

# Gang lingo added to codes

The following excerpt is the full amended code that was added in July to the student conduct book for Cleveland County Schools. It can also be found on Cleveland County schools' website.

## Expectation 21 - Gang Activity

Students enrolled in

Cleveland County Schools are expected to engage in positive peer relationships. Students shall not participate in, lead or encourage others to participate in a gang, gang activity or gang behavior. A gang is defined as any ongoing group, organization or association, whether formal or informal, having as one of

its primary purposes or activities the commission of criminal acts and having a common name, identifying sign, colors, symbols, tattoos, attire or other distinguishing characteristics. Gang activity or behavior may include:

- 1 - Wearing, possessing or displaying clothing, jewelry, tattoos, symbols, signs or other items that show affiliation with or membership in a gang.
- 2 - Communicating verbally or non-verbally in a manner that conveys affiliation with or membership in a gang.
- 3 - "Tagging" or otherwise defacing school property or personal property with gang or gang-related symbols, signs, names or slogans.
- 4 - Intimidating, threatening or using physical violence toward any person related to gang activity, or inciting others to do so.

5 - Soliciting or recruiting others for gang membership or affiliation.

The principal shall maintain a regularly updated list of gang and gang-related items, symbols and behaviors and shall notify students of the items, symbols and behaviors prohibited by this policy.

1st offense - up to five days out of school suspension.

2nd offense - up to 10 days out of school suspension.

3rd offense - up to 10 days of out of school suspension and possible recommendation for long-term suspension.

Before being suspended for a first offense of wearing gang-related attire, a student may receive a warning and be allowed to change or remove the attire if the school administration determines that the student did not intend the attire to show gang affiliation.

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Relations Donna Carpenter said that the change to the code was at the recommendation of CCS attorneys, "not because of anything that had happened."

This was the second revision for the code; the first happening in the summer of 2009.

Carpenter said they consult with their attorneys on "many of the codes" to make sure they follow the law.

The amended code was motioned for approval by Shearra Miller, seconded by Jack Hamrick and approved unanimously.

Tommy Greene, Kathy Falls, Richard Hooker and Dale Oliver were absent from the July 26th meeting.

## MORE MONEY: awarded for downtown steakhouse project; total of \$204K in grants

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lian said that the Rural Center recommended the city revise its earlier application, which originally sought \$252,000 for the project, and resubmit.

The City of Kings Mountain is now set to receive an extra \$108,000 "to supplement an earlier grant renovating a building for use as a restaurant," according to the Rural Center. "Nine additional jobs will be created."

The Mountaineer Partnership announced in May that the father-and-son team of Nick and Rich LaVecchia,

with restaurants in Belmont and Charlotte, agreed to partner with downtown property owners Bobby Horne and Scott Campbell to renovate the southern portion of the old Plonk building for a Revolutionary War-decorated Old Stone Steakhouse, estimated then as a nearly million dollar project.

The announcement has since spurred other investment interest, as the city awaits word on an amended Main Street Solutions grant for another restaurant - JAX Backstreet Tavern - to locate on the first floor of the rest of the building. City council

voted Tuesday to submit a grant application for another restaurant that is looking to locate in the old Grapevine building across the tracks on Battleground Ave.

Rural Center grants are made possible by appropriations of the North Carolina General Assembly. Twenty-two grants, totaling \$3.3 million, were announced recently by the center to assist projects that enable the location or expansion of 32 businesses, creating 375 jobs and leveraging nearly \$17 million in other public and private investments in small municipalities throughout the state.

## NEW: restaurant on horizon for downtown

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Total investment for the project is estimated at \$408,000 for purchasing and upfitting the building to accommodate a restaurant.

Center Street Tavern and Restaurant opened in Cramerton in June 2009, offering a "unique blend of fine and casual dining with an eclectic menu", according to its website centerstreet-

tavern.com

Killian said that the application is due in Raleigh at the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center on Sept. 3.

## Nonagenarian



Mrs. Pauline Hanna

## Mrs. Hanna turns 96

Mrs. Pauline Hanna celebrated her 96th birthday with family and friends Friday afternoon, August 27, at her home on Harmon Road in Kings Mountain. Born on August 27, 1914 in Gastonia, she was married over 75 years to the late Belon Dotson Hanna.

