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KING OF THE DELEGATES



NCGOP Vice Chairman Wayne King greets Donald Trump, left, on his recent special visit to the Old North State.

King elected to chair NC's delegation to the Republican National Convention and to serve on Party-shaping platform committee

EMILY WEAVER
Editor

Kings Mountain's Wayne King, vice-chairman of the NCGOP, "young gun" of the Republican Party, will be one of two North Carolina delegates to help draft the Party's future at the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

At this weekend's state convention, North Carolina Republicans unanimously selected King to chair the state's delegation and to serve on the Con-

vention's platform committee.

"I am honored to be selected to serve as Chairman of the North Carolina delegation to the Republican National Convention and to serve on the Convention's Platform Committee," King said after this weekend's convention. "I look forward to leading the way as the North Carolina delegation nominates the next President of the United States, Mitt Romney. This is an important step to taking back the White House and to painting North Carolina red in November.

"I am especially looking forward to serving on the Platform Committee where I will fight to ensure that our Party sticks to its traditional conservative principles on both the key fiscal and social issues facing our nation today. We must put forward a platform that appeals to the majority of Americans that self identify as Conservatives, and we must put forward a platform that highlights the contrast between the pro-growth, pro-freedom, pro-America

See KING, 7A

'We are one of the most successful counties in NC'

Leaders talk about state of community over breakfast

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Area leaders touted the county as "hot" for economic development and painted a bright future, more jobs and growth for Kings Mountain and Cleveland County at Friday's "State of the Community" breakfast at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center.

The speakers were Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Chairman Johnny Hutchins, Board of Education Chairman Dr. Jack Hamrick, and Kristin Fletcher, executive vice-

industry relations manager, both of the Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership.

Cleveland Chamber's Legislative Action committee arranged the event which was co-sponsored by Kings Mountain Hospital and Cleveland County Healthcare System. Alex Bell, vice president of CCHS and administrator of Kings Mountain Hospital, recognized sponsors. Sandy Tallent, chairman of the Chamber's Legislative Action committee, recognized elected officials and speakers. Dr. Bruce Boyles, chairman of the Chamber board of directors, gave the welcome and invocation.

All speakers credited tremendous

successes in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County with collaboration of all local and county government officials with state and federal projects. Fletcher noted that 80% of the economic development projects in 2011 were manufacturing. "The flood gates are open," she said.

Fletcher said that "a Chinese delegation visited the county last week, six different German groups are eyeing us and lots of interest coming from France. We are one of the most successful counties in North Carolina with \$4.7 billion dollars in capital investments," she said.

See STATE, 7A

DOUBLE BUST

Deputies arrest four, shut down two meth labs

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Editor

On May 29, after being arrested for allegedly cooking up meth, a Shelby woman confessed to deputies she wasn't the only one. By the end of the day, four suspects had been charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and possessing materials used to make the drug.

On Wednesday, county deputies and State Bureau of Investigation agents shut down two alleged meth labs - one on wheels - related to the case.

Narcotics officers of the Cleveland County Sheriff's

See CONFESSION, 6A

Landowners ask to be annexed into city limits

Tom Brooks, president of B&D Enterprises, and Kisan and Janki K. Patel are petitioning the City of Kings Mountain for voluntary non-contiguous annexation of their properties.

Brooks wants his 1.9 acres at the intersection of Stony Point and Oak Grove Roads and the Patels want their 3.6 acres, 903 Bethlehem Road, to become part of the city.

The city council, by its unanimous action last Tuesday, directed City Clerk Ann L. Sessom to investigate the sufficiency of the petition for action at the next meeting.

In other actions of the May 29 meeting, council conducted a public hearing, a prerequisite to close-out of the Community Development Block Grant Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance Program.

Steve Austin, CDBG administrator, said the city was awarded \$250,000 in 2010 in the CDBG program from the NC Division of Community Assistance and the NC Department of Housing & Urban Development for a Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance project to assist three existing businesses in downtown Kings Mountain. The businesses

were to be given funds for capital improvements and equipment purchases and in exchange were to create one new full time job for every portion of the \$25,000 provided to them. No local funds were part of the project.

See LANDOWNERS, 7A

Setting Goals



Photo by ELLIS NOELL
Kings Mountain Public Works Supt. Jackie Barnette, left, Pat O'Connor of Fieldbuilders Inc. of Charlotte and Mayor Rick Murphrey observe the work underway by Fieldbuilders at the soccer field at Davidson Park. Top dressing, aerating and reseeding of the soccer field is underway and will be ready for soccer players in the Fall.

To cross or not to cross?

City sets hearing on closure of Oak Street crossing

City council last Tuesday unanimously approved a resolution of intent to consider the closing of the Oak Street railroad crossing and set a city hall public hearing for June 26 at 6 p.m.

Registered or certified mail will go out to each owner of property abutting

upon that portion of the street and a public notice will run for four weeks in The Kings Mountain Herald, all preliminary steps initiating a process of closing a portion of a road for vehicular traffic. The city will also post the street area proposed for closing.

At the hearing any person may be heard on the question of whether to close or not close the Oak Street railway crossing. The city barricaded the crossing after the May 4 crash of an 18-wheeler and a

freight train when the truck driver ignored "absolutely no crossing" signs. Before the wreck, the city had added more signs to direct truck drivers to a truck route.

Mayor Rick Murphrey said city officials are looking at permanently closing the Oak Street railway crossing because of the safety issue. Currently city officials are studying all the crossings and meeting with officials of Norfolk Southern and the N.C. Department of Transportation.



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