

RECIPES

'Hunger Games' Feast: Recipes from Panem

The following recipes are from myrecipes.com

Help the odds of throwing a great party be ever in your favor with a little assistance in planning the menu. Inspired by 'The Hunger Games', these recipes are sure to resonate long past the evening's cannon fire.

Herbed Goat Cheese Bites

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon fresh flat-leaf thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh tarragon leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves
- 1 (8-oz.) goat cheese log
- 1 (8-oz.) French bread baguette, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves

Combine and finely chop first 4 ingredients. Roll cheese log evenly in herb mixture; wrap in plastic wrap. Chill at least 2 hours or up to 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°. Drizzle baguette slices with

olive oil. Gently press slices into 24 muffin cups in muffin pans.

Bake at 350° for 7 to 9 minutes or until crisp and lightly browned. Remove from oven; let cool in pans 5 minutes. Spread goat cheese into baguette cups; top with sun-dried tomatoes and basil leaves.

Thin French Apple Tart

Ingredients:

- 1/2 (15-ounce) package refrigerated pie dough (such as Pillsbury)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 pounds Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 2 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 425°.

Place dough on a lightly floured surface; roll into a 12-inch circle. Place on a 12-inch pizza pan. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon sugar mixture over dough. Arrange apple slices spokelike on top of dough, working from outside edge of dough to the center. Sprinkle apple slices with remaining sugar mixture.

Bake at 425° for 30 min-

utes. Combine honey and vanilla in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at high 40 seconds. Brush honey mixture over warm tart. Serve warm.

Easy Blackberry Cobbler

Ingredients:

- 4 cups fresh blackberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- Whipped cream (optional)
- Garnish: fresh mint sprig

Preheat oven to 375°.

Place blackberries in a lightly greased 8-inch square baking dish; sprinkle with lemon juice. Stir together egg, sugar, and flour in a medium bowl until mixture resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle over fruit. Drizzle melted butter over topping.

Bake at 375° for 35 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream, if desired. Garnish with fresh mint sprig, if desired. For a neat presentation, bake for the same amount of time in 6 (8-oz.) ramekins on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet.

5 charged 100th Anniversary in KM murder Library hosts program on Titanic

Cleveland County deputies have charged five Kings Mountain people in the shooting death of Francis Kwasi Munufi, a Ghana native who lived in Charlotte.

Last week teenagers Jessica Edwards, 18, of Galilee Church Road, and Devonte Shawmar Lyons, 19, of Mauney Avenue, both of Kings Mountain, were arrested.

On Tuesday, Aryka Roberts, 18, was arrested along with Rashad Markee Schenck, 21, and Sheldon Gerard Thompson, 25, according to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

Both Thompson and Schenck live on Branchwood Circle, which is a half mile from where Munu was killed.

All five have been charged with first-degree murder, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. They are being held without bond in the Cleveland County Detention Center.

Munufi was shot to death March 13 outside a vacant house on Putnam Place north of Kings Mountain, according to reports of law enforcement officers.

Titanic! - History / Tragedy / Discovery: a multi-media exploration of the fascinating story of RMS Titanic, its 1912 sinking, and the 1985 discovery of the ship's remains, presented by Titanic enthusiast Dr. Melinda Ratchford, is a free public event appropriate for school-age youth and adults to be held Monday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Com-

munity Room of Mauney Memorial Library, 100 S. Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain.

No reservations are required for individuals and families. Advanced reservations requested for organized groups.

Friends of the Library is co-sponsoring the special presentation.

Sweat to speak April 16

Using humor and her own experiences, acclaimed motivational speaker Holly Sweat will present a message of hope and inspiration at the annual Ladies Night Out at Double Springs Baptist Church Monday, April 16.

Accomplished pianist and cancer survivor Bryte Warrick will give her testimony and provide music for the evening, which begins with dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be ordered by calling the church at 704.434.2258 by April 12.

