

CC Fair opens today Blink, Brinkley Jr. wed

The 90th annual Cleveland County Fair opens Thursday for a 12-day run at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds off Highway 74 West, on Marion St.

Preview Day is today. On weekdays, gates open at 3 p.m. and the midway operates from 4-11 p.m. Exhibit halls are open from 3-10 p.m. On Saturdays, gates open at 9 a.m. and the midway operates from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Exhibit halls are open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. On Sundays gates open at 10 a.m. and the midway operates from noon to 11 p.m. Exhibit halls are open from noon to 10 p.m.

General admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12. Children ages 5 and younger, senior citizens ages 65 and older and individuals in wheelchairs and the person pushing the wheelchair will be admitted free. All children attending public schools will receive one free ticket, which

may be used any one day of the fair.

Free parking is available across the road from the main gate at Cleveland Community College and other parking lots owned and operated by the fair on Kemper Road. Handicapped accessible parking is also available across the road from the main gate.

Along with all the past favorites – pig racing, Leon Jacobs and Lizard Lick Towing – this year's fair welcomes some new rides on the midway and new entertainment including new free shows Nick's Kid Show and Motorcycle Madness Freestyle Stunt Show.

There's something for everyone at the fair and this year honors its agricultural heritage and is looking to break attendance records.

Fair officials made changes last year, including the elimination of animal contact exhibits and the implementation of new health and safety measures.

Blue Ridge Mountain Club in Blowing Rock was the setting August 9, 2014 for the 5:30 p.m. wedding uniting Alisha Kristine Blink and David C. Brinkley, Jr.

The Rev. Michael McKee officiated the ceremony for which Elyse Jenkins, soloist, and a string quartet of cello, violins, and viola provided the nuptial music.

James Richard Blink escorted his daughter and gave her in marriage. The bride wore a Romantic bridal gown of soft corded lace in a trumpet silhouette. The dress was accented with a beaded sash. She carried a Sweetheart bouquet of pink flowers.

Erin Elyse Blink of Smyrna, Ga, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Carrie Brinkley Jones of Belmont and Kristie Marie Brinkley of Charlotte, sisters of the bridegroom, Amanda Brannan Lazo of Gainesville, Florida, Whitney Michelle Kahlert, Jessica Grace Gehrt, and Julia Annette Hendrickson, all of Tampa, Florida were bridesmaids.

All the attendants were cocktail-length pink formals and carried bouquets matching the bridal bouquet.

Best man for the bridegroom was his father. Groomsmen were Alan Jacob Gibson of Mocksville, Brandon Lee Bridges, Hampton, Va., Joseph Russell Putnam, Kings Moun-



Mrs. David C. Brinkley Jr.
(Alisha Kristine Blink)

tain, Roland Heath Myers, Raleigh, cousin of the groom, Jeffrey John Schmidt, Raleigh, and Bryan Jeffrey Jones, Belmont, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride's parents entertained after the ceremony at a beautifully-appointed reception at Blue Ridge Mountain Club.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Blowing Rock Country Club August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Blink of Tampa, Florida are parents of the bride who is a graduate of H. B. Plant High School, Tampa, Florida. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the

University of Florida and her Master's in Business Management from the University of Florida. She is currently attending nursing school at Carolinas College of Health Sciences in Charlotte.

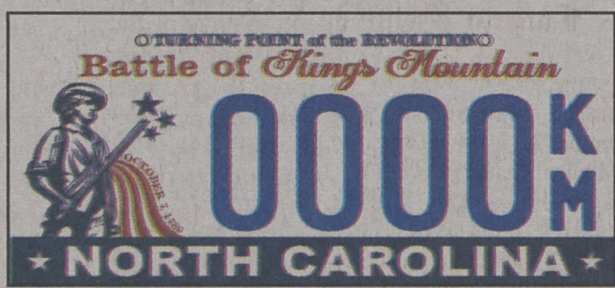
The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Brinkley of Kings Mountain and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Myers. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University. He is employed as sales representative for Cheyenne International of Grover.

The newlyweds took a wedding trip to St. Lucia and are at home in Belmont.

Newly released license plate commemorates Battle of Kings Mountain

Rep. Tim Moore (R - Cleveland County) applauds the newly released Battle of Kings Mountain license plates, available to North Carolinians for a limited time.

"I am honored that a commemorative license plate has been offered to all North Carolinians to remember the Battle of Kings Mountain, a symbol of honor and importance to our community," said Rep.



Moore. "These plates are a tangible reminder of the honor and valor of generations of Kings Mountain residents.

Without our courageous predecessors, the foundation of our country would have been at stake."

The Battle of Kings Mountain was fought at the turning point of the Revolutionary War. Because of the victorious and courageous action of the Patriot militia, the Loyalists retreated south and did not invade North Carolina.

"This special license plate will give the citizens of Kings Mountain the opportunity to share their pride in our place in history. The license plate is also a wonderful way to celebrate our

heritage and keep alive the same spirit and hope that have led our community and nation through numerous crises," stated Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey.

The standard memorial license plates are \$20, and a personalized Battle of Kings Mountain license plate is \$50. Applications are now available and should be filled out no later than October 31. To receive an application, visit Kings Mountain City Hall at 101 West Gold Street in Kings Mountain. Applications are also available at the Patrick Senior Center, Mauney Memorial Library, John H. Moss Lake Reservoir Office, the Kings Mountain Police Department, and will be available at the Gateway Festival.

The teens of Liberty Mtn.

By Robert Inman
Special to the Herald

I've been following Scotland's vote on independence with more than passing interest. Like many folks who live in the Carolinas, I have Scots-Irish ancestors, folks who came to America in its very early years to build new lives, raise families, work hard, and worship as they pleased. America is a land of immigrants, and this particular group played a significant role in making the nation we are today.

In my play "Liberty Mountain," premiering in early October at the Joy Performance Center, our theatre company brings to life their settling in America and how they got caught up in the colonies' struggle for independence. It focuses on 1780, when the British were winning the war until the decisive battle at Kings Mountain. Had a hastily assembled force of Patriots not defeated a larger and better-trained Loyalist contingent there, the result of the war for independence might have had a far different outcome.

So when kinsmen back in Scotland start talking about independence, it strikes home. Their question: should they dissolve the union with Great Britain they entered more than 300 years ago? The answer, a fairly resounding "No." The United Kingdom will remain united.

As I followed the news of the campaign, a couple of things struck me. First was the relative civility with which it was conducted. There were passionate arguments on both sides and spirited debates. But with a few exceptions, the whole thing was brought off with remarkably good manners.

The other thing about the Scottish election that caught my fancy was the fact that – for the first time

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Veterans flu clinic

The Charles George VA Medical Center is hosting a Flu Clinic at the Cleveland County Veterans Services Office located on the 1st floor of the Cleveland County Administration Building, 311 E. Marion St in Shelby.

The scheduled hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 2.

Veterans must have their VA ID card with them to receive a shot.


No appointment is needed. Call Veterans Services at 704-484-4803 if you have any questions about the flu shot clinic.

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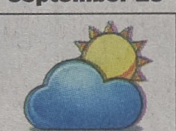

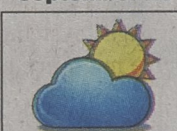
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