## Lillie Bennett **Residents**

**Entertained** 

by Dancers

Holsey's Dance Like David Danced dancers entertained the residents, staff and guests at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center during Christmas holidays. The girls were visions of sparkles and glimmer as they whirled around the dance floor. Their performance blessed all who saw it.



### Rachel Flake and Liberty Wright Win Accolades in Multiple Competitions

Liberty Wright (right) and Rachel Flake (left) finished the 2011 horse show season in November. They participated at Union and Cabarrus County Saddle Clubs, and received recognition at their year-end awards presentations.

Liberty and her horse Roni were awarded Western Junior Champion and Pony Reserve Champion at the Union County Saddle

and earned ribbons in several classes.

Their trainer is Ms. Jackie Turnbull. Liberty is the daughter of Dr. Danny and Meri Beth

Wright. Rachel is the daughter of the late Jerry Flake and Kelly Flake.

Thank you for reading The Express!

Club. Liberty also received Overall

Champion in the Game Events at the

Rachel and her horse It's Time to Flass

were awarded Western Junior Reserve

Champion at the Union Saddle Club. She

also was awarded Reserve Champion in

the Youth Games and was Reserve Cham-

pion in Western Novice at Cabarrus County Saddle Club. Rachel also at-

tended the SC Festival of Flowers Horse

Show in June and won High Points

Fair Youth Horse Show in October

Both girls attended the NC State

Champion in Youth (11-13) Division.

Cabarrus Saddle Club.

### Will the Glass **Slipper Fit?** Try It On at the Commedia Cinderella Performance!!

Geralds

Celebrate 50

**Years** 

**Together** 

Argie Gammons Gerald recently celebrated

their 50th Anniver-

sary. Their children

hosted them with din-

ner at the Hilltop

Restaurant in Monroe,

followed by a three

day trip to Myrtle

Beach with tickets to

blessed with four chil-

dren, seven grandchil-

and

great-grandchildren.

The Geralds are

Opryland.

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The Cheraw Arts Commission Children's Playhouse presents the Tarradiddle Players in the Commedia Cinderella on Saturday, February 4th. The performance for familiy audiences will begin at 11 a.m. at the Theatre on the Green. In this funny, fastpaced show, the Tarradiddle Players put a slapstick spin on one of the world's most famous fairytales. Beautiful Cinderella is forced to work as a kitchen maid by her mean Stepmother and two ugly Stepsisters, but thanks to a little help from her Fairy Godmother, she still has a chance to win the hand of the handsome Prince. With roots in the humorous, physical acting style of Italian Commedia dell'arte, this production is a lighthearted treat.

The Tarradiddle Players, the Resident Touring Company of Children's Theatre of Charlotte, NC, are no stranger to our area, having spread the joy of live theatre many times at the Theatre on the Green. The ensemble has performed for over one million children during its 39 years!

Tickets for the performance are \$5 and are available at the Cheraw Community Center-200 Powe Street or at the Theatre on the day of the performance. This is a great opportunity for our community to see live theatre in Cheraw at an affordable price. Similar tickets for the same show usually sell for \$14-18 in other locations.

For additional information, contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 x 12. The Cheraw Arts Commission office is located at the Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street. Sponsor of the Children's Playhouse series is the United Way of Chesterfield County. The Cheraw Arts Commission is supported by the SC Arts Commission which receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

So, gather your tiaras and magic wands and come to the Commedia Cinderella. Bring a camera, as there will be wonderful photo opportunities.

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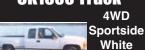


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### **Applications Sought for Youth Legislative Assembly**

The Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office of the N.C. Department of Administration will accept applications through Feb. 23 for the 42nd annual Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA), to be held March 23-25 in Raleigh. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. YLA is an opportunity for North Carolina high school students to write, debate and vote on bills and share their views with legislators and other state government officials. General Sessions will be held at the Legislative Office Building, Room 643, with other activities at the Clarion Raleigh Hotel.

Following procedures used by members of the N.C. General Assembly, participants will work in one of 10 committees before gathering for general sessions. Among the items to be considered are an act to introduce anti-bullying laws in North Carolina public schools; an act to establish the legalization of assisted suicide for adults, ages 18 and up in the state of North Carolina (Death with Dignity Act); and an act to ban the sale of alco-pop beverages. YLA final report will be sent to the Governor, mem-

bers of the General Assembly and other key state leaders. Presiding over this year's YLA will be co-speakers Joshua Llodrat, a senior at Ledford High School in High Point, and

Angelica Mack, a senior at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem. The per-student fee of \$125 (four students in one room) or \$140 (two students in one room) covers hotel accommodations for two nights, five meals, a T-shirt and conference materials. Fees must be included with the application and will increase after Feb. 23. Written notice of acceptance or denial of registration will be provided by March 8.

YLA sponsors include the Progress Energy, John William Pope Foundation and the N.C. Sheriffs Association. For scholarships or other YLA information, contact YLA Coordinator

Cynthia Giles at 919-807-4400 or Cynthia.giles@doa.nc.gov. To download registration forms, visit the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office website at www.doa.state.nc.us/yaio/youthcouncils-yla.htm. A list of the 10 committees and proposed legislation from each committee is online, as is information and registration forms for adult chaperones.

## **Dependent on Drugs? Help is Offered**

If you are having a difficulty with street drugs, alcohol or unnecessary medications, there is local help offered for you. Chemical Dependency Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the AA Building located at 2111 County Club Road in





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