

“Flemming: An American thriller” at the Joy June 7-15

What happens when a middle aged stock broker decides he wants to be a private detective? Well, for Henry Flemming (Frank Lattimore), it's absolute hilarity.

When Henry comes home and tells his wife Karen (Bridget Allen) he's sold the firm and bought a detective agency, she is less than pleased. With screwball neighbors Suzy and Stan (Dawn Rickus and Sean Whitworth), Karen deals with the annoyance of a growing number of dead bodies in her living room. Will

Henry survive his strange new choice of profession?

Director Georgiana Wright invites you to come and find out at “Flemming: An American thriller.” Also featured are Caroline Allen, Dave Allen, Jeff Cooper, and Ryan Dever.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8 and June 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m. at the Joy Performance Center, 202 S. Railroad Avenue in Kings Mountain. Adult tick-

ets are \$10 and senior citizens/students are \$8. Reservations may be obtained by calling the box office at 704-730-9408 or at tickets@kmlt.org.

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A tour of local sites of the American Revolution

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Rare indeed is the individual in either Cleveland or Gaston counties who doesn't know that one of the pivotal battles of the American Revolution took place on the slopes of Kings Mountain. What is less apparent to most folks however, is the fact that there are many more sites in and near the two counties besides the National Military Park that have connections with our nation's war for independence.

With that in mind, let's take a tour of some Revolutionary War locations in our region that are off the beaten path.

Patterson Springs in southern Cleveland County is a quiet community with a long history. Six miles south of the crossroads of NC 226 and NC 180 is the former site of a Revolutionary War-era site once known as Graham's Fort. Now occupied by a house that is part modern and part antebellum, the “fort” was actually a large log cabin built by Colonel William Graham.

Graham was quite a character. In addition to being a strong proponent of liberty, he was also a delegate to the Fifth Provincial Congress. In September 1780, Graham and his family and friends were attacked inside their fort by local Tories. In the ensuing fight, four Tories were wounded. The next month, Graham found himself fighting at Kings Mountain.

Next stop is the town of Grover. Located on US 29 near Grover are historical markers that pinpoint two places that British soldiers were in evidence during the Revolution. The first marker indicated where troops of Major Patrick Ferguson bivouacked on Oct. 4 and 5, 1780 before they made their way to Kings Mountain. The other marker points to the spot where Lord Cornwallis and his men entered North Carolina in January 1781 on their second invasion of North Carolina.

While in Grover, another interesting place to visit is the old Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Located on a dirt road off Elm Street, the cemetery holds the remains of one of Cleveland County's most illustrious patriots, Colonel Frederick Hambright (1727-1817). Born in Germany, Hambright had prior to his service in the Revolution been an Indian fighter. A new marker at the entrance to Kings Mountain National Military Park on SC 216 touts some of Hambright's achievements.

Also near the military park entrance on SC 216 you will find an interesting home. Located off aptly named Rock House Road is a fine stone structure built in 1803 by Henry Houser. Though the house itself is post-Revolutionary War, Houser was a veteran of that con-

flict who fought in the north. Near the house are the graves of Houser and his family.

In the city of Kings Mountain is another cemetery with Revolutionary War connections. Located off Afton Drive is a graveyard that contains the remains of patriot Preston Goforth (1739-1780). A native of Rutherford County, Goforth was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain. In an interesting twist, Goforth had three brothers who were also killed in the battle-fighting on the side of Loyalists.

Leaving Kings Mountain on NC 161, go about two miles and turn left onto Long Creek Road. Near where the road crosses Long Creek is the Washington Iron Furnace. This furnace was used during the Revolution to manufacture cannonballs and other implements.

Outside Bessemer City in Gaston County is the Tryon Community. Created in 1769 by the colonial assembly, Tryon County once stretched from the shores of the Catawba River all the way to the mountain. Because it was named for one of King George's pals, Royal governor William Tryon, the county was dissolved in 1799 leaving only its name.

During the Revolution, citizens of the Tryon community areas got together and drew up a set of proclamations on August 14, 1775 that spelled out their displeasure at the way things were going between England and the colonies. Though the document didn't go quite as far as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the Tryon Resolves nonetheless vowed that its drafters would fight for their freedoms if it came to that. While they were at it, the folks of Tryon also decided they would get muskets, powder and ammo from their patriotic friends in Charleston, SC.

Today, a stone and bronze marker to the Tryon Resolves can be seen. The marker was erected by the DAR and lists the names of those who signed the document.

Near the Tryon community is Pasour Mountain. Just off NC 279, Pasour Mountain was originally known as LaBoone Mountain for the LaBoone family who lived there. During the Revolution, the LaBoones, who were Tories, sometimes sought shelter in a cave. Eventually they felt local patriots' displeasure and skeedaddled.

