

## BRIEFS

### Alumni to meet

The Davidson Resource Center Alumni will meet at the Patrick Senior Center on April 25 at 6 p.m.

### Relay for Life Fundraiser

The Silver Foxes Team of Kings Mountain Relay for Life will sponsor a hot dog plate fundraiser Friday, April 26, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Senior Center. Plates are \$5 donation and include two hotdogs, chips and dessert. Can drinks can also be purchased for one dollar. Tickets may be obtained from the Senior Center receptionist or from any team member. All proceeds benefit Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

### Miss Cherry Blossom

The Miss Cherry Blossom Festival Pageant will be held Friday, April 26 at 5 p.m. at the mini-park gazebo in downtown Cherryville.

The pageant is the kickoff event for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival sponsored by the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce. The competition is for girls ages 0-19. Contestants model a springtime casual outfit or sundress.

All girls receive a tiara and qualify to enter the Little Miss Gastonia Pageant.

Proceeds benefit the Miss Gastonia scholarship fund. For more information or to enter the pageant, call (704) 827-7277 or visit www.missgastoniapageant.com.

### KMIS Art Sale April 30

Kings Mountain Intermediate School is sponsoring an art sale Tuesday, April 30, from 4-7:30 p.m. for benefit of Kings Mountain Relay for Life. The art work by the students is based on the theme, USA Travels. The public is invited and all donations benefit Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

### Wells family reunion

The 27th reunion of the John and Britter Wells family descendants will be held Sunday, April 28, at Dixon Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 630 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, at 1 p.m. in the Grover area.

The family meeting will begin with a potluck lunch followed by a short business meeting. The group will ride to the old Wells Cemetery, located on the Hughes farm on Stewart Road, to view the tombstones of the original members of the family. Family members are asked to take documents, wills,

pictures, etc. for display. All descendants are urged to attend to share the food, fellowship, memories, laughter, and family genealogy. Current officers of the reunion are: Rev. Robert Wells, President, Hilda Moss, Vice-President, and Steve Wells, Secretary/Treasurer.

John and Britter Wells were among the earliest settlers in this area, buying land in the Dixon Community from a land grant issued by the King of England prior to the Revolutionary War. Their cabin was used to treat the wounded from the Battle of Kings Mountain, and it's currently the oldest residence in Cleveland County and is depicted on the historical mural on the Plonk Department Store wall in downtown Kings Mountain. It is presently owned by Ms. Elizabeth Stewart, on Stewart Road. John was one of the signers of the Tyron Resolve that predates the Declaration of Independence. The old Wells Cemetery, where John and Britter Wells are buried, is on the Betty Hughes farm located on Stewart Road, Kings Mountain.

For additional information about the reunion, call Secretary Steve Wells at 704-739-1545 or President Robert Wells at 864-489-8680.

### Arts & Letters event

The 5th Annual Arts and Letters Event will be held at Cleveland Community College on Thursday, May 2, from 11 am - 1 pm in the Pennington-McIntyre Gallery.

This year's event features works by Mary Salstrom and Katharine Butler. The event is free and open to the public. For more information on the 2013 Arts and Letters Event contact Sally Jacobs at: jacobss@clevelandcommunitycollege.edu.

### Community Breakfast

The Cleveland County Family YMCA has announced that Sharon Decker, North Carolina Secretary of Commerce, will give the keynote address at the 18th annual YMCA Community Prayer Breakfast. This year's event will be held Thursday, May 9 at the LeGrand Center on the campus of Cleveland Community College. Tickets are \$13 per person or \$100 for a table of 8. You can purchase tickets at any YMCA branch.

For more information about the breakfast and other YMCA programs, visit the web site at www.clevecoymca.org.

### BBQ Butt Sale

VFW Post 9811, Kings Mountain and Cherryville will be selling bbq butts with sauce and slaw for \$35.00 on May 11, 2013, as a fundraiser to support the troops.

To order call: 704-750-4320. Butts will be ready for pick up after 10 a.m.

## POLICE

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APRIL 21: Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, 106 Spruce St., reported theft of a .22 caliber rifle and antique military rifle valued at \$200.

### WRECKS

APRIL 5: Officer J. L. Dee said Caroline Coram of Lincolnton, backing her 2003 Nissan from a parking space at Food Lion on Shelby Road hit a parked 2006 Honda owned by Michael Joseph Wilson of Cramerton. Property damages were estimated at \$1250.

