

PLAY: 'School House Rock, Live! Jr.' premieres this weekend

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Walega said that "while 'School House Rock' feeds the minds and imaginations of children, some of our local children need more - so we will also be collecting non-perishable food item donations for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry at every performance."

The play cast includes 11 students and a 12-member ensemble of students. The setting is a few years back - the Age of Aquarius. There is no intermission and the play is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

The new roomy seats are 23 inches wide and are covered in burgundy and

gold fabric made at Dicey Fabrics. The transformation of the Joy has opened the space and enhanced and updated the building's Art Deco design with exposed brick, wainscoting, crown molding and soffit. Sound dampening material will improve acoustics in the auditorium which also has new paint and carpet.

FUGITIVE: nabbed by K9 under Lincoln County mobile home

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were arrested on charges of misdemeanor harboring a fugitive. They were identified as Taylor R. Wilhelm, 19, of 107 Diana Road, Cherryville; Jessica Ann Bowen, 24, of 108 Churchill Drive, Kings Mountain; and, Jeremy Shane Huffman, 23, of 491 Lineberger Road, Lincolnton.

Bowen, Huffman and Wilhelm were placed in the Harven A. Crouse Detention Center under a \$2,000 secured bond.

In Cleveland County, Carroll faces two counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a government official, two counts of chop shop activity, chop shop activity with altered VIN (vehicle identification numbers), possession of vehicles / parts without manufactures numbers; two counts of reckless driv-

ing to endanger, larceny of a motor vehicle, assault on a female, assault by strangulation, possession of stolen goods / property, possession of stolen motor vehicle, failure to appear, two counts of resisting a public officer, three felony probation violations, two felony probation violations out of county, three counts of fleeing and eluding arrest in a motor vehicle, eluding arrest in a motor vehicle with aggravating factors, failure to heed to an emergency light or siren, four counts of driving while license revoked, unsafe passing on a yellow line, hit and run with failure to stop for property damages, and speeding.

In Lincoln County, he was charged with resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer.

Last year, Carroll faced warrants out of Rutherford County on charges of resisting, delaying and obstructing an of-

ficer, driving while license revoked and fleeing to elude arrest.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office apprehended the suspect with help from the Gaston County Police Department, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, and the U.S. Marshal Service.

In April 2010, Carroll was arrested with seven other Kings Mountain men, who faced 25 charges after the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office busted an auto theft "chop shop" - a ring, which deputies said targeted 1994-2002 Honda Civics and Acura Integras. Authorities said that the cars were either stripped for parts to be sold online or to build and soup up new cars for racing purposes.

In May 2010, Gaston County Police charged Carroll with two counts of possession of a stolen vehicle and felony conspiracy.

TEXTILE: plant still growing, adding jobs in sour economy

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months and the company's planned expansion will add 62 full time positions over a three year period.

President John Kay, who is the fourth generation member of his family in the textile business, said the company is investing \$5 million dollars in its three year expansion program, also producing chenille and taslan to support its weaving operation. Kings Plush, operating as its branding name STI, supplies furniture manufacturers who sell its materials to retailers all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Nicaragua. - specifically body cloth for sofas, pillows, and recliners for the furniture industry.

"We are ahead and a little behind on our three year expansion plan but we're getting our equipment in now for the first of the two phase project," said Kay.

Construction of a 32,000 square foot addition will begin this summer on the spacious plant campus on Marie Street.

Kings Plush, Inc, a Kings Mountain industry since 1964, branded the company as Specialty Textiles. Kay, originally from Philadelphia, Pa., earned his undergraduate degree in textile engineering from Philadelphia University and his master's in Business Education from Rider University.

Phase I of the expansion will be to build a 32,000 square foot manufacturing plant and install chenille frames in its current facility, adding 23 positions. Phase 2 will be to add more frames, growing its production of taslan and chenille yarns, creating 15 jobs. In the final phase, 24 jobs would be available as machines are moved into the new facility.

"It's exciting to see this company continue to be suc-

cessful and on the cutting edge of the textile industry," said Mayor Rick Murphrey who called on Kings Plush for years as a sales executive for Spectrum Dyed Yarns.

"All these plants like Spectrum and others closed down over the years so it's forced us to do more on the supplier chain in manufacturing our own yarns," said Kay. "We'll still do the weaving and finishing just like we've been doing but instead of relying on factories overseas or market uncertainties STI will have its supply on hand and in-house.

Kay said the company is targeting domestic services to turn out a faster product.

STI is the largest residential upholstery manufacturer of promotional furniture and its woven specialty fabrics are stretched over furniture that sits on the showrooms of big retailers such as Rooms to Go, Value City and Badcock.

