

BUSINESS



Smith Paving opens 2nd KM location

Mark Smith is the proud owner of a second location for his paving company.

Last Thursday, the Cleveland County Chamber sponsored a ribbon cutting at Smith Paving located south on Highway 161, at 712 York Road. After the ribbon cutting, Mark served grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, with all the trimmings, to his guests.

The new location will be home to the seal coating, striping, DOT approved signs, and speed bump division of Smith Paving. The asphalt division will remain on Oak Grove Road in

Kings Mountain.

Smith Paving has been in operation for 15 years providing paving services to both commercial and residential locations.

Mark was previously in the NC Army National Guard, and was deployed twice – the first time to Ft. Belvoir, VA, and the second time to Iraq. He realized that being in the National Guard made it harder to run his company, and now the paving company gets his full attention.

He and his wife, Kathy, have two sons, Maverick 11, and Gavin 6. Mark

is the son of Rock and Janet Smith of Kings Mountain.

He pointed out that several of his employees would be late for lunch because they were working on sealing the parking lot at Subway here in Kings Mountain. He employs four full-time employees and is planning to employ several more as his business continues to grow.

Anyone interested in working with Smith can contact him at sealnsave@gmail.com.

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Kitchen Ventilation Systems expands



Kitchen Ventilations Systems, a division of Greenheck Industries, celebrated an expansion June 5 which doubled the size of its facility in the KM Industrial Park. Mayor Rick Murphrey is pictured above issuing a proclamation of 'Greenheck Day in KM' to Aaron Gotham of Greenheck Industries.

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Harris joins Alliance Bank & Trust

Alliance Bank & Trust, a North Carolina community bank with branches in Gastonia, Shelby and Kings Mountain, has announced the hiring of James C. Harris Jr. to their commercial lending team as Senior Vice President and Commercial Relationship Manager.

Harris is a graduate of Furman University with a Bachelor's degree and completed higher education in National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma, Investment School of Colorado, and South Carolina Banking School at the University of South Carolina.

A resident of Gastonia, Harris has over 30 years' experience in the banking industry with an additional 10 years as a Chief Financial Officer for Clover Scrap Metal Recycling. Prior to being CFO, he served as Clover Community Bank

President and CEO, and Senior Vice President and Supervisor of Community One Bank, formerly First Gaston Bank.

"Having worked with Jim Harris at Community One Bank, I watched him expertly manage a total loan portfolio of \$227 million and individual portfolio of \$135 million," says Don Harrison, the new President and CEO of Alliance Bank & Trust. At that time, Mr. Harris led all bank lenders for two years in a row in loan closings with nearly \$80 million each year, and so we are glad to have another accomplished lender on board."

James Harris Jr.

Carolina Cross Connection begins work in local counties

Carolina Cross Connection volunteers are back in the area for the 26th summer painting and fixing up for elderly homeowners who need a helping hand.

Chelsea Spyres, Director at Camp Loy White in Casar, said campers will arrive Sunday and adults and youth from three churches will be scouring the neighborhood to offer free service to senior residents needing a wheelchair ramp, porch repairs, yard work, etc.

"It's a labor of love and we get the names of those in need from churches, social services, and senior centers and some 120 projects are in the planning stages this summer," she said this week.

Spyres spent a week at camp as a junior in high school and got the volunteer fever. Now a senior at the

University of Delaware, she will be welcoming campers from Cross Connection to Cleveland County and heading up the local program.

During the first two weeks in the county 52 campers – 8th graders through high school age- and adults will participate in a variety of programs. They expect to paint, do a lot of yard work, repair steps, and build wheelchair ramps, among other things, and also enjoy an outreach ministry that provides an opportunity for young adults to put their faith in action.

"We minister from tool sheds and front porches," said Spire, adding, "Each year we host over 1300 youth and adult campers in five camp locations to be the hands and feet of Christ to 700 households."

Churches often pay tuition for a week of activities for youth 13-18, which not only includes work assignments from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., but recreation, good food, free time, games, sharing and worship at the camp site. Homeowners are asked to provide materials for home repairs or, if they are unable to provide materials, resources may be provided.

Volunteers work in a three county area - Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln - from June 17 until the first week in August and Carolina Cross operates four service camps in 2013 and is staffed year-round in Concord.

"Call 704-538-9113 to find out how to become involved in the program or if you know someone who needs a helping hand," says Spyres.

Sweet House Bakery celebrates ribbon cutting



Wednesday, May 29, Sweet House Bakery celebrated its recent opening in Kings Mountain with a Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting. Pictured are (l-r) Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, owner Karren Walls, her parents David and Leanne, and other relatives including cousins Kim, Melissa, and Angela. Various city and county officials also attended the event.

photo by Beth Brock

3rd Annual Shelby Sprint Triathlon & 5k to be held June 22

SWIM: Your route begins in the Olympic Size overflow swimming pool at the Shelby City Park in Shelby, NC, also known as the "City of Pleas-

ant Living".

BIKE: The 20 kilometer 'lollipop course' takes participants into uptown Shelby where they immediately turn

out of town onto rolling hills. The participants will then circle back and head back towards the city park home to a beautiful nine hole golf course, wonderful playground, historic carousel and restored miniature rotary train.

RUN: The 5K run portion is nearly completely flat, and is run on some of the most scenic streets in uptown Shelby, passing through the bustling farmers market on the tree lined historic court square in front of the Cleveland County Arts Council and by many 100+ year old homes.

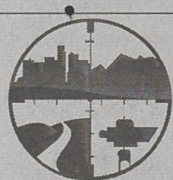
This event will definitely become an instant favorite with its beautiful outdoor pool and picturesque scenery.

The Shelby Sprint Triathlon is a USA Triathlon sanctioned event. Hand painted watercolor awards will be given to each award winner.

Register online at www.se-tuevents.com. Registration closes June 19 at 8 a.m.

The triathlon begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m.

You can call 704-484-2787 to volunteer to help with these events.



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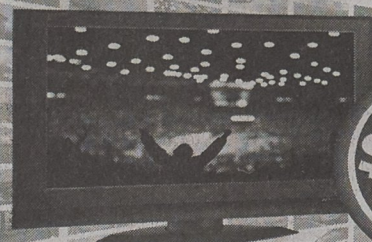
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