill Horn at 704-482-5531.

After all of the planting has been completed, Sharp said that they plan to put together a cookbook to share some of the many recipes that call for potatoes.

After harvest, potatoes will be delivered to charitable organizations like the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, the Salvation Army, and the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association for distribution to those in need. Many volunteers of different denominations and backgrounds have given time, support and land to the cause.



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Left to right, Ernst Borchert, Bill Horn, Doug Sharp and Pat Bonino, all members of the Cleveland County Potato Project steering committee, are seen here at the Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant award ceremony in Hickory, where they picked up a \$2,000 check for their mission to feed the hungry.

KM debutantes to attend ball

Brittany Leigh Beam and Lauren Dana Forbes will be presented to society in The Junior Charity League of Shelby's 64th Annual Western Carolina Debutante Ball, to be held Saturday, June 12th, 2010 at Gardner-Webb University.

Brittany is the daughter of Mr. Gary Clennen Beam and Mrs. Vickie Gold Beam of Kings Mountain and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gene Gold of Cherryville and Mr. Donald Brinkley Beam of Kings Mountain and the late Mrs. Donald Brinkley Beam.

Brittany will be presented by her father Mr. Gary Clennen Beam and escorted by Mr. Steven Rai Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ray Robinson of Kings Mountain.

Lauren is the daughter of Mr. Jack Charles Forbes and Mrs. Sharon Crawford Forbes of Kings Mountain and granddaughter of Mrs. Clara Oliver Crawford of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Virginia Biggerstaff Forbes of Ellenboro and the late Mr. Calvin Darrell Crawford and the late Mr. Manley Perry Forbes.

Lauren will be presented by her father Mr. Jack



BRITTANY BEAM



LAUREN FORBES

Charles Forbes and escorted by Mr. Michael Timothy Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gerald Davis of Kings Mountain.

Summer Reading kicks off Monday

"Make a Splash" will kick off Mauney Memorial Library's summer reading program Monday at 10 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church with a party for all ages featuring Sure Fire Entertainment.

The premier party for teen readers will be held at the library Friday at 10 a.m. featuring Great Graffiti and "Floating Into Summer Reading."

Adult registration is all day Monday. Decorate your own personal reading log and enjoy refreshments.

Events for children ages 6-11 will be held at 10 a.m. each Wednesday, except July 8. Story time for kids age 2 and under will be held at the library each Thursday through July 23, except July 8. Story time for ages 4-5 will be held June and July on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at the library. A girls only WOW program with the Girl Scouts is set for June 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. and June 18 and 25 at 10 a.m. at the library. The Aquarium exhibit for all ages is Friday, July 16, at 10 a.m. in the community room of the library. A summer reading luau for all ages is July 23 at 10 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church.

Wednesday programs at the library will feature a number of events as well as a children's theatre presentation of "The Ugly Duckling."

Visit the library for a complete listing of summer fun with reading activities for all ages.

FUN WITH BUBBLES



First graders at East have fun in summer sun. Left to right, Jessica Cox, Donna Broadway, Dawson Postell, Sabrina Parker, Natalie Green, Hanna Allen.

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