Said Kay, "This furniture is built sort of like Henry Ford built cars," pointing to a photo of furniture built "Ford tough" but softened up by STI's Kings Plush fabrics. It's one of many items Made in America with Kings Mountain fabrics that grace the floors of showrooms nationwide. Kay showed a newspaper advertisement showing Badock Furniture which displayed the STI Kings Mountain product.

Murphrey said the city will be acting on an incentive to help secure the jobs STI expects to create with expansion. Last September STI received a \$56,000 jobs grant from One North Carolina Fund.

The company's blueprint for present and future success is very simple. According to management STI is ready to spend the necessary capital and keep making what customers want and what the market wants at the best possible value and delivering it quickly.

Editor Emily Weaver contributed to this article.

POLICE

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tain Street. Reported stolen were assorted currency and a cell phone charger.

WRECKS

FEB. 17: Officer F. L. Wittington charged Brandi Jerrial Wilkes, 5088 Pennington Place Apt. 26, with driving while license revoked after a wreck involving her 2012 Toyota and a 2003 Nissan operated by Sabrina Rena Bess, 1908 Alpine Dr. The accident happened on Northwoods Drive. Property damages were estimated at \$1400.

FEB. 21: Cpl. D. K. Davis said that a parked 1991 Chevy owned by Robert Lee Clary of Shelby was damaged by a hit and run driver in the parking lot of Ultra Machines.

FEB. 22: Officer R. S. Davis said that a 17-year-old student was backing her 2005 Ford in the parking lot at the Kings Mountain High School and struck a parked 2008 Toyota owned by Teresa Bell, 104 Country Creek Drive. Property damages were estimated at \$2050.

FEB. 23: Cpl. D. K. Davis charged Melody Dawkins Butler, 232 Morris St., with driving while license revoked and expired tag after an accident involving her 2008 Buick and a City of Kings Mountain truck operated by Richard Pressley, 511 Wilson St. The accident happened on Childers Street. Property damages were estimated at \$2600.

FEB. 23: Officer M. D. Butler said that a 2003 Toyota operated by Antonio Jerriel Wilson of Grover hydroplaned in the rain and the driver lost control and struck a guardrail on I-85 South at Dixon School Road. Occupants of the vehicle were transported to Cleveland Regional Medical Center for treatment.

FEB. 23: Ptl. K. Wajda said that a 2010 Dodge owned by Phillip Searcy of Pickens, SC was damaged by a hit and run driver in the parking lot of Food Lion on E. King Street. Damages were minor.

FEB. 23: Sgt. Mark Butler said that a GMC 2011 operated by Thomas Canipe, 326 Countryside Rd., struck

a 1995 Jeep operated by Timothy Gaddy II, 107 Camelot Court, doing minor damage. The accident happened at the intersection of Countryside Road.

FEB. 24: Officer Bryan McGinnis said that Della Stroup, 120 N. Cansler St., was backing her 1987 Chevy from a parking space and struck a 2010 Toyota operated by Ricky Dean Hall, 122 Chestnut Ridge Road doing \$1,000 damage. The accident happened on E. King Street.

FEB. 24: Officer B. M. Black said that Patsy Penner Welch, 1204 Long Creek Rd., was backing from a parking space at Kings Mountain Hospital and struck a parked 2000 Ford owned by Aaron Dean Patterson, 403 Patterson Road. Property damages were minor.

FEB. 25: Officer B. L. Wilkinson charged David Curtis Carroll with failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision with a telephone pole after the jeep he was driving left Margrace Road and hit a utility pole and overturned leaking gasoline out the left side of the vehicle with power lines lying across the vehicle. The driver, pinned under the vehicle, told the officer that he was okay and the officer advised him not to move until the electricity was shut off. Once the power was off, the Kings Mountain Fire Department used the Jaws of Life and freed the driver who was placed on a backboard and stretcher and transported by EMS to Cleveland Regional Medical Center and transferred to a Charlotte hospital with neck injuries. The vehicle was totaled. Damage to the utility pole owned by the City of Kings Mountain was \$1,000.

FEB. 28: Officer G. L. McKinney charged Maggie Elizabeth Lovette, 303 Fairview St., with failure to yield right of way after her 2000 Ford struck a 2001 Chevrolet operated by Walter Hilliard, 820 Cleveland Ave. The accident happened on King Street as Lovette pulled out from Little Caesars. Property damages were estimated at \$1500.

MARCH 2: Ptl. Penny Fulton said that Kevin Moss, of Gastonia, reported that his 2008 Honda was damaged while parked at Kings Mountain Country Club. Estimated damage was \$1,000.

MARCH 2: Officer K. L. Putnam said that a 14-year-old girl apparently stepped from the sidewalk area of Phifer Road in front of a 2003 Nissan operated by John Clyde Randle, 641 Bethlehem Road. Kings Mountain Rescue Squad treated the pedestrian at the scene. Her mother told the officer that she would take her daughter to the hospital if necessary for further treatment.



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