APRIL 8: Officer K.L. Putnam said Jewel Watson, 100 Maple Leaf Rd., was backing from a parking space at Carolina Garden Apartments and struck a parked 2005 Chrysler owned by Randolph Wray of Shelby. Property damages were estimated at \$1500.

APRIL 9: Officer K. L. Putnam said Amber Goode, 102 Dutchess Dr., reported a deer darted in front of her 1999 Honda on 74 Business at Canterbury Road. Property damage was estimated at \$1500.

APRIL 9: Officer F.L. Wittington said a 2007 Hyundai operated by Tynesha Wilson, 1719 Kings Row Dr. Apt. 102, rear-ended a 1999 GMC operated by Shannon Wright, 1728 Kings Row Dr. Apt. 202. The accident happened at the traffic light at Edgemont Dr. and King St. Property damages were minor. Cleveland County EMS transported Wright to Kings Mountain Hospital.

APRIL 10: Officer Hannah Yarborough said Claude Ross Clark, 218 Edgemont Dr. was backing his 2007 Ford from the parking lot of the Washerette at Phifer Road and W. Gold Street and struck a 2007 GMC owned by Eric Brandon Carroll. No injuries were reported. Property damages were estimated at \$1100.

APRIL 10: Officer J. L.

Dee said David Bardebos of Shelby, operating a 1999 Chevrolet, became ill at the wheel and attempted to pull off the US 74 Bypass and struck a wooded area. Gaston County EMS transported the driver to Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Property damage was estimated at \$3,000.

APRIL 12: Officer K.L. Putnam said a 2012 Ford operated by Bruce Capps, 147 Harbourtown Rd., struck a 2001 Nissan operated by Michael C. Beauford, 107 N. Roxford Rd. The accident happened on 74 Business and Cansler Street. Property damages were estimated at \$1,000 to the Beauford vehicle.

APRIL 12: Officer Larry Ware said Courtney Collins, 405 Cleveland Ridge Drive, Apt. 202, operating a 1999 Ford, was backing from a parking space at Cleveland Ridge and struck a parked 1993 Toyota owned by Tammy Dover of Gastonia. Property damages were minor.

APRIL 15: Officer J. L. Dee said Loretta Wyatt, 839 Corvette Lane, operating a 1995 Chevrolet, backed into the gas pumps at 3 Points Market doing \$3500 damage to the pumps and slight damage to her vehicle.

APRIL 15: Officer R. Davis said that a city-owned trash collection truck backed into a parked 2002 GMC owned by Forrest Ted Hayes, 122 Whetstone Road at 500 Phifer Road. Andrew Jackson Inman, 820 First St., said he was unaware that the dumpster had hit the parked car.

The Inman vehicle was slightly damaged.

APRIL 16: Officer J. L. Dee said a 2007 Toyota operated by Ralph Gary Sarvis, 1001 Linwood Road, struck a 2003 Toyota operated by Danielle St. Just, 1679 York Rd., in the parking lot at McDonald's on NC 161. Property damages were minor.

APRIL 16: Officer Bryan McGinnis said a 16-year-old driver lost control of her vehicle on NC 216, left the road and hit utility pole. The driver told police she fell asleep at the wheel.

APRIL 16: Officer Bryan McGinnis cited Jonathan Marc Reid, Gastonia, with failing to decrease speed to avoid an accident after his 2009 Mitsubishi rear-ended a 2006 Chevrolet operated by George W. Hodge, 422 El Bethel Rd. The accident happened on King Street. Minor damages were reported.

APRIL 18: Officer K. L. Putnam said that Travis Lee McMurtrie, 306 S. Juniper St., lost control of his 2004 Honda on North Dilling Street, struck a sewer pipe owned by the City of Kings Mountain and damaged a fence and a concrete item at 108 N. Dilling Street. Property damages were estimated at \$5500.

APRIL 18: Officer D. K. Davis said Cathy Bartow, Gastonia, was pulling her 2011 Kia out on the highway at NC 216 and struck a 2007 Chevrolet operated by William M. Diedrich, 148 Putnam Lake Road. Property damages were minor.

## W82TXT: students learn firsthand the dangers of texting and driving



Mayor Rick Murphrey, in driver's seat, passes the driving test.

