

Weaver grows locks, donates them with love



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At left: Emily Weaver, before the big cut. Above: Jessica Sellers of Scissor Smith & Co. Salon holds the ponytail that will be sent to Locks of Love donated by Emily Weaver, right.

Kings Mountain Herald Editor Emily Weaver grew her hair out nearly 24 inches and, on Oct. 13, donated 11 inches of it to Locks of Love with a haircut at Scissor Smith & Co. Salon. Jessica Sellers gave the drumroll cut and salon-owner Arlene McMurtry gave it style.

"Having long hair grew on me - pun intended - but I've known for some time now that I wanted to donate it to Locks of Love," Weaver said. "I hope that my locks will brighten someone else's day."

Locks of Love, a non-profit organization, provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 21

in the United States and Canada suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

According to the company's website, "most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure... The children receive hair prostheses free of charge or on a sliding scale, based on financial need."

Locks of Love haircuts are free, but there are guidelines for hair donations. For more information on Locks of Love, visit lockslove.org

Library to host workshop Oct. 27

Mauney Memorial Library will present a workshop for teachers and childcare givers, October 27 from 4-8 p.m. at the KM Woman's Club, 108 E. Mountain St., featuring Mary Jo Huff, a nationally recognized author, Early Childhood educator, storyteller, puppeteer, and recording artist.

Huff will discuss and demonstrate simple ways to play with language; use imagination and create wonderful places for children to share and learn through the power of story play. She will demonstrate storytelling as a means of teaching basic skills

while exploring the natural world we live in connecting stories, songs, poems and all the things kids love about their world to the science and nature state or core standards.

Books, stories, songs, finger plays, poems and fun will be interwoven throughout the presentation. Language development ideas for increasing parental understanding and developmentally appropriate story play will be introduced.

Huff will also show how many of her ideas can be conveyed through the use of puppets. She feels puppets enrich learning, promote stu-

dent interest and facilitate problem solving.

This is an interactive workshop; come prepared clap, snap, wiggle and giggle while having fun and learning all at the same time.

Pre-registration and a \$25 fee is required. A light supper is included. Visit the library website www.mauneylibrary.org for a registration form.

Continuing education credit available and four DCDEE Training Contact hours will be awarded. For more information, contact the Mauney Memorial Library, 704-739-2371.

Rotary Spaghetti Supper Oct. 28

Kings Mountain Rotary Club will sponsor a spaghetti supper Friday, Oct. 28, from 5-7:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person, children under 5 free. All proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund.

Hog Happnin'

Cleveland County Home Builders will sponsor the 20th annual Hog Happnin' Nov. 4-5, a charity benefit for the Children's Homes of Cleveland County and local non-profits, at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds with free admission Friday and, a BBQ Taster's Choice at 6 p.m. Admission on Saturday is \$2 but includes pre-purchased meal tickets. Saturday is the big BBQ competition, entertainment starting at 10:30 a.m., a car and motorcycle show, amusement rides, and much more for the whole family.

Holiday trash pick-up schedule

The City of Kings Mountain will observe Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11 and there will be no trash pickup. The garbage pickup for the week Nov. 7-10 will be on its regular schedule.

There will be no recycling pickup on Nov. 11 but the schedule for the week will follow the regular schedule: Monday, Route 1; Tuesday, Route 2; Wednesday, Route 3; and Thursday, Routes 4 and 5.

Halloween safety tips

Soon our streets will be scattered with little ghosts, goblins and witches trick-or-treating this Halloween.

"Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun," said Sheriff Alan Norman.

The Sheriff reminds all Cleveland County residents to follow these safety tips:

Motorists:
 • Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
 • Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.

• Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
 • At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Parents:
 • Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.

• Check the sex offender registry at www.ncdoj.gov when planning your child's trick-or-treat route. You can view maps that pinpoint registered offenders' addresses in your neighborhood, and sign up to get email alerts when an offender moves nearby.

• Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.

• Make sure older kids trick-or-treat in a group.
 • Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.

• Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.

• Establish a return time.
 • Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.

• Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.

• All children need to know their home telephone number and how to call 9-1-1 in case of emergency.

• Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and telephone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

Costume Design:
 • Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

• Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
 • Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.

• Make sure that shoes fit well to prevent trips and falls.
 • If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

Face Design:
 • Do not use masks as they can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.

• When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.

If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

Accessories:
 • Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.

• Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.

• Carrying flashlights with fresh batteries will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

While Trick-or-Treating:
 • Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.

• Walk; do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.

• Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
 • Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.

Treats:
 • Give children an early meal before going out.
 • Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.

• Wash fruit and slice it into small pieces.
 • Throw away any candy that is unwrapped or partially wrapped, or has a strange odor, color or texture.

Homeowners/Decorations:
 • Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.

• Remove obstacles from lawns, steps and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.

• Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles that could catch fire.

• Do not leave your house unattended.

"Halloween is a fun time in Cleveland County," Sheriff Alan Norman concluded, "But let's make it a safe time as well. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes."

Delta Tau Chapter opens in KM



August 21, 2011, Delta Tau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was chartered at Boyce Memorial ARP Church in Kings Mountain. President Connie Phifer Savell, Vice-President Heather Self, Secretary Dr. Martha Hill, Treasurer Hilda Leonard, Co-Parliamentarians Dr. Linda Hopper and Linda Dixon were installed at the first business meeting. The chapter has 31 members.



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