

Toddler home from hospital after E. coli scare

Two-year-old Hunter Tallent returned home with his family from Levine Children's Hospital on Thursday after battling an E. coli infection, investigators believe he and several others picked up at the state fair.

His mother, Lyndsay Tallent, said that young Hunter is "doing a lot better". After spending nearly three weeks in the hospital and several rounds of dialysis, Hunter is happy to be home.

Lyndsay said his first check-up was yesterday and doctors suspect that his kidneys have recovered 60 percent. He should be fully recovered in a couple of weeks, Lyndsay added.

Hunter may have surgery on Thursday to have his dialysis catheter removed, something Lyndsay said he's looking

forward to.

"I want that out," Hunter said, of the catheter on Tuesday. Hunter is still on blood pressure medicine while his body and his kidneys continue to heal.

"He hopefully won't be on that too much longer," Lyndsay said.

Despite the battle he's fought, Hunter is now acting normal, running and playing like any toddler. His diet, which has been restricted, has now eased up for him to have his favorite food once again... pizza.

Hunter has been hanging out with his mother at her shop, Pawitive Touch Grooming in Kings Mountain, and "blowing kisses" to the caring customers that come by. His father, Doc Tallent, and his five-year-old brother, Riley, is elated to

have Hunter home again.

"It's so nice to be home from the hospital," Lyndsay said. "We're all together again."

She said that she is grateful for all of the support and prayers they have received. Her friends at the Cleveland Community Fire College helped raise \$1,000 for their medical bills. Lyndsay and Doc are both volunteer firefighters.

An E. coli outbreak has been linked to the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, which the Tallents attended. Twenty-seven people were reportedly infected with the bacterium. Health and agriculture officials say a building that housed sheep, goats and pigs at the fair is the likely source of the outbreak.

CHURCH BRIEFS

First Baptist supper Wednesday night

A Black Leonard chili bean supper featuring Drew and Sarah Fulton and the Blue Creek Band will be held Wednesday (tonight) at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church Christian Ministry Center. Plates are \$3. Hot-dogs and fixings, slaw, cornbread and dessert are on the menu. Sign-up in the Welcome Center at the church.

Operation Christmas Child drop off at Patterson Grove

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Road, is the drop-off collection site for local volunteers collecting shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Take your gift-filled shoe boxes Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 21, 9-11:30 a.m.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of International Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 61 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in 130 countries.

Celebration of Souls

Faith Baptist Church, 1009 Linwood Road, will have a Celebration of Souls with special guests Pastors JR and Anna Anderson, Bishop Curtis and Daintree Manning, and Evangelists Joe and Liz Walker at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19, and at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Westover Support Group meets Saturday

The Westover Baptist Church Support Group for those dealing with loss of a loved one will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Westover Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Joy Whittington will lead the program.

Harvest Sunday at Westover Baptist

Harvest Sunday is Sunday, Nov. 20, at Westover Baptist Church and a special offering will be taken for the building fund. After the morning worship service take a well filled basket of food. There will be no evening service.

Christmas craft show at North Brook Baptist Church

A Christmas craft show will be held at North Brook Baptist Church, 7420 Flay Rd., Cherryville, on Nov. 19, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Come shop early for handmade gifts, featuring jellies, jams, pottery, ceramics, jewelry, greeting cards, Christmas decorations, handbags, totes, cakes, fudge, plants, and scrubs from Eakers's Nursery. Hot

dogs available, with those proceeds going to our Lottie Moon Mission offering. For more information contact Sherrill Pennell at (704) 435-6048.

Free Spaghetti Supper Nov. 20

A gathering of the thankful, a free spaghetti dinner, will be served Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at Carolina Praise and Worship Center, 201 N. Main Street, Grover. "With thankful hearts we share the gifts from our Heavenly Father," said the pastor.

Gospel Singer Phil Cross at Cherokee St. Baptist Sunday

A gospel singing featuring Phil Cross, four time winner of Songwriter of the Year and three time winner for Song of the Year, will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at Cherokee Street Baptist Church. The public is welcome.

'Cool Shades of Christmas' Monday at ARP Church

"Lookin' Up," the instrumental ensemble of Boyce Memorial ARP Church will present "Cool Shades of Christmas" Monday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall on King Street / Edgemont Drive for benefit of the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

There is no charge for admission. Those attending are asked to take canned food items which will be delivered to the Crisis Ministry.

'Magnify' to be presented Dec. 3, Dec. 4

"Magnify," a Christmas celebration, will be presented at Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Rd., on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

City workers painted the city "red" on Tuesday, hanging holiday banners throughout downtown. Most of the lights went up last week along trees and the overhead bridge and on the gazebo at Patriots Park.



Dill is a lucky man

Jordan Lee Dill, 24, of Gaffney, SC is a lucky man. The car he was driving on stony Point Road Monday afternoon flipped five times and he walked away unharmed.

Investigating Troopers said that Dill climbed through a back window of his Saturn to safety.

Trooper J. L. Singalevitch said the wreck happened at 2:40 p.m. Monday. The driver went off the road's shoulder and the car came to rest near the yard of a home. The driver was not wearing a seat belt, the officer said. Singalevitch said the driver wasn't speeding. No other vehicles were involved in the wreck.

Emergency personnel took Dill to Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

Inspections

Facility inspections by the Cleveland County Health Department Nov. 7-11 included the following:

Chat N Nibble, N. Piedmont Ave., 99.0, Taco Bell, York Road, 95.0, Summit Place, Phifer Road, 100.0, East Elementary School, 101.0, North Elementary School, Ramseur St., 100.0, and West Elementary School, W. Mountain St., 101.0, all with two extra points added to the final scores when any employee working at the facility has attended an approved food handling course.

Also: Patrick Senior Center, E. King St., 98.5, Lil's Cafe, S. Cansler S., 98.5, Wodbridge Golf Club Snack Bar, 96.0, and Mac's Grill, N. Piedmont Ave., 91.0.

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