Double Springs is located at 1130 Double Springs Church Road, near Lattimore just off Washburn Switch Road.

Will you be 18 by Nov. 6? You can vote!

High school students who turn 18 before the Nov. 6 general election can vote in the May 8 primary and the deadline to register to vote is Friday, April 13.

But while they can vote at age 17 in the primary they won't receive a ballot for Amendment One, the proposed controversial amendment that would ban same-sex marriage. Residents must be 18 years of age to vote in referenda.

As long as 17-year-olds turn 18 before the general election they will be eligible to vote in their first presidential election.

One stop early voting will run from April 19-May 5, according to the Cleveland County Board of Elections website.

Health Inspections

Health Department inspections during the period March 19-23 included three restaurants, one school lunchroom and one food service institution.

They included: Silver Villa, E King St., 96, including two extra points added to the final score when any employee working at the facility has attended an approved food handling course; Town and Country Catering, Park Grace Rd., 96; Woodbridge Golf Club, New Camp Creek Rd., 96; and Kings Mountain Intermediate School 101 and Summit Place, Phifer Road, 100, both with two extra points added to the final score when any employee working at the facility has attended an approved food handling course.

SCHOOLS: adopt 2012-13 calendar

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reports Feb. 26; HS/MS progress reports March 7; Parent-teacher conferences and early dismissal March 14; end of third quarter

March 26; planning day/Kindergarten orientation day March 28; annual leave day March 29; spring vacation April 1-5; K-12 report cards distributed April 11; HS/MS progress reports

April 25; planning day April 29; Elementary/Intermediate progress reports May 7; annual leave day May 27; last of 180 days June 10; and planning days June 11-12, 2013.

CCS: eyes budget with pay raises and no cuts

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scale at a cost of \$228,460; a 1 percent increase in the non-certified pay scale at a cost of \$151,400; a 10 percent increase in the principal and assistant principal supplement scales at a cost of \$48,315 and additional months of employment for eight assistant principals at the secondary level at a cost of \$43,478.

Local classroom positions offset the positions lost in the increase of the state discretionary reductions. This is an increase of approximately 17 positions at the local average salary at a cost of \$704,584.00.

Lee reiterated that CCS lost \$1.4 million in stimulus funds and no more stimulus funds to CCS will be available after September 2012. He added, "We will use the reserves as benefit for one more fiscal year. We've been very conservative with these monies."

He said the amount of discretionary funds is expected to increase statewide by more than \$74 million - adding up to more than \$503 million in discretionary cuts in the state's two year budget. He gave a four-year comparison chart that showed drops and trends in total budget discretionary reductions.

"It's significant with the downturn in the economy," he said, adding, "A trend that is disturbing, a significant budget impact that has already occurred and we don't know how long it will continue in the future."

In other business, the board;

+Hired Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, to conduct the audit of credit cards of nine members of the maintenance department with date for completion May 15. Auditors will sample three years (2009-2011) and select five months of credit card logs (February, April, July, September and December) for testing and review supporting documents for all purchases for personal card use. They will also randomly select five more maintenance employees and sample three years and select one month (October) for testing of card logs and purchases. For all other departments they will randomly select 20 employees with school issued credit cards and sample for three years, selecting the month of March for testing and review of

personal purchases on the cards.

+approved a three year contract with Dixon Hughes Goodman to conduct the annual financial audit of CCS accounts at cost of \$38,000.

+approved payment to Holland & Hamrick Architects for architectural services on the Central Services Building (the old Shelby Middle school) at \$334,352 which will house all the administrative staff and offices and the alternative school.

+approved the 180-day school calendar, which includes a State Board of Education waiver of five instructional days. The announcement of the waiver and the new calendar, presented by Dianna Bridges, was quickly followed by motions by Kathy Falls and Jerry Hoyle for approval, saying the new calendar was "much better for the community." Bridges said the executive team and Instructional center will work jointly to determine which workdays will be used for staff development.

