

LIFESTYLES



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The Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant 2012 award winners were, from left, first runner-up Malyn Bailey of Kings Mountain, Miss Gastonia Beth Smith, Miss Gaston County Alexandria Freeman, and second runner-up Victoria Hunter, a student at Gardner-Webb University.

Bailey, Hunter claim runner-up honors

Cleveland County pageant contestants Malyn Bailey, of Kings Mountain, and Victoria Hunter, a sophomore at Gardner-Webb University, took runner-up honors in the Miss Gastonia Scholarship Pageant held Sunday, Aug. 7 at Gaston College.

Bailey, the 18-year-old daughter of Lori Bailey and the reigning Miss Kings Mountain, was named the first runner-up and received a \$300 scholarship. She is a 2011 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and plans to attend Western Carolina University this fall. For the talent competition, Bailey

performed a baton twirling routine to "Baby, I'm A Star." Hunter, 19, was named the second runner-up and received a \$200 scholarship. She also won the Etha Hawkins Bumgardner congeniality award. For the talent competition, Hunter performed a tumble dance routine to "One Night Only." The pageant featured 19 contestants competing in interview, talent, swimsuit/fitness, and evening wear categories. The Miss Gastonia Scholarship Association sponsored the pageant. For more information, visit www.missgastonia-pageant.com.

Fourteen awarded pins during CCC ceremony



The most recent class of the Foothills Surgical Technology Consortium was honored with a pinning ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Cleveland Community College. Fourteen students were awarded their pins including, front row, from left, Elizabeth Berry, Heather Turner, Teri Gordon, Tabitha Duckworth, Pamela Callahan and Danielle Hawkins; second row, Brandi Feagan, Nikki Norwood, Crystal Morrison, Kristin Bradley, Bobby Burnett, Shannon McGinnis, Lindsay Taylor and Jason Evans.

Wrights enjoy making over 'pink now gray' house



It was love at first sight for Kings Mountain realtor Denise Martin Wright when she walked into the 1890-era two-story Victorian house (formerly pink and now red-trimmed Coventry gray) on S. Battleground Avenue. "My husband Jeff and I bought it as investment property and have been busy renovating for some time and plan to show it off to the community as we host the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Aug. 18," said Wright.

Wright has posted a "for sale" sign in front of the property - located at the first stop light as you come into Kings Mountain on S. Battleground - an eye catching makeover of a vintage property. She is among several Main Street businesses that are using facade grants from the City of Kings Mountain to jump start major renovation projects.

Eyeing the two-story, former Moss mansion as a real estate office, the Wrights applied for a \$5,000 incentive grant from the City of Kings Mountain for the former residential property rezoned by the city to conditional use to allow a business in the Central Business District.

Wright currently leases her Coldwell Bankers Mountain View office on E. King Street, the former doctor's office beside Cup and Saucer, from the City of Kings Mountain.

She credits a former owner of the house, Bernice Chappell, for major interior remodeling and transformation of the house when Bernice and Larry Chappell lived in the residence and then sold it to a family who has since relocated.

"Since I am in the house selling business and want to promote downtown beautification, I grabbed the chance to buy the house," said Wright, who obviously researched a Victorian-era theme in the paint colors. Mr. Wright, who works in the technology department for the City of Shelby, got excited too and after work and on weekends the two spent hours painting the interior of the house. They hired painters to work the outside, including the roof, and also replaced the roof on an outside building with a matching tin roof. The spacious outside building had been used by a previous owner for a small business.

Wright said incentives from the city are appreciated and stimulate new business in the community.

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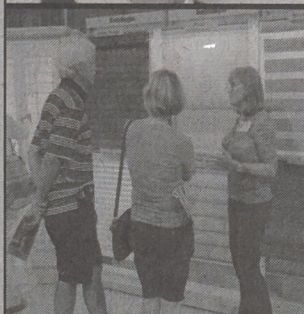
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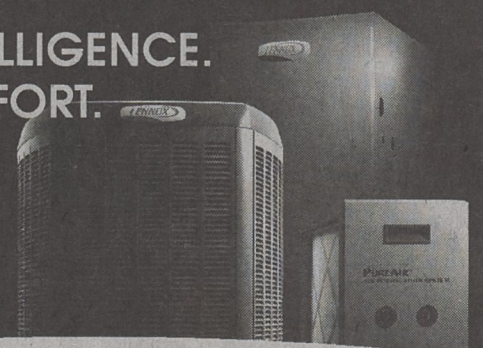
Art Camp hosts largest group to date



Photo/Kyra A. Turner

Painting their fans and holding up a previous art project, (left to right) Lillian Lutz, 6, Kristen Hill, 9, Laura Lawson, 12, and Anna McCart, 9, at the Kings Mountain Southern Arts Society art camp. Every year there is an art camp at the Kings Mountain Depot but according to Vivian Duncan, volunteer, this has been the biggest group ever, counting in at 28 kids. They keep the kids from 9 - 11 a.m. and do various art projects with volunteers Vivian Duncan, Joanne Ford, Johnsie Reavis, Martha Lu Wells, Denise Lawson, Anita Campbell, Beth Caveny, Kaylann Coffman, Diane Hollifield, Marin Lazenby, Kim Peeler, Lorene Lovell and their fearless leader, director Jewel Elliot.

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