

More students graduating in CCS than ever before

Cleveland County's graduation rate exceeded 77 percent in 2012 – an improvement of more than 4 percentage points from the previous year and the highest rate ever recorded. State figures recently released show that 77.7 percent of those local students who entered ninth-grade in 2008-09 completed high school in four years or less. This is up from 73.2 percent in 2011 and an improvement of more than 15 percentage points since 2005-06. The number of students graduating statewide has improved during the past six years as well. In 2012, 80.2 percent

of N.C. students who started ninth grade in 2008-09 completed high school in four years or less. This is up from 77.9 percent in 2011 and 68.8 percent in 2006. Some students require a fifth year to complete graduation requirements. The five-year cohort graduation rate for students who entered ninth-grade in 2007-08 (Class of 2011) was 77.3 percent in Cleveland County and 81.1 percent in the state. Those five-year rates for the Class of 2010 were 73.2 percent in Cleveland County and 77.7 percent in North Carolina.

Four-year cohort graduation rates for the Class of 2012 rose significantly at Kings Mountain High which saw an improvement of nearly 10 percent from 78.1 percent in 2011 to 86.4 percent in 2012. Improvements in four-year cohort graduation rates at other high schools in the county, include:

- Burns High: 81.9 percent (77.2 percent in 2011)
- Crest High: 80.7 percent (77.8 percent in 2011)
- Shelby High: 75.2 percent (75.6 percent in 2011)

Good Neighborly Garden



Evelyn Rowland, Brenda Lowrance, and Randy Avery, left to right, stand in Mrs. Lowrance's garden at 127 N. Railroad Ave. The neighbors, also others in the apartment complex, planted vegetables and flowers at the Lowrance home "to cheer her up." "It made a difference in my life and I hope others will take the idea to help those residents who are homebound," said Lowrance, who formerly lived in Matthews. She has two adult daughters living in Kings Mountain and one adult daughter living in Charlotte and three grandchildren.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting held

On Saturday, August 18, 2012 the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held an informational meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain. To help support this effort, the Colonel Fredrick Hambricht Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) added their support to the SAR meeting. Both of these organizations share a common goal of increasing awareness of the Patriots who participated in the Revolution and in recognizing modern patriotism throughout our country. Representing the SAR was the President of the Mecklenburg Chapter, James H. Woods, along with several other members from Charlotte.

The purpose of the informational meeting was to educate interested persons as to what is required to become a member, in either group, and to further discuss if there is sufficient interest to form a SAR Chapter in Kings Mountain. President Woods shared that there were more Revolutionary War engagements in North Carolina than anywhere else in the country; and the area of Kings Mountain was significantly rich with Revolutionary history that is directly linked to many families in the area today. Persons interested in joining either the SAR or the DAR must be a direct descendant of a Patriot who was involved with supporting the efforts to establish

the United States. More than a dozen people enjoyed history, fellowship and refreshments during the meeting. Doyle Campbell, the event planner, indicated the Kings Mountain effort is off to a great start. More SAR meetings are being planned and if anyone has questions or would like to be included in future meetings please contact Doyle Campbell at 704-739-5485.



Contributed by Dave Allen
Doyle Campbell (left) and Bo Goforth (right) listen as Sons of the America Revolution Mecklenburg Chapter President James Woods (center) answers questions concerning the establishment of a Kings Mountain SAR Chapter.

Facility Inspections

The Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following restaurants/facilities in the area Aug. 6-17: Waffle House,

York Rd., received a health inspection grade of 98.0, including two extra points for an employee attending an approved food handling course; KM Care Center, Ferguson Dr., 98.5; Patrick

Senior Center, E. King St., 99.5; and Ronda's Kitchen, S. Battleground Ave. / Grover Rd., 98.

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4. **Hair:** Remember all that vitamin A in tomatoes? Well, it's good for keeping your hair strong and shiny, and it's also good for your eyes, teeth, skin, and bones.
5. **Bones:** Tomatoes have a fair amount of vitamin K and calcium, both of which help to strengthen and possibly repair in minor ways bones and bone tissue.

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ENGAGEMENT



Amanda Brooke Stacey and Matthew Christopher Boheler

Stacey, Boheler to wed September 8

Dallas and Jennifer Stacey announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Brooke Stacey, to Matthew Christopher Boheler, son of Chris and Toni Boheler. Both families are of Kings Mountain.

The bride-to-be is a 2011 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, attended Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs and is a student at Cleveland Community College. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rhea Hamrick and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stacey and the late Marie Stacey. The prospective bridegroom is a 2009 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and is currently in the United States Air Force. He is the grandson of Bob and Mary Boheler of Kings Mountain and James and Janie Kirby of Arkansas.

The wedding will be an event of September 8 in Kings Mountain's Macedonia Baptist Church.

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