

Kings Mountain High School honored at 2014 NCTC High School Play Festival



Beth Jennings and Landon Ervin

The Theatre Department at Kings Mountain High School has much to celebrate, as they bring home honors from the 2014 NCTC High School Play Festival, held at Gardner-Webb University on November 7 and 8. The theatre program, led by Dan Treharne and Heather Achter, made the school and community proud with their presentation of *The Bells of Charlemont* by Don Zolidis and Apostrophe's by Bradley Hayward at the Festival, and is thrilled to bring home the following awards:

Excellent Rating, "Apostrophe's Excellent Rating," "The Bells of Charlemont" Excellence in Comic Timing - Jack Pearson and Austin Willis, "Apostrophe's" Barbizon Lighting Award for Excellence in Student Design & Production - Sean Anderson, Technical Direction and Stage Direction ("The Bells of Charlemont" and "Apostrophe's") Excellence in Acting - Beth Jennings, "The Bells of Charlemont" Excellence in Acting - Rielly Neal, "The Bells of Charlemont"

For more than 30 years, the NCTC High School Play

Festival has strengthened arts education in schools by bringing curriculum to life, challenging students to do their very best work, and contributing to the development of future audiences for live performing arts. The program is the largest high school theatre event in the Southeast, with more than 3,000 students from 91 schools performing 128 plays this year.

Each fall, professional theatres, colleges and high schools across the state host a regional Festival, and the top two outstanding productions from each of the eight sites advance to the NCTC State High School Play Festival, November 20-21 at Greensboro College. Winners there go on to represent the state of NC at the Southeastern Theatre Conference's annual convention.

The atmosphere at the Play Festival is positive and exciting, and students are filled with energy as they watch shows, learn from their peers and make new theatre friends. Schools travel with theatrical sets and load-in to a 10'x10' backstage area:

Before their 45 minute time limit begins, students eagerly await hearing the starting phrase, "Your time begins NOW!", to which they respond with an enthusiastic reply. The 45 minute time limit includes setting up, performing the play and clearing the stage.

Following their performance, students join their peers in the cheering audience to receive feedback from professional actors and directors with Broadway and Hollywood credits. Actors, designers, writers, directors and teachers are celebrated, and bring home awards that are displayed beside school

sports trophies.

The NCTC High School Play Festival is made possible with support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources; The Beattie Foundation; Lincoln Financial Group; UNC School of the Arts' School of Design and Production; Wells Fargo; the Moore County Unrestricted Endowment Fund; and Barbizon Lighting Company.

NCTC has served as the leader of the statewide theatre industry since 1970, working to strengthen and support theatres, schools, students and artists with professional development events, education programs and advocacy efforts. The organization produces several events throughout the year, including the NCTC Producing Gathering, NCTC College Discovery Day, the NCTC Awards and statewide NCTC Middle School and High School Play Festivals. For more information on NCTC, please contact Executive Director Angie Hays at 336-369-1984 or visit www.nctc.org.



Jack Pearson and Austin Willis



NEW YMCA FLOOR OPEN- Pictured are city officials, Y staff and children from the YMCA After-School program admiring the new YMCA floor which will be ready for the YMCA basketball season. Capital outlay funds of \$100,000 was funded by the city of Kings Mountain, which owns the Y building- the YMCA and City of Kings Mountain partnership a great collaboration for the community, say officials of both the city and YMCA. Pictured also from left, Councilman Rodney Gordon, Public Works Director Rickey Putnam, Mayor Rick Murphrey, City Manager Marilyn Sellers, YMCA Executive Director Kevin Osborne and YMCA board member Doyle Campbell along with staffers from the Y.

photo by ELLIS NOELL

Murphey's Toy Run Riding for a Cause

Motorcyclists will be riding 39 miles for a cause Saturday in the 20th annual Murphey's Toy Run which starts at 12 noon from the Scooter Shed at 114 Camelot Court, off Phifer Road in Kings Mountain.

The benefit is for Shriners Burn Center, Oxford Orphanage, Masonic Home for Children and the Kings Mountain Police Department's Shop with a Cop. Riders will be asking for \$5 and a new toy per rider and after the ride will return to the Scooter Shed for barbecue with all the trimmings and music by Backroad Band.

Police will escort the riders and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and Bethlehem and Grover Fire Departments will assist.

Bikers will depart 114

Camelot Court at noon, turn right onto Phifer Road, then left onto Bethlehem Road, left onto Margrace Road, right onto Kings Mountain Boulevard, straight onto Dixon School Road, left onto old Highway 29 into Battleground, go through Battleground then left onto 161, Highway 161 turns into York Road, turn left onto East

Gold Street, turn right onto S. Battleground Avenue, go straight, road turns into Stoney Point, turn left onto Oak Grove Road, left onto Borders Road, past Moss Lake, left onto Marion Street at Cleveland Mall, left onto Highway 74, right onto Bethlehem Road, and left onto Phifer Road, then left onto Camelot Court.

Wanted: volunteers to light luminaries at Mountain Rest Cemetery

Volunteers are needed to help light the luminarias beginning at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve at Mountain Rest Cemetery. If

you can volunteer, call the city's Public Works Office at 704-734-0735. The luminaria presentation at Mountain Rest Cemetery

is a highlight of the holiday season and the lights will be on from dark until 11 p.m. Cars will enter at the King Street gate.

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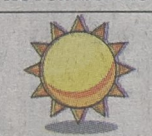
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Kings Mountain Weekend Weather

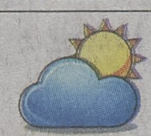
Thursday
November 20



Sunny - 55°
0% Chance of precipitation

Night time Low 28°

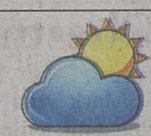
Friday
November 21



Mostly Sunny - 58°
0% Chance of precipitation

Night time Low 33°

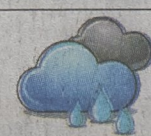
Saturday
November 22



Partly Cloudy - 55°
0% Chance of precipitation

Night time Low 36°

Sunday
November 23



Showers - 61°
70% Chance of precipitation

Night time Low 54°

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