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SAT changes explained at School Board meeting

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The SAT, a test which helps determine college admission, will now include an essay and other changes. Dr. Jane King and John Goforth updated Cleveland County School board members on the changes during Monday night's meeting.

The 25-minute essay, multiple choice grammar questions and Algebra II problems will appear on the test in March 2005. The new testing material will affect juniors. Scoring for current seniors who take the test this spring will not include the new material.

The new SAT also eliminates analogies and quantitative comparisons. Shorter reading passages will be added though the longer passages will remain.

Officials say they are encouraging all students with the ability to take the test.

In other business, the board unanimously

re-elected Dr. George Litton as its chairperson Monday night.

"The strength of this board is not found in any one person but all members," Litton said after the vote.

Board member Tommy Greene nominated Litton, saying "he's done an outstanding job." The nomination received several seconds.

Dr. Jack Hamrick was unanimously re-elected as vice-chairperson.

Carl DeBrew told the board that the Greater Cleveland County Education Foundation had almost reached its goal of raising \$100,000. The money will go toward scholarships for seniors from the county's four high schools who earn a 4.0 grade point average.

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Hundreds of bikers participated in the 10th annual Murphey's Scooter Shed Toy Run recently. The run raises toys and animals for children in Oxford Home for Children and the Shrine Hospital.

KMHS students earn Advanced Placement

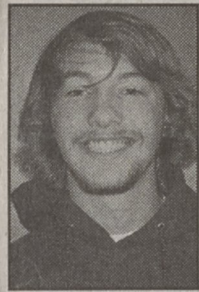
Seven Kings Mountain High School seniors and eight 2004 graduates have



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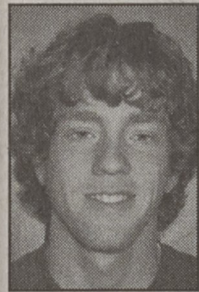
earned the Advanced Placement Scholar designation.

The honor is bestowed on students who receive an average grade of three or higher on three or more AP exams. The students include current seniors:



BUNCH

Kristen Martin; AP classes in biology, calculus, environmental science and English. Martin plans to attend Davidson College to prepare for a career in politics. Her parents are Greg and Bridget Martin.



REID

Ethan Blanton; AP classes in biology, Earth science, environmental science. Blanton plans to study teaching at UNC-Charlotte. His parents are Randy and

Verleen Blanton. Jason Carpenter. He plans to study dental hygiene at the University of Oregon. His parents are Greg and Ann Carpenter. Carpenter was also the first KMHS student in over 16 years to win the DAR essay contest. His parents are Greg and Ann Carpenter.

Philip Bunch; AP classes in calculus and biology. Bunch plans to major in music and Bible/religion at Erskine College. His parents are Philip and Dianne Bunch.

Clay Costner; AP classes in English and calculus. Costner plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill to prepare for a career in business. His parents are Edwin and Grace Costner.

Jena Gladden; AP classes in calculus and English. Gladden plans to major in biology at Erskine College. Her parents are Lyn and Jeanette Cheshire.

Robert Thomas Reid; AP classes in biology, calculus, English. Reid plans to study medicine at either UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke or Furman. His parents are Ray Thomas Reid and Patricia Ann Reid.

Class of 2004 students earning the AP Scholars designation include:

Kristen Ammay; Furman University; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ammay.

Emily Borders; NCSU; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Borders.

Thomas Bridges; UNC-Chapel Hill; son of Mr. and

Mrs. John Bridges. Hayley Flynn; ECU; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Flynn.



COSTNER

Jacqueline Jarvis; Gardner-Webb University; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jarvis.

Jamie O'Dell; UNC-Charlotte; son of Cleo O'Dell.

Lauren Horne; AP Scholar with Honor; UNC-Chapel Hill; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Horne.



BLANTON

Charles Justin Smith; AP Scholar with Distinction; Wake Forest University; son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.



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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Lyndsey Murphey, front, John and Buffy Murphey, back left, and Becky Edsall and Johnny Hutchins, back right, with toys collected for children.

Annual toy run collects animals, toys for children

John and Buffy Murphey, along with friends and family, hosted their 10th annual Murphey's Scooter Shed Toy Run November 22.

The toy drive, which benefits the Oxford Home for Children and the Shrine Hospital, was a huge success with around 350 bikes and 600 people participating.

New toys for boys and girls ages newborn to 18 years of age were brought to fill Murphey's enclosed trailer. Mayor Rick Murphey presented John Murphey a plaque in appreciation for his hard work in helping children over the past 10 years.

The 35-mile ride was police-escorted from Murphey's Scooter Shed and traveled throughout Cleveland County's communities. After returning from the ride everyone enjoyed barbecue, cooked by Smoking Pitt BBQ owned by Mike and Billie Hutchins of Myrtle Beach, SC. Tommy Rucker cooked all the trimmings which included cabbage, baked beans and onions.

Crimson Rose Band and DJ Ron Richardson provided entertainment.

"We would like to thank everyone who participated in the ride and those who helped prepare for the big event," noted John Murphey.

Sponsors who contributed

money or donations of goods included Total Body Tanning Salon, Scism & Son Paint and Body Shop, U.A.W. 5285, Harvest Environmental Service, Shelby Battery, City Auto, Bridges Hardware, Heavenly Kids Child Care, Earl's Cycle, Parker Car Care, Eaton, Weaver Paint & Body Shop, Croft Custom Cycle, Pegram Insurance, CCIB, Tommy Rucker, Young's RV, Gargoyles Motorcycle Club, A Kut Above, The Sub Factory, Black Pistons Motorcycle Club, Grant's Paint & Body, Dr. G.K. Howard Jr., Smith & Dad, Doug Satterfield/Edward Jones

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BRIEFS

Senior Center Christmas party

The annual Christmas party for the Kings Mountain Senior Center will be held Friday, Dec. 17 from 2-4 p.m.

The King's Chorus from First Baptist Church will present entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

Inman to speak at Chamber fete

Nationally renowned author and TV personality Bob Inman will speak at the Chamber of Commerce 67th annual banquet January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Triple D Publishing, Shelby.

Call the Chamber at 704-487-8521 for more information.

Carriage rides slated in Shelby

The Uptown Shelby Association will sponsor horse drawn carriage rides through Dec. 17 from 5:30 to

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