

ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating 60 Years

Smith G. Storey and the former Wilma L. Trivette were married Nov. 27, 1952, at Beech Valley Baptist Church by the late Rev. Dayton Jones. Smith served in the U.S. Army during WWII and retired as mail carrier from the U.S. Postal Service in January 1985. Wilma, homemaker, librarian and teacher assistant at Beech Mountain Elementary School, retired from the State of North Carolina in June 1994. Children, Ed, wife, Nannette, Carl who died in infancy, Darren, Marilyn, Bill, and Andy, wife, Jennifer. Grandchildren, Sam, Jake, Ashley, Aidan. Great-grandchildren, Brittney and Eddie. The couple are lifelong residents of the Old Beech Mountain Community and members of Beech Mountain Baptist Church.

Please join our family at a reception in their honor to celebrate this joyous occasion 2 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 24, 2012, at Headwaters at Banner Elk Clubhouse, 25 Falls Creek Parkway, Elk Park.

In lieu of gifts, contributions may be made to Beech Mountain Baptist Church in their honor.

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ASU students and community to host Elk Knob 'Art Raising' event Nov. 10

The public is invited to participate in the creation of two site-specific art pieces Saturday, Nov. 10, that will provide a window into the cultural and natural history of the Elk Knob Community.

EKCHO Community Art Day runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1401 Meat Camp Road.

Individuals and families can bring small objects — such as broken plate pieces, gems, pictures, stones, broken wood — that represent their family or the community. These will be incorporated into the artwork.

In 2009, the Elk Knob Community Heritage Organization partnered with the Watauga Arts Council to create a public art plan for the Elk Knob Community. The plan outlined a series of site-specific works.

This fall, EKCHO partnered with a class at Appalachian State University to start to make the art plan a reality. The students worked with the Elk Knob Community with help from their professor, Appalachian studies faculty member Tom Hansell.

The project involves two pieces: an iron tree on the Meat Camp side of Elk Knob and a mural on the Pottertown side of the mountain. The students have worked to ensure that the art they make is deeply connected to the people and places



This image is the mural Appalachian State University students have designed for a historic store in the Elk Knob Community as part of a public art plan developed by the Elk Knob Community Heritage Organization in partnership with the Watauga Arts Council.

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surrounding the Elk Knob State Park. The class is supported by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission's Appalachian Teaching Project.

Objects brought by the public Nov. 10 will be incorporated into stepping-stone molds and/or hung on the iron tree. For the Pottertown mural, community participants will also be encouraged to make handprints that will enhance the mural's beauty.

The event will include live music performed by Appalachian student Brian Swanson, as well as a potluck of food provided by those willing to bring a covered dish.

The final locations of both art

pieces are as follows. The iron tree will be "planted" at Pat Kohjes' home at 1401 Meat Camp Road and the mural will be placed on the Old Eller Store on South Road.

The Elk Knob Community Art Plan is sponsored by EKCHO, a non profit organization, the Appalachian Teaching project of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Honors College and Center for Appalachian Studies at Appalachian State University. The tree is being created and designed by local welder Zachary David Smith-Johnson, who will be present at the Community Art Day to introduce his work.

For more information, call (828) 262-7730.