She has two daughters: Betty Carrigan and June Barker; eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She retired from Firestone Textiles after working there 38 years and nine months.

## TRAILS: get some extra green to extend the greenway; to start next phase soon

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"Phase 3", which is set to consist of 2.8 miles of gravel trail, a scenic overlook platform, bench seating, boardwalk creek and rail crossings, and will connect to the other side of I-85 near Quality Lane.

A regional bike group has agreed to construct mountain biking areas that will diverge from the path. Land has been allocated for three future single-track mountain biking trails, according to Bikes Belong.

"The county landfill staff has offered to construct the trail and other areas will be bid out, such as bridges and boardwalks," Brutko noted in a power point presentation she has given at meetings of local clubs.

Although the Bikes Belong award marks the sixth grant, including investments of matching funds from the city and the county, that the Kings Mountain Gateway Trails has received, more money will be needed to complete Phase 3.

Brutko estimates that the bidding for private contractors could total over half-a-million dollars.

"We're going to need ongoing funds", Brutko added, not just to finish the trail, but also to maintain it.

She said that they plan to have a paid administrator and ranger at the trails one day. Right now, volunteers help when they can.

### On the green

The trail grants, cashing in at a total investment of \$890,000, are complemented by the in-kind construction of the restroom facility at the trailhead by the City of Kings Mountain and the donation of private easements of land valued at over \$833,000, according to the trails committee.

"Dwayne Stutzman, North Carolina's Western Trails specialist who worked with KM Gateway Trails, Inc., said that we were the first project in his history of 20 years working with trail and park projects that received all three big state grants at one time," Brutko noted.

KMGTI has applied for two additional grants (\$150,000 from the Carolina Thread Trail and \$2,500 from Kodak American Greenways) that the committee hopes to hear from in September.

One million dollars has been earmarked for construction of greenways in Cleveland County by the CD Spangler Foundation - a county division of the Carolina Thread Trail project. If awarded the Kodak American Greenways grant, funds will be used to pay for signage and mileage markers for the trail.

Several fundraisers have been held for the Gateway Trails over the past few years, including the "Mountain Mama Beauty Contest", in 2007, which raised \$7,500; raffles

for a mountain bike and walking stick; a BBQ and book signing with the author of "Boone", Robert Morgan; and the Gateway 5K Run, Walk and Fun Run held in May.

### This is 'great news'

The recent \$5,000 grant comes at a great time.

Brutko said that they are thrilled to receive it and are excited about starting work on the next leg of the trail.

This is "great news," she added.

"We believe this project has tremendous potential to connect many types of riders to bike routes and paths and we are pleased to be able to support it," wrote Zoe Kircos, Bikes Belong grants manager, in an email to Brutko.

To satisfy the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant of \$500,000, the Gateway Trails committee hopes to complete Phase 3 of the trails by June 2011.

"This part of the trail is on Chemetall Foote, Weir Family property and Consortium for Progress (Parkgrace Mill) property that has all been given to the project in conservation easements in perpetuity," Brutko said.

### Trails on track

In other trails notes, Keith Baughman, new member of the Gateway Trails committee, has produced GTI's first newsletter; Vivian Duncan and Ellen Burris have signed up to be in charge of the facilities at the trailhead; and, Dennis Patterson is head of the property and grounds. Bill McCarter, Cleveland County planning director, "has been very active, helping in many ways to move the trail forward, including clearing sections of the next phase of the trail", according to Brutko.

The Gateway Trails volunteer council operates and maintains the facility. The trailhead currently has nine picnic tables, which employees of Baldor Electric and other volunteers assembled; two grills, a picnic shelter, kiosk, water fountain and parking for 30.

The center path, about a quarter of a mile, lies on top of an old rail bed that used to serve the mines running from the main railroad tracks that run through Kings Mountain. The cardio mountain trail winds up a small manmade mountain of mine rock and dirt that was moved from the quarry many years ago. The plateau on the north side of the trail was also formed from mine debris, but is now topped with a meadow and bountiful wildlife.

A crowd of nearly 400 people attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the trail last November. After having used a road counter, Brutko said that the trail had 2,500 visitors that weekend.



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