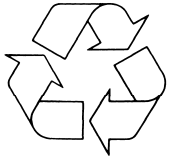


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## A family tradition



The Deck family

Carolina Hills at Meadowbrook is a new planned residential community, surrounding the existing Meadowbrook Golf Club nestled among the foothills of Western North Carolina in Polk County. Carolina Hills is being developed by the Deck family that built Meadowbrook Golf Club, and has owned and operated it since 1963. Over the past century the Decks have nurtured the traditions and values that make this beautiful corner of the Carolinas so special.

This land has special meaning for this family. The Decks immigrated from Germany in 1734 and settled in Pennsylvania. Subsequent generations travelled along the Great Wagon Road to the frontiers of Virginia and then on to Western North Carolina where they received land grants in

1798 and 1800.

Today's Meadowbrook Golf Club is on the 1904 Deck family farm where William Henry "Will" Deck and Della Jane Smith Deck lived. The farm with its smokehouse and spring house produced wheat, cotton, sweet potatoes, molasses and other crops, and contained livestock such as beef cattle, milking cows, chickens, and pigs. Ten Deck children helped work the farm.

Will Deck was a community leader and served on the Green River School Board. Two of the brothers, Carson and Kenneth, forged a lifelong partnership as boys and in 1963 decided to turn the family farm into a public golf course. They mortgaged their homes to start Meadowbrook, and it became a family enterprise.

Meadowbrook has become a golf proving ground

for many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and has produced three PGA Golf Professionals, one Turf Grass degree Professional, four College Team Golfers, and a Summer Program for Young Golfers.

Today, two cousins - a son of Kenneth and a son of Carson - carry on the legacy as Meadowbrook Development, Inc.'s president and vice president. They continue to live and work in the immediate area. All of the children of Kenneth and Carson are shareholders in the development.

Paul Deck, president, was born and raised in Spindale, North Carolina. He earned a B.S. in Economics from Clemson University, and has been in management and sales in the family business

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## Area Mythological RoundTable®



Tryon RoundTable® participants Jacque Brown-Williams, Hannah walker, Nina Anin, Chris Baschon and Sujette Prince talk about Campbell's *The Power of Myth*.

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A Mythological Roundtable®, a gathering of people interested in mythology, has started in this area with about twelve people and meets monthly from 7:00-9:00 p.m. normally on the fourth Thursday at the Trade Street Coffee House in Tryon.

The Joseph Campbell Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to

learning more about Joseph Campbell's work, has sponsored RoundTables® all over the world for about twenty years. RoundTables® have no formal curriculum because they are mostly autonomous and local members decide how to spend their time. The Tryon RoundTable® is known as emerging and will receive a charter once it has shown it is meeting certain requirements outlined in RoundTable® guidelines, such as being open-

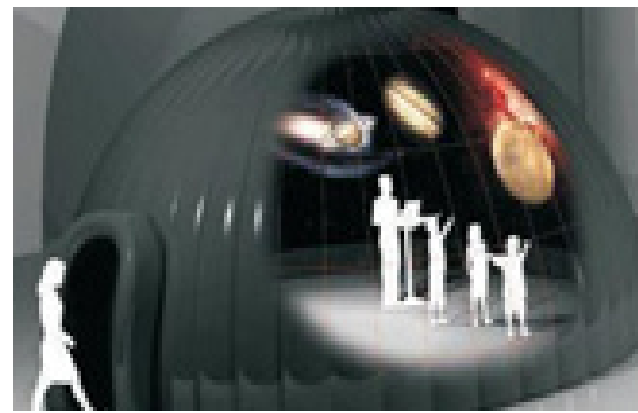
minded, tolerant and myth-centered; gathering regularly at least quarterly; charging no attendance fees; and filling certain offices such as Leader, Treasurer and Scribe. Chris Baschon and Duncan Ely are co-Leaders of the Tryon RoundTable® and Jacque Brown-Williams is the Scribe.

Joseph John Campbell (1904-1987), American mythologist, scholar, writer and lecturer, is best known for his work in mythology and



In "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," opening at the Tryon Little Theater Workshop Thursday, driving Nurse Ratched berserk is the holy grail for these mental patients, and they're succeeding in spades! The happier they pretend to be, the more livid she becomes. Ring leader McMurphy (Lavin Cuddihee, kneeling front) points joyfully at a non-working TV as Ratched (Marianne Carruth) yells at all of them to stop it! Not a chance, Ratched! Come cheer the patients on April 2-5 in this much-honored play. For tickets: 859-2466.

## Portable planitarium arrives at Polk County Public Library



The Polk County Public Library has partnered with Kidsenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum to bring the ExplorerDome traveling planetarium to the library on Saturday, April 4. Families and all space enthusiasts can visit the library in Columbus from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to witness this amazing portable space exhibit.

Each session will last approximately 20 minutes and is appropriate for all ages.

The library also has a large selection of space-themed books and audio visual materials on hand and available for check out to help future astronauts and astronomers learn even more about the solar system.

"This is an amazing learning opportunity for our local children and we hope a great many of them will have a chance to experience the Explorer Dome," says Children's Librarian, Joy Sharp. "We also hope that this library visit reminds families that the library offers a wide variety of educational and entertaining programming and materials year round," she adds. "And Kidsenses (www.kidsenses.com) is a real treasure for children and families located right down the road in Rutherfordton."

Polk County Middle School sixth grade classes will visit the Explorer Dome on Friday, April 3. The program coincides with the space curriculum they are currently studying in the classroom.

For more information on upcoming additional events and new acquisitions, visit [www.publib.polknc.org](http://www.publib.polknc.org) or become a fan of the library on Facebook and receive monthly program announcements.

religion. His more than twenty books include *The Hero of A Thousand Faces* (1949) and *The Masks of God* (1959-1968).

*The Power of Myth*, a book and six-part, six-hour TV documentary with commentator and journalist Bill Moyers and Campbell, was filmed at George Lucas's Skywalker Ranch during the last two summers of Campbell's life and beautifully sums up his work.

The Tryon RoundTable®

has begun by watching *The Power of Myth* for the first hour and having an informal discussion for the second hour. At its March meeting it also celebrated Campbell's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday with a cake and toasts.

The Tryon RoundTables® next meeting will be Thursday, April 30 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Trade Street Coffee House in Tryon. For more information, e-mail [chris@thecircle-within.com](mailto:chris@thecircle-within.com), call (828) 337-2845 or visit [www.jcf.org](http://www.jcf.org).



Marsha Van Hecke, Director of Community Outreach for Hospice of the Carolina Foothills and Jacque Ziller, Hospice Thrift Barn Manager with new sign for the new Hospice Thrift Barn which will open in early May.

## Hospice will open new thrift shop

To paraphrase a famous commercial, Nobody doesn't love a bargain. And in these difficult economic times, that Nobody is every single one of us. Hospice of the Carolina Foothills has initiated its own version of thrift shop, and will open the area's newest local resale outlet, Hospice Thrift Barn, in early May in the former America's Country Store on Highway 14, just west of I-26.

The thrift store industry is thriving. As recently as March 6, MSNBC reported that thrift shopping is not only succeeding but growing. In a survey of 182 thrift and resale shops nationwide, MSN Money has found that sales are up on the average of 35%. Clearly these shops offer benefits to both their non-profit sponsors and the communities they serve.

Our foothills area is especially rich in well-managed, long-lasting thrift stores and resale shops and over the next few weeks, you'll be able to read about some of the wonderful opportunities available locally for saving on clothes and household items. To prove the point, one of Tryon's young professionals brags that he does all his shopping at local thrift stores. And he's a very snappy dresser!

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