One of the best sources for information about places in North Carolina and their War of Independence connections is “Touring North Carolina's Revolutionary War Sites” by Daniel Barefoot. An attorney and resident of Lincolnton, Barefoot has gathered his vast knowledge of the Revolutionary period in our state together in a volume published by John F. Blair of Winston Salem.



AREA STUDENTS IN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY – Julia Bolton, Lydia Eaker, Anna Marie Vagnozzi and Elizabeth Eaker, left to right, are among 117 Cleveland Community College students inducted in the National Society of Leadership & Success. Not pictured Tanya Edmondson, Megan Robinson, Iverson Stroud, Alexandrea Tyson and Barry Webster.



Tuesday, May 14 was the “Last Chance” book signing at Mauney Memorial Library. Stephanie Walsh, left, of the Kings Mountain Historical Museum, and Sharon Stack of the Mauney Memorial Library, were on hand to sign copies of the book they co-authored – “Images of America – KINGS MOUNTAIN.” Walsh, director and curator of the Kings Mountain Historical Museum has resigned due to her husband's job transfer.

Pageant winners announced

A group of girls won pageant titles during two Gaston County spring festivals – the Cherry Blossom Festival in Cherryville and the Down Home Festival in Bessemer City.

The Miss Cherry Blossom winners were Bitsy Miss Clara Allen, Baby Doll Miss Addyson Morehead, Tiny Miss Jenna Hallman, Little Miss Brooke Silver, Young Miss Alyssa Johnson, and Majestic Miss Erica Carpenter. The runners-up were Danielle Thomas, Brylee

Ghantt, Cheyenne Warlick, Addison Sheely and Rachel Price. Autumn Beard, Alyssa Hallman and MaKenna Warlick were the princess award winners.

The Cherry Blossom signature award winners were Erica Carpenter, Rachel Price, MaKenna Warlick, Addison Sheely, Brylee Ghantt, Clara Allen, and Danielle Thomas. Cheyenne Warlick was the overall signature winner and Clara Allen was the first application award winner.

The Miss Down Home winners were Bitsy Miss Ansleigh Herring, Baby Doll Miss Addyson Morehead, Miniature Miss Ava Conner, Tiny Miss Jenna Hallman, Little Miss Caydence Maudlin, Junior Miss Cheyenne Niederer, Teen Miss Erica Carpenter, and Majestic Miss Kinsley McKinnish. The runners-up were Clara Allen, Brylee Ghantt, Harper Hill, Alyssa Hallman, Taylor Paputseanos, Adrianna Hayes, Danica Wright, and Kaiden Baker. Payton

Pittman, and Jersey were the princess award winners.

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The next youth pageant for girls 0-19 years is Miss Fourth of July on Wednesday, July 3, in Cherryville. For more information visit www.missgastoniapageant.com

WINGS Cancer Support Group

June 3 6 p.m.
CRMC Cancer Center
A support group for patients with all types of cancer. For more information, please call 980-487-3025.

Infant and Child CPR Class

June 3 6 p.m.
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room. For parents and other infant/child caregivers. Fee: \$10/person or \$15/couple. To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Breastfeeding Support Group & Mom to Mom Support Group

June 5 10 a.m. – Noon
CRMC Center for Lifelong Learning
Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding. For more information, please call 980-487-3887 and 980-487-3983 to register.

Healthy Hearts Support

June 5 Noon
CRMC Gina C. Suttle Wellness Education Suite T. R. Harris Wellness Center
“Weight Loss”
For more information, please call 980-487-3659.

Pink Ribbon Network

June 6 12 – 1 p.m.
CRMC Oncology Board Room
A gathering for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Lunch served. To register, please call 980-487-3757.

Bridges

June 10 2 – 3 p.m.
CRMC Cancer Center
A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.

Some programs may require pre-registration or appointments. Some require a fee. Locations may change without notice.

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June 24 2 – 3 p.m.
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Life as a Suicide Survivor

June 25 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cleveland County Library Conference Room 104 Howie Drive
This program is for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone close to them by the taking of their own life.

FREE Car Seat Check

Thursday, June 4
3 – 6 p.m.
Wal-Mart Parking Lot, 705 E Dixon Blvd.
Free car seat inspection and safety belt fit test. For more information, please call 980-487-3826.

SAFE SITTER CLASSES

Safe Sitter Classes are offered for teens age 11 and older. Cost is \$40. All sessions will be in TR Harris Conference Center at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Please call 980-487-3826 to register!

Dates are:
June 20 9 a - 4:30 p
July 30 9 a - 4:30 p
August 13 9 a - 4:30 p



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