

KM Scouts, residents honored at annual banquet



Four Kings Mountain Boy Scout organizations and two Kings Mountain men - Mayor Rick Murphrey and Allen Morgan - won top awards at the annual recognition banquet of Battle-ground District Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America Thursday night in Shelby.

Scouting's top honors in 2010 went to Pack 93 of East Elementary School, Pack of the Year; Troop 39 of Second Baptist Church, Boy Scout Troop of the Year; Kings Mountain Police Department Explorer Post 405, Post of the Year, and Troop 95 of Royal Praise Ministry, Venturing Crew of the year (composed of males and fe-

Photos by Ellis Noell
The Kings Mountain Police Explorer Post 405 recently won "Post of the Year". Left to right, leader KM Police Det. Todd McDougal, Kevin Holbrook and David Warlick.

males who enjoy hiking and camping activities but who do not move up in the ranks).
 The coveted District Award of Merit went to Murphrey and Morgan, both of Kings Mountain, and Tony Brooks of Shelby.
 More than 160 Boy Scouts and leaders attended a barbecue supper prior to the awards presentations.
 A total of 24 Boy Scouts were recognized for attaining Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle, during 2010. They were Dylan Painter, Troop 92; Michael Laney, Troop 93; Christopher Carter and

Shem of Troop 100; Aaron Queen and Zachary Hutchinson of Troop 101; Michael Thornburg and Christian Mabry of Troop 104; Aaron Colby, Jimmy Webber Jr. and Steven Streep of Troop 105; Damion Webster of Troop 109; Ethan Fite and Caleb Hodges of Troop 115; Shelton Binion, Brian Stitzel and Jonathon Bass of Troop 117; Brandon Sharpe of Troop 118; Nolan Simpson of Troop 402; Kevin Allen Pack, Travis Kyle White, Cole Alexander Miller, Lee Walker and Jared Swafford of Troop 413. They received



Mayor Rick Murphrey, right, accepts a District Award of Merit at a recent awards ceremony from District Commissioner Ben Privett, left, and District Executive Allen Lockhart.

patches, flags and certificates from Submarine Vets of Elks Lodge and AMVETS.
 Andrew Deal of Upper Cleveland County was honored as Volunteer of the Year.
 Tommy King, Don Crawford and Tom Matola, all Boy Scout Commissioners from Kings Mountain, were recognized.
 "We have watched all these winning troops grow and are quite proud of them and of these Eagle Scouts

who worked so hard during this, the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting," said King.
 Kings Mountain Police Explorer Post 405 led the opening ceremony.
 Joe Broughton, Bob Jenkins, Robert Ledbetter Sr., Chuck Garwood, Chris Herring and John Rogers cooked and served barbecue with all the trimmings. The banquet committee was composed of John Rogers, Chuck Garwood, Carl Anderson, Lynn Willis, Glenda Stinchcomb, Chris Herring,

Cheryl Cogdell, Tommy King, Ben Privett and Bob Jenkins.
 Caleb Sears, of Pack 92 stationed at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, was recently honored for selling \$5,700 worth of popcorn in the Piedmont Council. Popcorn sales is a national Boy Scout fundraiser. Proceeds raised from the sale benefit the council, troop and scout, who receives some of the funding for scouting activities.

SERVICE NEWS



Matthew Boheler

Boheler graduated from basic training

Air Force Airman Matthew C. Boheler graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete

basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Toni and James Boheler of Williamsburg Court, Kings Mountain. Boheler graduated in 2009 from Kings Mountain High School.

Nichols graduates Army training

Army Reserve Pvt. Richard G. Nichols has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Law-

ton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Cathy Nichols of Margrace Road, Kings Mountain.

ALA meeting Thursday

Otis D. Green Unit 155 American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday, Jan. 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Cup and Saucer Tea Room on King Street. Nickie Paulson is unit president.

P&Z Board meets Thursday

The City of Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board will meet Thursday, Jan. 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain City Hall. Kings Crossing and Mann Associates is applying for a change in zoning.

Trails a great asset

Letter to the Editor:

Sunday, January 2, 2011 was a nice afternoon for a walk. My son was home on his Christmas break from college. We decided to pay our first visit to the recently opened Gateway Trails. The more we walked, the more impressed we were with this beautiful recreational facility that has been created for anyone who has an appreciation for the great outdoors. The trail was busy with people coming and going, all enjoying a wonderful Sunday afternoon stroll. We saw several friends along the trails. Everyone I talked to was thrilled to have the Gateway Trails in Kings Mountain and are looking forward to the trails future expansion. The facility is handicap friendly with restrooms, water fountain and picnic facilities close by. You can take a break on a nice shaded bench with several resting points through out the trails.

I invite everyone to visit this facility and see if you are as impressed with Gateway Trails as we were.

A big thank you to The City of Kings Mountain, The County, The KM Chamber of Commerce, and all of the Gateway Trail Volunteers for a job well done. Much can be accomplished when everyone works together.

Sincerely,
 Wendell H Bunch Sr.
 Kings Mountain

Alexander, Turner to wed



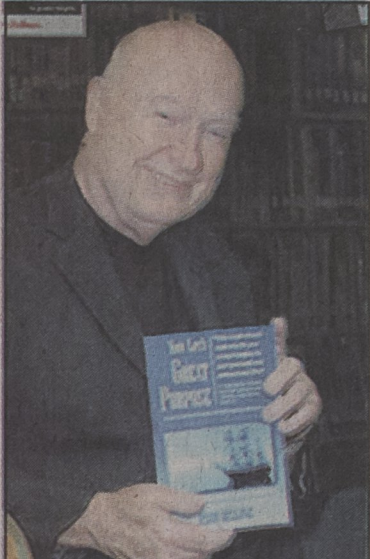
Kyra Elizabeth Alexander and Andrew Paul Turner

The Rev. and Mrs. Reg Alexander of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Kyra Elizabeth Alexander, to Andrew Paul Turner, son of the Rev. and Mrs. David Turner of Mill Spring, formerly of Kings Mountain.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Charles and Ruby Alexander of Kings Mountain, and the late Valand and Josephine Copeland of Suffolk, Va. She is a 2007 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 2010 graduate of North Greenville University, with a Bachelors degree in Journalism. Kyra is employed as a reporter at the Kings Mountain Herald.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Joe and Nadine Turner, and Buford and Jane Summitt, all of Kings Mountain. He is a 2007 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and will be a 2011 graduate from North Greenville University, with a Bachelors of Theatre degree.

The wedding will be held June 11, 2011, at First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain. The couple plans a honeymoon in the Bahamas on the Disney Dream Cruise line.



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