

**LIFESTYLES**

# 100th birthday - a day for memories

Louise Hambricht Roberts smiled and chatted with several hundred friends Sunday afternoon at a birthday reception planned by her family.

Mrs. Roberts, 100 on December 9, belies her years with her quick wit, youthful appearance and positive attitude.

She and her husband, the late Ross Roberts, owned and operated Roberts Grocery in Kings Mountain for a number of years prior to his death. In recent years she has lived with a daughter, in Spartanburg, SC.

Longevity runs in the Hambricht family of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Roberts' younger sisters, Aileen Cantrell, 97; Bess Phifer of Kings Mountain, 96; Sue Hambricht Drye and her brother, Tom Hambricht, who live in the Hambricht home place near Grover, were as happy as Louise to see the neighbors, church members at Kings Mountain Baptist, garden club members and former grocery store customers.

"It was a wonderful day for Mom," said her daughters Linda Tallon and Diane Houston, who planned the event and included pho-



Louise Roberts

tographs of Mrs. Roberts from her growing-up days to adulthood in Kings Mountain. These photographs were displayed on tables and in a video in the fellowship hall of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Although she now resides in Spartanburg with the Tal-

lon family, Louise remains active in the Open Gate Garden Club and Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR. Enroute to her party, Louise stopped at her old home place on N. Piedmont Street and the spot where Roberts Grocery once stood. It was a day of memories.

## KMHM intern experience 'mutually beneficial'

Kings Mountain Historical Museum was pleased to host two Museum Interns in 2014; Gardner-Webb University sophomore Sarah Lynch during the spring semester, and Elizabeth Wise, a senior at Belmont Abbey College, during the fall semester. For both students, this was their first experience working in a museum.

There are many benefits to interning in a small local museum like Kings Mountain Historical Museum; interns have the opportunity to personally get to know most of the staff and volunteers, and have the chance to be involved in the many different facets of the museum world, such as historic preservation, collections management, exhibit development, historical research, event planning, and visitor services. This real-world practical experience and professional network building can be invaluable to students in their future careers. Perhaps most importantly, museum internships allow students to explore this career path outside of the classroom and see firsthand if this really is the right field for them.

"I still treasure my own



Elizabeth Wise worked for the museum during the 2014 fall semester.

internship experiences, they were absolutely critical in helping me develop my professional skill set and passion for museum work," said Director and Curator Adria Focht, who oversees the internship program at Kings Mountain Historical Museum. "We take the mentorship aspect of the internship process very seriously - we want our interns to know that they have an advocate in us to help them achieve their academic and career goals in the long term. As someone who benefited greatly from my own internship work, I

find it extremely rewarding to pay it forward and help nurture the next generation of budding professionals."

Internships are a mutually beneficial relationship; while the students gain academic credit and vital experience, the museum is able to accomplish institutional objectives. Together, Kings Mountain Historical Museum's interns completed over 240 hours of work this year; they updated thousands of collections database records, and provided needed assistance for exhibits and events.



Carol Dixon leads a choir of senior center members in a presentation of Christmas songs at the center's annual winter party.

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Barbara Crosby plays the part of a famous author in the play "The Night the Chimes Rang" Friday at the Patrick Senior Center.

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Sara Lynch worked as an intern at the museum during the 2014 spring semester.



## Woodbridge: Parade Sunday

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from Woodbridge in a hot air balloon. Santa will hear some last-minute requests from children before boarding the balloon. Woodbridge resident Dou Sharpe says that a hitchhiker will be traveling with Santa in the balloon and will probably be "dropped off somewhere out West at

a mall."

If you would like to wave goodbye to Santa, you're invited to join the 21st Lawnmower Christmas parade which includes decorated lawnmowers, bikes, cars, etc. The balloon will also be available for tethered rides before the

parade starts at 2 p.m.

The parade starts on Dunes Drive in North Woodbridge and cookies are served afterward.

Sponsors for this year's event are the Woodbridge Homeowners Association, Woodbridge Market and Woodbridge Golf Links.

## New playground going up

Workers are busy constructing the new playground for handicapped children beside the Rick Murphrey Children's Park on Cleveland Avenue. Mayor Rick Murphrey, far right, inspects the construction expected to be finished in early January. From left, Tommy Proctor, James Dial and Billy Greene, all of Playground Safety Services of Shelby.

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