

**EDUCATION**

**Schools receive \$1.66 million grant for American History**

Congressman Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10) today announced that Cleveland and Rutherford County Schools have been awarded a \$1.66 million grant over five years from the U.S. Department of Education to enhance American History education for local students.

"As the saying goes, those who forget history are doomed to repeat it," said Congressman McHenry. "It is important that our students have a solid understanding of the great history of this nation, and this grant will give our teachers the tools they need to make that happen."

The funding comes from the Department of Education's Teaching American History grant program. Over the next three years, \$999,483 of the grant will be distributed to Cleveland and Rutherford

County Schools. The remainder of the grant will be awarded over the following two years, and is contingent on the success of the program.

"This grant gives us a powerful opportunity to introduce traditional American history to elementary and middle school teachers, which will allow them to explore a lot of the hands-on history that we've been able to provide our high school teachers. We hope the end result is increased student achievement and appreciation for American history," said Robert Brown, a Crest High School social studies teacher and Teaching American History Grant Director.

The funding will be used to provide intensive training for elementary and middle school history teachers in Cleveland and Rutherford County schools.

Approximately 30 teachers in these school districts will be

chosen each year to participate in two-day seminars featuring history education experts from across the country. The program is designed to provide teachers with new knowledge and techniques to advance history education, and culminates

in a week-long trip to various important historical locations for on-site training.

This is the third such grant awarded to Cleveland and Rutherford County Schools in the last four years. They received an \$866,441 grant in

2004 and another totaling \$999,387 in 2006.

According to Mr. Brown, the students whose teachers have participated in this program have demonstrated extraordinary academic achievement to date.

**Courtney Tate on Chancellor's List at University of South Carolina Upstate**

Courtney Fern Tate, daughter of Jerri and Dexter Tate of Kings Mountain, was recently named to the President's Honor Roll and to the Chancellor's List at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

In order to merit the distinction of President's Honor List, a

student must earn a 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum of 12 credited semester hours. Tate, 18, is a sophomore at Upstate. She is majoring in Chemistry with a minor in Biology and plans to continue her education in the pre-pharmacy field.

Tate graduated as valedictorian with a 4.8 grade point average from Kings Mountain High School in 2007. She was also a star on KMHS' softball team. Tate continues her softball career at USC Upstate as an outfielder.

**Carpenter's Club to hold open house**

The Carpenter's Clubhouse Preschool at Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain will have Open House April 10 from 5-7 p.m.

The Carpenter's Clubhouse Preschool uses the High Reach curriculum, which encourages children to discover his/her abilities and interests while preparing them for Kindergarten. Children will learn the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes, language development, beginning phonics, weather, motor skills, and Bible, which includes a weekly Chapel time. The teachers are highly skilled, state certified, and committed to making everyday a happy and produc-

tive one for each child enrolled. They strive to help children learn about themselves, their friends, the love of God, and the world around them.

The Carpenter's Clubhouse also offers many special programs, such as fitness, music, Spanish, computer, and science, as well as taking many field trips throughout the year.

The preschool operates Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for 3 and 4 year old children and offers parents the opportunity to customize their schedule by choosing 3, 4, or 5 days a week. For more information, call (704) 739-2471 ext. 12.

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