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New school offices nearing completion

Moving Day is just around the corner for some members of the Cleveland County Schools staff. The target completion date for the Central Services Facility part of the campus (the former Shelby Middle School) is March 4th after a certificate of occupancy is presented to Supt. Dr. Bruce Boyles, Director of Public Information

Donna Carpenter said those staffers remaining in the Administrative Center on S. Post Road will move in March and the Board of Education will meet in the renovated facility on March 25. Other staff from the Instructional Center on Patton Drive in Shelby and the Business Center on East Ridge Street (old Central

School) in Kings Mountain will move in months afterwards to the new Central Services Facility. Carpenter said it will probably be this summer before all staff is located in the renovated building. Kings Mountain's old Central School will continue to house maintenance staff and the Parent Center after the other staff mem-

bers move to Shelby. The county school's data center is now located in a building on the former Shelby Middle School campus and the technology staff, formerly located on South Post Road, and moved in January. The other half of the technology center will house the Office of School Readiness, now located at 124 S. Post

Road adjacent to Food Lion. The Office of School Readiness staff will also move this spring. Renovations on the portion of the new Central Services Facility that will become Turning Point Academy will continue. Carpenter said that plans are for the new facility to be ready for Turning Point students in August.

Business Showcase set for Feb. 19

The 15th annual Kings Mountain Cleveland Chamber Business Showcase will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and the public is invited.

Theme of the show is "The Business of Art" and exhibits from Kings Mountain businesses and Industries will reflect the theme. Ribbons will go to the winning exhibits, and there will be plenty of food, music, and door prizes. Exhibits will be judged on how well they are tied-into the theme. Thirty-five businesses will be showcased. Last year 2,000 visitors visited the exhibits during the four weeks they were on display.

Highlight of the event will be presentation of the outstanding business or business person of the year. Last year's winner was Ron Isbell, Publisher of the Kings Mountain Herald, Belmont Banner and Cherryville Eagle.

The exhibits will be on display at City Hall until March 15.

Presenting sponsors are First National Bank and Shelby Savings Bank. Sponsors are City of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Hospital, Premier Credit Union, Warlick & Hamrick Insurance, and Kings Mountain Herald.

Food sponsors are 238 Cherokee Grill, Food Lion, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Linwood Restaurant and Subway.

"This should be a lot of fun for everyone and the welcome mat is out for everyone to attend," said Shirley Brutko, Office Manager for the Kings Mountain Chamber.

Relay - shorter hours, new events for 2013

Kings Mountain's 16th annual Relay for Life on May 3 may feature fireworks and won't be an all-night event at the KM Walking Track. It will run from 5 p.m. until midnight.

Co-Chairs Frank Burns and Tammy White told team captains Monday night they hope the shorter relay will attract more people.

Cancer survivors will walk the first lap around the track at 6 p.m. followed by a number of fun events including a tricycle race, a womanless beauty pageant, and luminaries at 9 p.m.

Theme of the relay is "\$100,000 for 100 years" an appropriate theme since the year 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of the American Cancer Society. Relay monies raised go for research into cancer and to help patients needing transportation to medical facilities and other needs. Less than 10% of the funds are earmarked for administrative costs. During 2002

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My Valentine



Eddie and Erma Lockhart

Love can overcome all obstacles

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What's the secret to a long, loving marriage?

Eddie and Erma Lockhart of Grover, married 53 years this year, will tell you that the biggest thing is to always put the Lord first.

Another thing the Lockharts have learned throughout the years is that

there is no problem too big to face when you have each other. Yes, they have had their little spats throughout the years, but have always been able to overcome them.

Erma tells of a time when they had a spat, and she told Eddie to pack his bags and leave. "I ain't leaving," Eddie told her. Erma replied, "me

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Buchanans to host 5/10K race to raise funds, awareness

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Haley Buchanan, 5, will be cheering from the sidelines as her parents, Laura and Will Buchanan, launch a big 5K and 10K trail race Feb. 28 for benefit of all rare diseases, including Joubert Syndrome, which Haley has battled since she was 12 months old.

Four years ago the young couple used physical exercise as a way to cope with the diagnosis of their daughter. Both had run track in high school but took up running seriously.

"Running became a great stress reliever but it turned into something much more special as well," said Haley, the daughter of Krista and David Smith of Kings Mountain.

Haley, the couple's only child, will start Kindergarten this Fall. She still receives



Haley Buchanan

physical, speech, occupational and visual therapies but speech is a challenge. Her parents say she is making monumental progress.

Joubert Syndrome is found in 1 in 100,000 people worldwide and causes developmental delays, including balance and coordination and speech.

Laura and Will started Jog for Joubert Syndrome in 2010 as a way to throw their

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KM Boy Scouts go to work at City Hall

Kings Mountain Boy Scouts "shadowed" city department heads Friday and learned about the operation of the city.

Longtime Scouters W. Donald Crawford and Tommy King said it was a fun three hours for the young men and very productive as they were treated to workings of the city they had never seen, for instance, the water plant, electric department, fire and police departments.

The city staff treated the Scouts to a pizza party afterwards at the Senior center.

Mayor Rick Murphrey sent the Scouts to their assignments with a message: "This is a lesson in government and we are always glad to welcome you." The mayor recounted some of the history of Kings Mountain, noting how diversification has changed the workplace in the city from the textile plants of years ago.

None of the Scouts knew their "shadow" partner until the names were drawn by the mayor, assisted by Special Events Coordinator Ellis Noell. Department heads and/or their representatives were on

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Scouter W. Donald Crawford took this photo of a Boy Scout in the cab of a piece of heavy equipment operated by a city worker.

Gateway Trail receives \$140K grant

Two more miles of Kings Mountain's Gateway Trail will be extended thanks to a \$140,550 grant announced Tuesday by The Carolina Thread Trail governing board.

Grant money will be used to fund the design and construction drawings for the extension as well as construction of the 2-mile segment of gravel trail. Once this extension is complete, the portion of the trail that is part of the Carolina Thread Trail will be approximately five miles long.

This phase will include upgrades to an existing vehicle bridge over I-85 that was once used by Chemetall Foote, now Rockwood Lithium, which donated land for the community

project. Thread Trail Communications Director Carmen Bray said "This presents an incredible opportunity for the trail to utilize an existing bridge that is no longer open to vehicles"

With future phases, the Gateway Trail will eventually connect to Crowders Mountain State Park, where users can then connect to Kings Mountain State Park and the Kings Mountain National Military Park.

This grant is awarded as part of The Thread's quarterly implementation award

Gateway Trail past President Shirley Brutko said of the award, "The Kings Mountain Gateway Trail's project is absolutely awe-some and is still moving forward

thanks to this generous grant. This will give us approximately 7 total miles of trail when finished. A great big thank you to this 15-county initiative for seeing that we are a worthy cause. I am thrilled to be part of this project."

Awards from The Thread help communities build trails that will add to the 113 miles of trails that are currently open to the public throughout The Threads 15-county region. Cleveland County has adopted a countywide greenway master plan, making the county, cities and towns within Cleveland County eligible for grant funding from The Thread.

In 2012 Gateway Trail on S. Battleground Avenue was enjoyed by 110,000 visitors.

Beauty and the Beast takes the stage Friday

The Kings Mountain High School Performing Arts Department will present its Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 24 at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the show at Barnes Auditorium on the campus of KMHS will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and Cleveland County Renaissance Blue, Black and Silver Card holders. Renaissance Gold Card holders and children 5 and under get in for free. Princess Day will be held at each Sunday performance. Anyone who comes dressed as a princess

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