+Casar resident Brenda Cooke reiterated her opposition to funds being used for renovation of the old Shelby Middle School, saying that the public was not informed of the strategic plan until it became a "done deal." She said other needs, such as auditoriums for Crest and Burns High School and kids in classrooms out of mobile homes, should have been priorities of board members. "Do you want to follow the old board and spend so much money on so few?" she asked new members of the school board. Cooke presented a petition to the county commissioners at a recent meeting asking them not to release funds to CCS for improvements to the Central Services Building.

+contracted with McKnight-Smith Ward Griffin for engineering services for renovation to CTE labs at Burns High School.

+The board appointed KM pharmacist Allan Propst, Clearwater Paper Co. executive Vince Reese and Shelby lawyer Daniel Talbert to the CCS Educational Foundation board of directors after nomination by the Educational Foundation.

The board recessed for an executive session with its attorney. Upon returning to the meeting room Chairman Dr. Jack Hamrick announced no action was taken.

VOTERS: Constitutional decision to make in May

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day, April 13.

Sample ballots for the May primary for Republican and Democratic parties are listed on the Cleveland County Board of Elections website.

Kings Mountain's Republican voters will vote on:

- Presidential Preference - Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, or no preference
- US House of Representatives District 10 - Ken H. Fortenberry, Patrick McHenry, or Don Peterson
- NC Governor - Jim Horney, Scott A. Jones, Jim Mahan, Pat McCrory, Charles Kenneth Moss, or Paul Wright
- NC Lieutenant Governor - Dale Folwell, Dan Forest, Tony Gurley, Grey Mills, or Arthur Jason Rich
- NC Auditor - Joseph Hank DeBragga, Greg Dority, Debra Goldman, Fern Shubert, or Rudy Wright
- NC Commissioner of Agriculture - Bill McManus or Steve Troxler
- NC Commissioner of Insurance - James McCall, Richard Morgan, or Mike Causey
- NC Secretary of State - A. J. Daoud, Kenn Gardner, Ed Goodwin, or Michael (Mike) Beidler
- NC Superintendent of Public Instruction - Ray Ernest Martin, David Scholl, John

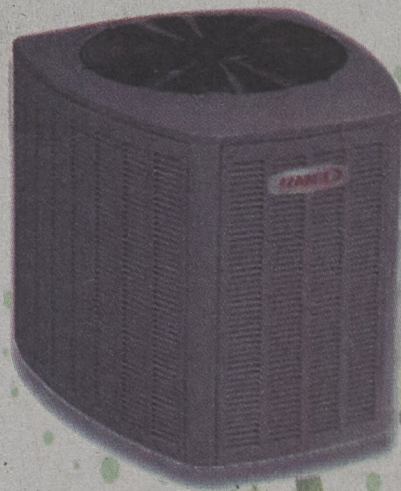
Tedesco, Richard Alexander, or Mark Crawford

- NC Treasurer - Frank Roche or Steve Royal
- NC House of Representatives District 110 - Pearl Burris Floyd or Kelly E. Hastings
- Board of County Commissioners - Jeff Gregory, Ronnie Hawkins, Johnny Hutchins, or Susan K. Allen
- Constitutional Amendment

Kings Mountain's Democratic voters will vote on:

- Presidential Preference - Barack Obama or no preference
- US House of Representatives District 10 - Patsy Keever, Timothy Murphy, or Terry Michelle Bellamy
- NC Governor - Walter H. Dalton, Gary M. Dunn, Bob Etheridge, Bill Faison, Gardenia M. Henley, or Bruce Blackmon
- NC Lieutenant Governor - Eric L. Mansfield or Linda D. Coleman
- NC Commissioner of Agriculture - Walter Smith or Scott Bryant
- NC Commissioner of Labor - Marlowe Foster, Ty Richardson, or John C. Brooks
- NC Treasurer - Ron Elmer or Janet Cowell
- County Register of Deeds - Bonnie E. Reece or Shelly Wray Roberts
- Constitutional Amendment

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