

LIFESTYLES



'Alice's Adventures'

You still have time to see the show!

Don't miss the holiday event, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," this weekend - Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. by a large cast of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre at the downtown Joy Theatre.

Children, their parents and others who attended the opening performances last weekend said the show is entertain-

ing and the children delightful.

Nikki Wood, who directed the sell-out production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," has a talented cast who she says "works their hearts out" to bring one of the best productions ever to the stage at the Joy.

The show is co-sponsored by Sav-Way Foods and all seats are \$5.

"Alice Adventures In Wonderland" has all the familiar characters from the classic tale with some new characters that bring laughter and smiles that appeal to the young as well as the young at heart who get lost in the fantastical world of wonderland.

Follow the rabbit to a delightful, entertaining world of talking animals, comic royalty and races where the contestants run in circles. There are also the Mad Hatter's frantic tea party, the watch-carrying White Rabbit and talking flowers.

Cydney Wallace and Hannah McCombas share the title role of "Alice." Alice deals with a sneezing duchess and a baby that turns into a pig. The finale has Alice watching a trial, but she suddenly finds herself the accused.

Many of the characters have lead roles for their scenes and each scene is different.

Every actor has a chance to shine and they do just that.



Nick Howell portrays the March Hare in 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' playing this weekend at the Joy.

Brutko, Ayscue local "stars" at fundraiser

Kings Mountain's Mal Brutko and Gina Ayscue were local "stars" in the annual Communities-In-Schools "Dancing With The Stars" fundraising event Oct. 26 at Don Gibson Theatre in Shelby.

Hundreds of Cleveland County students face obstacles that threaten their chance to graduate from high school and succeed in life and Communities in Schools works year round to support these students in 14 schools. "It was a way that we could help the kids that attend school with my kids and Mal's grandkids; and have fun along the way," said Gina, who has three kids in Kings Mountain schools. "I just want all the children in our school system to have the same opportunity that my children have."

In addition to dancing in the competition, the event included information about CIS, a silent auction, and taxi dancing prior to the show. The taxi dancers ask attendees to dance during the dinner and pre-show event time. In exchange for a dance the attendee could give a donation in honor of one of the Star Couples. Gina and Mal's taxi dancers were Mal's wife Shirley Brutko and Gina's husband Dan Ayscue. Other taxi dancers for them included local high school students that used the event for volunteer hours needed toward college requirements, scholarships, and school club volunteering. Just another way Communities in Schools can help students reach their full potential.

The high school taxi dancers included: Haven Butler, 11th grade, Debralee Tomberlin, 10th grade, Camryn Pearson, 10th grade, all of Kings Mountain High School; Tyler Nelson, 12th grade, Bessemer City High School and Shelby Howell, 12th grade, Ashbrook High School.

These dancers had been referred to Gina and Mal by Susan Blackburn, owner of Dance Reflections in Kings Mountain.

The volunteers that participate in this event are paired with a professional dance instructor that choreographs and instructs the couple on their dance presentation. Gina and Mal's dance instructor was Keith Darby of Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy at Thomas Jefferson Charter School in Shelby and Dance Reflections in Kings Mountain. The dancers began practicing their dance routines in late August this year.

"Our routine was more than a line dance you would learn on the internet," said Mal. "We practiced at least two days per week." he went on to say, "Our practices lasted about 60 minutes each time and was much like an exercise workout. I even lost 12 pounds during all this." Gina and Mal were able to practice their dance at the Kings Mountain Y in their group fitness room. "We are very thankful that the Y so graciously allowed us to practice at their facility," said Gina.

Mal and Gina are no strangers to volunteering in the Kings Mountain community. Mal has served many years on the Kings Mountain Y's Board of Directors and has



Gina Ayscue and Mal Brutko danced with the stars recently to raise funds for Communities-in-Schools.

served as Board Chairman for two terms. He is a big advocate of the Kings Mountain Gateway Trails, where he volunteers in clean up efforts and grounds upkeep at any given time. Mal is also a very active family man with his wife, Shirley Brutko, three children Ashley Harris, Todd Gossett, and Kerri Morris and eight grandchildren, John, Abbie, and Layla Harris, Kaela, Ada, and Nora Gossett, Zelia and Juda Morris.

Gina too volunteers frequently in her community. She has volunteered for the Kings Mountain Y for over 10 years as a board member, and active participant in the Y's annual fundraising event, "Moon over the Mountain." Over the years this event has raised over \$150,000 for scholarships at the Kings Mountain Y. She too volunteers at the Kings Mountain Gateway trails, especially with their annual Gateway 5K race. Gina is always willing to help out with anything in the community that promotes healthy lifestyles. Gina's family includes her husband Dan Ayscue, and three children, Devin, Emma, and Reese.

Mal and Gina are more than just dancing partners, they have been family friends for over 30 years; Gina grew up with Mal's daughter Ashley. "Mal is like a dad to me," says Gina. "We have been dancing together for years. I couldn't think of a better person to be paired with."

For more pictures and information on Dancing with the Cleveland County Stars 2013 event, go to Communities in Schools facebook page.

Goforth marks a century

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Martha Hord Goforth, seated, is pictured with her children at her 100th birthday party November 17 at Central United Methodist Church. From left, Dot Dixon, Edward Goforth and Charity Tignor. Her four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren and more than 250 guests attended the event.

Bonnie Price Studio dedicated



The Bonnie Price Print Studio was dedicated Sunday afternoon by the Southern Arts Society, at the Depot. The late Mrs. Price was active in the Southern Arts Society and Kings Mountain Arts Center and was among the first painters of pages in the calendar offered by the Southern Arts Society featuring Kings Mountain artists. The new 2013 calendar was presented by the Arts Society Sunday at the public reception. Pictured with the Price family are three active members of the Southern Arts Society, Bernice Chappell, Camiel Bradshaw and Johnsie Reavis, far right.

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