

Former Miss NC portrays hymn author Fanny Crosby, Friday

Former Miss North Carolina Dana Stephenson will be appearing as "Fanny Crosby" in a "Blessed Assurance Fanny Crosby's Eternal Vision" program at the Patrick Senior Center at noon on Friday, July 29.

Stephenson was Miss North Carolina in 1994, but in about an hour with the help of lots of makeup she can transform herself into an 85-year-old blind woman. She has played the role of Fanny Crosby half a dozen times for Aversboro Road Baptist Church in Garner, her home church. Almost every summer she joins the church's drama team to go on a tour.

This year she is leading the church's drama team that will be performing an original play about the life and music of Crosby in the Kings Mountain area on July 28-31.

"I really enjoy being Fanny," Stephenson said. "She wrote some of our most beloved music. During the service we share - actually Fanny shares - the stories behind many of her songs."

"She was a remarkable woman. She was blind from an early age, but achieved great-

ness. At one time, she may have been the best-known woman in the world and her music is just as meaningful and moving as it was when she wrote it."

"Blessed Assurance: Fanny Crosby's Eternal Vision" is a musical drama about the music and life of the famed blind poet. Crosby is best known for writing the lyrics to hymns such as "Blessed Assurance," "To God be the Glory" and "Jesus is Tenderly Calling."

"Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 hymns," said Doug Pedigo, the music minister of Aversboro Road, which assembled the cast for the 70-minute performance. "Her songs are incredible and her life was amazing. She was used by God in a mighty way."

Services are scheduled at Westwood Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28; at the Patrick Senior Center at noon Friday, July 29; at Zoar Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 30; and at Flint Hill Baptist Church at 10:55 a.m. Sunday, July 31.

There is no admission fee for any of the group's performances.

For more information, call Tim Stevens at 919-812-5711.

Guitar picker coming to Owl's Eye this Friday

Singer-songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist Marjorie Thompson, with bass accompanist Greg Franklin will perform from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 29th, at Owl's Eye Vineyard offering music from her repertoire of original songs plus some traditional blues and roots.

Thompson's music is deeply influenced by the Piedmont-style, thumb-picking country blues and ragtime guitar-playing genre epitomized by artists such as Rev. Gary Davis and Mississippi John Hurt, which were

brought into the contemporary era by such artists as Dave Van Ronk and Jorma Kaukonen (Hot Tuna).

Since 2001, Thompson has amassed a body of innovative original work, touching on traditional themes and very nontraditional ones, some soul-wrenching and some more likely to elicit a smile - in short, a body of work in the best of the folk and country blues traditions. Her song styles range from blues to rags and ballads,

with a discography including Add Some More (2003), Never Let Me Down

('05) and Driving Live ('05); Right By Me ('07); and the exciting double album, Good, Fast and Cheap (2010). She also offers guitar instructional DVDs via her "Marjorie Teaches" series.

Marjorie tours extensively for music performance in the US and Europe, and teaches guitar workshops with Jorma Kaukonen at his Fur Peace Ranch Music Camp in Pomeroy, Ohio.

For more information about the artist, visit www.marjoriethompson.com

Nation-wide Thornburg, Throneburg, Thornsberry reunion set for August

A first nation-wide reunion of Thornburg/Throneburg/ and Thornsberry and related families will be held August 7 at 1 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Conover.

Monty Thornburg, Director of the Aging program for the City of Kings Mountain, is excited that families with surname of Thornburg, Throneburg, and Thornsberry have been linked with DNA tests and by genealogists around the United States and mostly in North Carolina. And they're getting together for a big reunion that Monty doesn't

plan to miss.

The original surname of the family was Tranberg pronounced Thornberg and Throneburg Spellings in North Carolina and other states have left the modern branches of the family with the several different surnames of Throneburg, Thornsberry, Throneberry and Dronebarger.

"This new information has just come to light in recent years," says Monty, and he says he's looking forward to meeting new kinfolk.

Registration is 1 p.m. and a meal will be served and a short program will be

held afterwards. Meal tickets are \$9 for adults, no charge for children.

Memorabilia, including pictures, family trees, computers for viewing family trees, stories and more will be on display.

"You don't have to register, just show up for the event," says Monty. He said this is an opportunity for many families to see how they are linked together to all of the Thornburg, Throneburg and Thornsberry families.

Call Monty Thornburg at 704-473-9047 for more information.

'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' exhibit continues at Historical Museum

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum is open with its summer exhibit, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Baseball in Cleveland

County". The exhibit features items from the early mill teams as well as local legends.

Guests are invited to

stand at home base with the new John Henry Moss Stadium as the backdrop for a great photo opportunity. The exhibit will run through Aug. 13, just in time for the American Legion World Series at the Keeter Stadium in Shelby.

If anyone has baseball memorabilia that they would like to share with the museum visitors this summer, call 704-739-1019 or bring it by the museum at 100 E. Mountain St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. The Kings Mountain Historical Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.kingsmountainmuseum.org

Akeelah...Where are you?
Hungry again?
We believe she has gone in search of a sub or a tasty salad. Would you please try to locate her?
We do not want her to miss the End of Summer Reading Celebration this Friday, July 29th.
Find her and receive two Summer Reading bucks to use in the summer reading store at the Mauney Memorial Library.

(Editor's note: Look for a clue to find the library's Summer Reading mascot "Akeelah" in each week's Herald. Check out this week's clue above.)

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1st Annual Dog Days Twilight Run Aug. 12

The Kings Mountain Family YMCA, in conjunction with several local sponsors, will be hosting the 1st Annual Dog Days Twilight 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at the Patriots Park Gazebo, 219 Railroad Ave.

Proceeds from the Dog Days Twilight Run will benefit the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council. For more information about the race or to register stop by the KM Family YMCA at 211 Cleveland Ave. or visit www.active.com/running/kings-mountain-nc-nc/dog-days-twilight-5k-run-2011

Registration packets will be available for pick-up at

Mauney Memorial Library, 100 S. Piedmont Ave., from 9-5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11.

Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be bestowed to runners in each age division. All fun run participants will get a prize. Costumes are encouraged.

For more information, call 704-669-3685 or email chide@clevecoymca.org

Sponsors for the run are Patrick Yarns, Kings Mountain Family YMCA, City of Kings Mountain, Battleground Steakhouse, Foust Textiles, J.E. Herndon, Center Street Tavern, AFAB Promotions, EROK Designs, Sparrow Eye Creative, and

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The Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council serves as a bridge between being a victim to becoming a survivor of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, homelessness and home-maker displacement through the provision of safe shelter, advocacy, support services, and preventive education.

OBITUARIES

Willis O. Harmon

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Willis O. Harmon, 90, of Kings Mountain, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at Kings Mountain Hospice House. He was born in Cleveland County, son of the late North and Miley Medlin Harmon.

A funeral service was conducted by Dr. Steve Taylor at 4 p.m. Friday, July 22, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Interment followed in Bethlehem Baptist Church's cemetery.

James Humphries

NEWBERRY, SC - James "Jim" Wyattman Humphries, 70, of 406 Twin Ponds Rd., Thursday, died July 21, 2011.

The funeral was conducted Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain.

Monserrate Narvaez

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Monserrate Narvaez, 93, of Kings Mountain died Friday, July 22, 2011 at Kings Mountain Hospital. She was born in Puerto Rico, daughter of the late Monserrate Roman, Sr. and Elizabeth Luna Roman.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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