

YMCA donors raise \$280,000 at Moon Over the Mountain event



Dale Holden, magician, with Caleb Simpson and Jim Crowell

The YMCA staff and astounding volunteers continue to team up and raise awareness for fundraising year after year. Ever since the Moon Over the Mountain event's inception several years ago the Y and its charitable donors have been able to raise almost \$300,000.

This year's event, on Feb. 7 at the Duke Energy Training Facility raised the bar, thanks to almost 150 guests, volunteers and staff and sponsors: Duke Energy, Kings Mountain Tourism Development Authority, John O Harris Interest, Kerns Trucking, Brinkley Financial Group, Dilling Heating and Air, Florrie & Larry Hamrick, Jr., Harris Funeral Home, Bank of Ozarks, GK Howard DDS, PA, AFAB Promotions

During the almost four-hour black tie optional event, guests were busy placing bids at the silent auction, laughing at the



Larry and Florrie Hamrick. Moon Over Mountain sponsors

dinner entertainment- a phenomenal magic show, provided by Caleb Sigmon and raising their paddles high during the silent auction.

Dancing was to the music of Jeromy Shepard, Auctioneer was County Commissioner Jason Falls

All proceeds from this event go to support the Kings Mountain Family YMCA in its efforts to help all people reach their God

given potential through spirit, mind and body. With almost \$28,000 raised in one night, the YMCA will be able to continue to provide and fund such programs as the Y's Diabetes Prevention, Live Strong, and Open Doors Scholarship Program for our Youth Sports, After-school, Summer Camp, and Memberships- which provides financial assistance to local Kings Mountain families in need.

Living history group seeks new members



The Backcountry Militia fire a volley.

Are you interested in living history?

The Backcountry Militia is recruiting new members/reenactors to this group at Kings Mountain National Military Park. The Militia exists to show colonial life and the life of the militiaman in the Carolina backcountry during the American Revolution.

This group is open to both men and women of all ages who enjoy history, interacting and sharing knowledge with other people, learning about the past and trying new things.

Come to one of two informational sessions at the park Visitor Center on Saturday, March 14 and Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Those interested can also contact

Katherine Lynn for more information at HYPERLINK "mailto:katherine_lynn@nps.gov" katherine_lynn@nps.gov, 864-936-7921.

Membership in the Backcountry Militia is free and all necessary training and equipment, including clothes, is provided at no cost. The only requirement is that participants commit to attending four encampments.

High school students interested in earning volunteer or community service hours may have the opportunity to do so through participation in the Backcountry Militia but they must participate in at least three encampments.

Members participate in monthly weekend encampments from April to November, where they

wear colonial clothes and share their knowledge and passion about our region's Revolutionary history with curious and eager Park visitors. During the weekend encampments they have the option of camping overnight in period canvas tents.

To better show colonial life in the Carolina backcountry, members of the group learn and demonstrate colonial trades and crafts, like spinning wool into thread; cooking over an open fire; weaving; medicine and more. They learn what equipment and accoutrements militiamen and soldiers would have carried, and they drill with the militia, learning how to load and fire muskets (16 years old and up)



John Soule explains the workings of the Brown Bess musket

Cornerstone Church of God holds concert Feb. 21

Debra Perry and Jaidyn's Call will present a Christian concert on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at Cornerstone Church of God, 202 Margrace Road. A love offering will be received. Pastor Matthew Lewis and the congregation invite the public.

First Lenten service Feb. 18

The first community-wide Lenten service on the theme "Personalities around the Cross" will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18, at noon at Central United Methodist Church. Rev. Brian Taule, pastor of David Baptist Church, will deliver the message on the topic, "Judas, the man who betrayed Him." Light lunch will be served.

Family and Friends Day

Family and Friends Day will be held Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. at Adams Chapel AME Zion Church, 212 Lake Montonia Road. Lester Williams will be speaker for the service and the public is invited. Rev. Renee Bethea is pastor.

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