Photo by ELLIS NOELL

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Murphrey passed with flying colors.

Madison would not get in the car. She became emotional, recounting her 14th birthday when she was in the car with an 18-year-old cousin who took his eyes off the road to text a friend. The car hit a guard rail, flipped once and the young man died at the scene. Madison survived with injuries and was in the hospital four weeks.

Texting is the number one mode of communication among teens 12-17 who text an average of 60 times a day. Taking your eyes off the road a second may not seem like much but at 65 M.P.H. the young students and those watching could see the vehicle leave the road - and most crashed. AT&T sponsored the program.

Three clubs - Make a Wish, Art and Drama - sponsored the event in the parking area in front of the high school. The simulation included reality goggles for the young students in the driver's seat. They were instructed to keep their feet off the accelerator and use the pedals and steering wheel to control the vehicle. Onlookers watched as the test drive unfolded on a screen which showed a two-lane highway, somewhat curvy in

places, and a posted 55 M.P.H. speed sign. A driver looking down, upping his speed, or taking his eyes off the road "crashed."

"I don't want to knock on your parents' doors and tell them that you've been in a wreck," Officer Putnam told the group. He added, "My job is traffic and I work DWI, speeding and fatalities. Text and drive and you'll get a ticket, hit someone and that incident will be on your conscience the rest of your life and with any accident your insurance will also go up."

"Pay attention on the road," said the officer.

"What if we're stopped at a red light, can't we text then?" asked a junior student. "Pull off the road into a parking lot," said the officer. Over 75 percent of all teenagers' text, that's 3,417 text messages monthly per teen.

"No text message or video is worth the risk of endangering my life or the lives of others on the road and I pledge to never text and drive and will take action to educate others about the danger of texting while driving," said the pledge signed by a large number of students.

Log on-line to itcanwait.com to take the pledge.

## LUNCH: schedule on the table at KMHS

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make-up times, club meetings, etc. will be available, during this time and the students will have to be responsible to report to the area they need to attend. Part of planning includes the possibility of students in the 11th and 12th grades having the opportunity to earn the privilege of leaving campus with parent and school administrator permission during this 55 minute period.

There will be changes that will be required but the one that may be most visible from the outside will be the starting and ending time of each day. The school day currently begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. If this change is made school would start at

7:55 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m. This will allow the school to make up some of the additional time needed and the remainder will be made up by taking a few minutes from each class and class change time. The time allotted for remediation, tutoring, etc., will more than make up for any loss of instruction. This new lunch schedule will provide more individualized instruction to those that may need it.

School administrators will be contacting parents by phone surveys and communications to receive input and suggestions.

Said Funderburke, "We will be involving our students with the decision making process through committee participation and assistance with the phone survey process."

## MOORE NEWS: from Raleigh

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Law, or House Bill 75, unannounced. This bill increases the penalty for child abuse. The bill is named after Kilah Davenport who was brutally beaten by her stepfather, ultimately leaving her with severe and permanent brain damage. Also, SB122 was passed by the legislature which requires anyone convicted of human-trafficking of minors to register as a sex offender. Both have been presented for Governor McCrory's signature on Friday, April 19th.

I will always fight to preserve the safety of our children and for more harsh penalties against people that attempt to hurt them.

In other news, Attorney General Roy Cooper is urging North Carolina consumers doing spring cleaning to remember to

shred old documents that may contain personal information. Consumers can shred items for free at more than 20 shredding events taking place across the state this spring, including seven that took place last weekend. "Identity thieves will still go low-tech and dig through dumpsters in search of your personal information," Cooper said. Consumers can protect themselves from identity theft by bringing pre-approved credit card offers, old bills, out-of-date ac-

count statements and other documents that include personal information to any of the shred-a-thons.

A list of the events can be found at www.ncdoj.gov. I, again, want to thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Representative. I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me at my Raleigh number, 919-733-4838 or you can e-mail me or my Legislative Assistant, Nancy, at tim.moore@ncleg.net or Moorela@ncleg.net

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### Kings Mountain Weekend Weather

Thursday April 25	Friday April 26	Saturday April 27	Sunday April 28
Partly Cloudy - 72° 10% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 47°	Mostly Sunny - 74° 10% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 53°	Cloudy - 73° 20% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 54°	Showers - 75° 60% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 54°

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