LIFESTYLES

Merry Market headed to Kings Mountain

Margot Plonk

The "Merry Market"- a holiday version of the Foothills Farmers market, is headed to Kings Mountain this coming Saturday morning, November 15. The hours are 8am-12 noon, and it will be held downtown, on Railroad Avenue.

There will be food items, such as local lamb, and chicken from Dellinger Family Farms, and sausage and pork chops from Suzie Q's. Ladybug Farms will have seasonal baked goods available for purchase.

Local gift items will be available as well, including syrups and jams, jewelry, cookbooks, and crocheted gifts, to name a few. Come out and SHOP LOCAL for your holiday gift items and meals!

From left, actors Jim Champion, Denise McCoy and Robert Jenkins appear in a scene from "The Nerd" which includes a number of Kings Mountain Little Theatre favorites in the revival of the comedy at Cherryville Little Theatre Friday and Saturday nights.

Nerd: *presented by Cherryville Little Theatre*

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escalates into madcap farce as Willum tries to out-nerd his sanity-destroying housguest.

Jim Champion is Warnock Waldgrave, Bryan Denton is Axel Hammond, Dawn Smith Ruckus is Tansy McGinnis, Denise Marsh McCoy is Celia Waldgrave and Noah Neal is Thor Waldgrave.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors and are available at the door of the Cherryville Theatre.

The show continues Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cherryville Little Theatre, 301 West Academy Street, in Cherryville.

Poetry contest open

Poetryfest.TV is videotaping segments for its upcoming poetry show, "Upstart Crow," and the 100 top winning poems in the current poetry contest, open to everyone, will be invited to participate. Grand prize is $1,000.

To enter, send one poem, of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 1638 Dogwood, Hackwork, GA 30102. Or enter online at Postmistress. The deadline for entering is Dec. 20. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. Says contest director Dr. Marcus Mellon, "This is a real opportunity for poets to win cash prizes and to gain recognition for their effort. I know this contest will produce exciting results. And, as always, help poetry, the Cinderella of the Arts, find her glass slipper."

Cleveland County hopes to collect thousands of gift-filled shoe boxes Nov. 17-24 for world's largest Christmas project

Local volunteers are collecting simple shoe box gifts personally packed by children, families, and individuals here in Cleveland County. From this area, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, buses, trains, airplanes, helicopters, boats, camels, even dog sleds—to reach suffering children around the world. Right now you can join the effort to help the world's largest Christmas project hand-deliver some eight million gift-filled shoe boxes to children in more than 90 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine, and poverty. WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET INVOLVED: PREPARE—Enlist your family, church, scout troop, community group or business to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide. PACK—Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, candy and a letter of encouragement. Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org. DELIVER—Take your shoeboxes to the nearest collection site to you during National Collection Week, November 17–24. LOCAL COLLECTION SITE: Patterson Grove Baptist Church 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain Mon – Nov 17: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Tues – Nov 18: 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Wed – Nov 19: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thurs – Nov 20: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Fri – Nov 21: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sat – Nov 22: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Sun – Nov 23: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Mon – Nov 24: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Downtown project Thursday, Friday

Downtown Kings Mountain Business Success Project coordinators will be filming shots and interviews with participating downtown businesses for the upcoming video postcard promoting the project and participating businesses.

Canned food drive at library

Mauney Memorial Library is sponsoring a canned food drive for benefit of the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry. Donations may be taken to the library during the month of November.

Owner Leshea Perkins, center, in peach blouse, joins Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, at left, behind bow, and other members of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce at the ribbon-cutting of her Cherokee St. yoga studio, The Yoga Room, on Thursday. Perkins, who has been a yoga instructor for about two years, says the stretching and posing of her classes aim to reduce stress, add flexibility and improve posture.

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