

LOCAL

Cleveland County tops list for NC road repairs

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NCDOT engineer David Kielson has been assigned to help the CTP (Comprehensive Transportation Planning) Team for Cleveland County.

The responsibility of listing most-needed areas for transportation improvement was allocated to the Rural Planning Organization. Cleveland topped the list of NC counties.

Kielson and the CIT will speak with chamber leaders and town representatives in the future. He says, "We would like participation from all towns of the county as well as commercial interests so that when we come to complete a plan all the municipalities in the county (will be) happy with (it)."

CIT is in the process of soliciting input from people signed

onto working with them and someone at the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

"We anticipate a variety of projects, but which will be needed first is difficult to address," Kielson stated. "The CTP is an important part of getting projects into the TIP."

But the project is long range as Kielson predicts that the process will take 20-30 years. Hope for transportation improvements, once prioritized, still have to move into the TIP portion (Transportation Improvement Program). Until plans reach the funded portion of TIP, construction doesn't start.

David Kielson states of its importance, "As far as jobs go, good roads are considered important for attracting good businesses."

Biggerstaff graduates Army Infantry School

Army Pvt. George W. Biggerstaff has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, map reading, tactics, basic rifle marksmanship, physical fitness, field training, and first aid skills. The recruit developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During AIT, the soldier received instruction to serve as

an infantryman/mortarman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad. The training included weapons qualification, tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communications, and combat operations; engagement in infantry combat exercises, battle drills, land mine locating, neutralizing and extracting, and survival operations during a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

Biggerstaff is the son of Nannette Bumbaugh of Pleasant Hill Church Road, Grover, and George Biggerstaff Jr. of Center Street, Kings Mountain. He is a 2000 graduate of Crest Senior High School.

SPORTS

Ramey selected to All-Observer Women's Soccer Team recently

Sophomore Ramey Kerns added yet another award to her 2008 high school soccer season when she was recently selected to the All-Charlotte Observer Women's Soccer Team.

Kerns was earlier voted, unanimously, as the South West Foothills Conference Player of the Year as she scored 50 goals and added 30 assists. She offensively led the Kings Mountain Lady Mountaineers to an undefeated and un-scored upon, perfect 10-0 conference record. Kerns also was selected to the All-Region Team as well as the NC High School Coaches All-State Team.

She is the first sophomore to ever receive such an honor in just her second year of HS play. She made the All-Region Team as Freshman when she led a Senior-laden team win in 2007, scoring as she tallied 20 goals while assisting on 17 others. Kerns now joins the very exclu-



RAMEY KERNS

sive All-State club from KMHS where Katie Bennett, Blair Heffner, and Bennett Suber were also recognized over the past 10 years of KMHS Women's Soccer history.

Over 2,000 county residents have not filed for stimulus rebate checks

An estimated 2,631 residents of Cleveland County and 4,697 residents of Gaston County have not yet filed to receive their Economic Stimulus checks, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Congressman Patrick McHenry (R-10th District), recently announced that the IRS estimates a total of 24% of Social Security Administration and Department of Veteran Affairs beneficiaries in North Carolina,

who are eligible for economic stimulus payments have not received their checks because they have not filed a 2007 Federal income tax return. Taxpayers with an annual household income of at least \$3,000 may be eligible for a tax rebate. People who do not typically file tax returns because of limited income still need to file a 2007 return on form 1040-A to receive the rebate. The deadline to file for the rebate is October

15, 2008.

Congressman McHenry encourages constituents who have not filed a 2007 federal income tax return and think they may be eligible for a rebate to contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or for the hearing impaired, 1-800-829-4059. Detailed information and the forms and instructions needed to apply for an economic stimulus rebate are also available online at www.irs.gov



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Cathy Hardin, of 305 E. Parker Street, decorated her house especially for the Fourth.



Children ages 4 years to 6th Grade are invited to participate in UPWARD SOCCER at Patterson Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain beginning August 25, 2008

Evaluations will be: Tues., July 22, 6-8pm
Sat., July 26, 10am-12:30pm • Weds., July 30, 6-8pm
Sat., August 2, 10am-12:30 pm

All players must attend one 15 minute evaluation

Practices begin August 25 - Games begin September 6

COST IS \$45 FOR EARLY REGISTRATION BY JULY 22 AND \$55 FROM JULY 22 UNTIL AUGUST 2

For more information contact Patterson Grove Baptist Church at 704.739.5826 or Mike Harris at 704.739.6023