



## A KM White Christmas...

Christmas comes but once a year, but a white Christmas is an extremely rare event for those of us in Kings Mountain.

Ellis Noell took the time to capture this special event with these photos of Kings Mountain's heritage and natural beauty draped in a blanket of snow.



## Schools

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Can you hear me now?

Cleveland County Schools is working on a new phone notification system that will alert folks in the event of emergencies, school cancellations, delays or closings.

"We've had that ability to share information by phone, but the way it was designed you couldn't do it quickly. When this system is in place, within a matter of just minutes, we can notify all of our staff, students (and parents)," Dr. Boyles said. "Before we had been using existing phone lines and now we've contracted with some organization where we use their phone lines and consequently we can make all of those phone calls simultaneously."

In the past, the superintendent said they would have to use 500 or 600 phone lines within the district to make all of the calls, but with this next generation of the "phone tree", CCS will be able to make 16,000+ calls in a matter of minutes. Messages will

be delivered by multiple means: text message, recorded voice message, to home phones and/or cell phones.

"We're testing the large calling with our employees and hopefully by the end of the year, we'll have that in place. We may have it during this winter season if everything goes well," he said.

Dr. Boyles added that CCS is also utilizing social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook to keep the public updated on district happenings.

"We've really worked this year to try to improve our communications. We've redesigned the website," he said. "We're continuing to expand our hardware use and technology use. This last year, we were the first in our region in terms of student-to-computer ratio and first place in Internet connectivity for our schools. We're really trying to continue that expansion of computers, smartboards and all of those things that are instructional tools."

All in all, so far, the 2010 school year is looking bright.

## Guardians



EMILY WEAVER PHOTO

The two angels who grace the entrance gate at Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery appear to be the guardians of the cemetery in the pose they present to visitors to the cemetery. The angel statues were given to the cemetery by Harris Funeral Home funeral directors Eric Wright and Brad Tate in memory of Dorus Bennett, the city's cemetery superintendent for many years, and B.S. (Sonny) Peeler, popular musician and retired Elmer Lumber Company official.

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## KMMS honor roll for 1st 9 weeks

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