

Childs gives back doing what he loves



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One of Childs pieces of ceramic art.

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US Army veteran Carl Childs mastered two degrees in two years at Gaston College and now he wants to pay back the 9/11 GI Bill that helped him with his education by giving back to students.

Childs is teaching BATS (Business Art Tactics and Sales) at Gaston to help, he said, other students increase their focus and set realistic goals to make a career in art. He is building a scholarship fund to help future students with art supplies.

The talented "American Artist" is coming to Kings Mountain Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, at Carolina Place Arcades, 318 W. King St., from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. to present "Carl's Mini Geometric Game" which he describes as an opportunity for visitors to make a 2D or 3D image which will be a "key" to getting a prize. Additionally high scores on any of the 12 arcade games qualifies for prizes. He invites everyone and priority will be given to children. Carolina Place Arcades, he says, features 12 arcade games and a

new jukebox connected to the Internet that can play any song on the web. Football fans also enjoy a NFL package available for viewing on the weekend, says Childs.

In early morning Feb. 26, 2010 Childs became consumed, he said, with art and a passion to create. Since his college graduation with degrees in Art and Fine Art he has used his craft to help others. "I want to spread my artistic message globally to connect communities, bridge cultural barriers and promote healing," he says.

The Rochester, NY native spent 10 years in Uncle Sam's Army and moved to Gastonia to be near a brother. His philosophy is "the sky's the limit."

Childs' art has been displayed in galleries from the Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain to Brevard Station in Stanley, museums, libraries and college campuses in Cleveland, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. His online gallery (www.carls-gallery.net) has been visited by thousands of viewers in 33 countries. His murals grace the walls of Schiele Museum and Believe in Abilities in Gastonia. With



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Carl Childs looks through a book containing news clippings of his work and shows on a recent visit to the Herald office.

the sale of his prints, Childs has held free workshops for artists in Kings Mountain and Gastonia and one of his popular workshops was a 2012 Scripture and Scribbles Artist Workshop at the Kings Mountain Art Center at the Depot.

Two super exhibits currently at the Gaston College Kimbrell Campus in Belmont are entitled "Voila," an epic 2D exhibit offering a plethora of unique images, emotions, vibrant colors and

texture you are sure to enjoy. The exhibit runs through December and a portion of sales will be donated to Breast Cancer Research, Ronald McDonald House, March of Dimes, and Boys and Girls Clubs.

The second exhibit, "Calente Dos," a hotter than hot 3D exhibit, features a full range of heavily functional pottery and the popular "King's Butter Trays." There is a minimum of 30 pieces of premium pottery for visitors

to enjoy. Specially created ceramics are in the works for winter exhibits.

Business Art Tactic Sales (BATS) is a 12-hour class at Gaston College for which tuition is \$62. "I welcomed my class and was so excited that longtime art teacher James Converse, was among them," said Childs.

His newest ceramic project is sure to be a hit. Childs has designed a chocolate fountain of clay material which he glazed last week

ready for firing in a kiln. When completed, the fountain will be exhibited and will pump chocolate for visitors to use fruit or marshmallows on a skewer and enjoy the flavor and aroma.

"Kings Mountain people support the arts and has become almost a second home," says Childs who enjoys all forms of art and printmaking and is writing two books. Obviously he loves with he does and does what he loves.

MARRIED

Lineberger, Robinson wed at Botanical Gardens

Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont was the setting for the Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 wedding uniting Jennifer Jean Lineberger and Trey William Robinson.

The Rev. John Futterer, pastor of First Lutheran Church in Albemarle, officiated the ceremony. Sherry Young was soloist for the program of nuptial music.

Jeff Lineberger escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage.

The bride wore a Timeless gown of delicate chiffon that featured a criss cross play of fabric on the front with Sweetheart neckline and a beautiful laced corset back from which flowed the Chapel length train. Her bridal bouquet of white and purple Dendrobium orchids, green Hypericum berries, blue Hydrangea, white roses, white Cymbidium orchid, light blue Delphinium, blue Thistle, purple Lisianthus, white Freesia was wrapped together in green Ti leaves.

Michelle Jones Shook of Shelby was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sandra Davidson of Iowa City, Iowa, Erin Lineberger of Raleigh, Lorrin Plyler of Kings Mountain, and Anne Temple of Lillington. Taylor Yarbro of Evans, Ga. was junior bridesmaid.

David Ray Robinson of Kings Mountain was his

son's best man.

Groomsmen were Rai Robinson, brother of the bridegroom, and Jacob Lineberger, brother of the bride, both of Kings Mountain, Cody Barrett of Kings Mountain, David Martin of Seattle, Washington and Harsh Patel of Kings Mountain.

William Franklin Allen IV was ringbearer and Emily Mae Allen of Cherryville was flower girl.

Ashlyn Harris was wedding director. Gracie Hunter was register attendant.

The bride's parents entertained after the ceremony at a beautifully appointed reception at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens.

Jeff and Karen Lineberger of Kings Mountain are parents of the bride, who is the granddaughter of Reatha Blackwell and the late Haskel C. Blackwell and Harold and Patsy Lineberger. She is a 2007 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, a 2010 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a 2011 graduate of Appalachian State University with a Masters degree in Middle Grades Education. She is currently teaching 9th grade English at Burns High School in Fallston.

The bridegroom is the son of Ray and Twyla



Mr. and Mrs. Trey William Robinson (Jennifer Jean Lineberger)

Robinson of Kings Mountain and the grandson of Agnes Robinson and the late David Robinson and the late Dwight and Bea Whitworth. He is a 2006 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He is currently teaching 7th grade math at Kings Mountain

Middle School, is softball coach at KMMS and KMMS assistant baseball coach with the Varsity team.

Ray and Twyla Robinson, parents of the bridegroom, hosted the rehearsal dinner September 14 at Stowe Manor in Belmont.

The newlyweds have returned from a Carnival cruise to the Western Caribbean and are residing in Kings Mountain.



WELCOME HOME - Abraham Ruff, left, of Kings Mountain, his grandson, SP/4 Daniel Ruff holding son, Jacob, and Daniel's wife are pictured in Alaska where the Ruff family welcomed Daniel home from Afghanistan.

Pink Ribbon Tea set for Saturday

SHELBY - The Cancer Center at Cleveland Regional Medical Center is observing Breast Cancer Awareness month by hosting its annual Pink Ribbon Tea on Saturday, October 27. The event, which promotes awareness and education, will be held at the new LeGrand Center from 10 a.m. - noon on the campus of Cleveland Community College.

The tea will feature guest speaker Francheska Merritt, account executive oncology division with Myriad Genetic Laboratories, Inc. She will talk about the role of genet-

ics in breast cancer, and how genetics testing is helping in the fight. Attendees will also hear a survivor's story, and enjoy entertainment and refreshments.

The event is free and open to everyone. Cancer survivors and their supporters are especially encouraged to attend. All attendees will receive free admission to the Bridal Fair at the LeGrand Center following the Pink Ribbon Tea.

Wear pink! For more information or to register for the tea, please call 980-487-3757.

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