

**LIFESTYLES**

# Murphey toys added to KMPD collection



Captain Derek Johnson, right, accepts gifts from Santa from Murphey's 20th annual toy run. The big collection of toys have been added to the KMPD collection of toys now under way to give presents to needy children this Christmas.

Murphey toys added to KMPD collection Santa came to visit Kings Mountain Police Captain Derek Johnson this week and brought a load of Christmas toys to add to the toy collection under way by the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Santa received the toys from the 20th annual Murphey's Toy Run on Nov. 22 for benefit of the Shriner's Burn Center, Masonic Home for Children, and Kings

Mountain Police Department's "shop with a cop."

Recently Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor and the Detective Division staff have been shopping for warm, winter clothes for Kings Mountain youngsters and police are still looking for toys and gifts of cash to spend on needy young people. The Toy Room, actually the large training room at KMPD, is beginning to fill with new toys and clothing. Proctor said that children's clothing

for ages 10-12 are needed now as well as books, games, etc. that children 10-12 like.

Police will start making Santa deliveries next week and just in time for Christmas.

Captain Johnson said that patrol officers usually carry stuffed animals in their police cars to be able to give a child something when a family is involved in a wreck. "It's something we like to do," he said.

# 'Tis the season at Patrick Senior Center

Christmas was in the air at the Patrick Senior Center on Friday



A big crowd turned out for the annual Christmas party at the H. Patrick Lawrence Senior Center, which featured a short play and musical performances.

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With a clever bell choir concert, a play that celebrated the joy of small blessings and delicious snacks like sausage balls and festive cupcakes, it felt a lot closer to the big night than the mid-December day on the calendar suggested.

Carol Dixon directed the melodious bell choir concert with Fran Bachman, Marie Burris, Pauline Cole, Ted Cole, Sandra Conrad, Glenda

Lancaster, Nellie Roseboro and Brenda Smith acting as ringers.

Later, the more than 150 in attendance at the center's annual fete were treated to a touching play directed by Sharon Eaker. In "The Night the Chimes Rang," the narrative focuses on the greatness of small gestures. It featured Mary Helen Brown, Barbara Crosby, Carolyn Green, Bonnie Hale, Gary Hollifield, Billie Hicklin, Gerald Lovelace, Lorada Mason, Joyce Roark, Kathy Spry and

Bobby Ware. Following the play, dozens of fun and unique door prizes were awarded to lucky ticket-holders. Main door prize donors were Advanced Auto Parts, Amity Finance, The Bank of the Ozarks, Blackwood's Drive-In and Bridges Hardware. More than 20 other local and regional businesses also contributed. Refreshments were served by members of the center's advisory board.

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# Tanner Blalock turns one



Tanner Blalock

Tanner Blalock was one year old December 16, 2014, and celebrated his birthday December 13, 2014 at a Thomas the Train party hosted by his parents, Laura and Kyle Blalock.

Tanner has two brothers, Connor and Walter Blalock and one sister, Feather Bates.

His grandparents are Teresa Falls and Ronnie Falls and Mrs. Gaye Blalock and

the late Calvin Blalock. His godparents are Lawrence Eppers and Dot and Teddy Lane and he is the great-grandson of David Lockridge and the late Lucy Leigh Lockridge and the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Falls. He is a special nephew of Rhonda Falls Bullock and a very special great-grand nephew of Charles McDaniel and the late Liz McDaniel.

Guests enjoyed Thomas the Train cake, chips, ice cream and drinks.



Santa visited the Kings Mountain police department, above to join in the annual collection for toys for needy children. From left: Detective Cpl. Paul Alexander, Chief Melvin Proctor, Santa Claus, Detective Sergeant Lisa Proctor, Patrolman Jason Dee, Detective Sergeant Chris Moore, Detective Captain Derek Johnson and Administrative Assistant Toni Mode. Photo by LIB STEWART



FUN TIME - Children enjoy a new train table at Mauney Memorial Library's Harris Children's Wing. The top of the table is removable and can also be a Lego building top and a Tinker Toy top and provide entertainment for children at Story Hour. Mayor Rick Murphey gets in on the entertainment, above.

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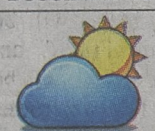

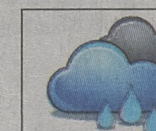

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Get ready for a night of red carpet Hollywood-style glamour at the annual Cleveland Chamber of Commerce banquet Jan. 29, at the LeGrand Center in Shelby.

The event will include presentation of awards from 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets are \$65 and there is reserved seating for sponsors and tables of 10.

For more information call 704-487-8521.

Kings Mountain Weekend Weather			
<b>Thursday</b> December 18  Partly Cloudy - 55° 10% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 31°	<b>Friday</b> December 19  Mostly Sunny - 54° 0% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 36°	<b>Saturday</b> December 20  Rain - 48° 80% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 30°	<b>Sunday</b> December 21  Mostly Sunny - 54° 10% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 28°

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## Auditions

Auditions for "Smoke on the Mountain," the next play to be presented by the Cherryville Little Theatre, will be held January 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. at Cherryville Little Theatre, 301 West Academy Street in Cherryville. Performances will be held March 27-29 and April 3-5, according to Connie Fox.