



Photo by Kermit Myers

Confederate soldiers reenact Pickett's Charge during the recent 150th anniversary events at Gettysburg to commemorate the pivotal Civil War battle that was fought there July 1-3, 1863.

History remembered, relived at Gettysburg

By Alan Hodge

Special to The Herald

Editors note: Alan Hodge is the editor of our sister paper, the Banner News.

Here is a note from Alan on the event: "I just got back from taking part in the 150th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. It was awesome, emotional, and eye-opening regarding the state of the nation in 1863 and today.

My own ancestor Henry Conrad from Catawba County was in the 'real' Battle of Gettysburg with the 'original' 28th NC and so when I was invited to fight in the reenactment with Brian and Joey's group it made it all the more special.

During the Pickett's Charge portion of the reenactment I even carried a copy of a photo of Henry in uniform taken circa 1863 when he was 18-years-old. He survived Gettysburg only to be killed near Petersburg in 1864."

When most guys go on vacation its usually to a

place they can relax, work on a suntan, and maybe sip a brewski. For brothers Brian and Joey Duckworth of Stanley, their recent summer adventure involved putting on grey wool uniforms, taking up muskets, and following in the footsteps of their great-great grandfather, Richard Alexander McCorkle, to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where he had fought in the Civil War battle there July 1-3, 1863 as a member of the 52nd NC Regiment, and where they took part in the 150th anniversary reenactment events commemorating that pivotal engagement.

The Duckworths, members of the 28th Regiment North Carolina Troops, joined over 10,000 other reenactors portraying Confederate and Union soldiers, as well as 19th century civilians, who converged on Gettysburg from every state and 16 foreign nations to relive history during the week of July 1-7. The Gettysburg Visitors Bureau estimated 200,000 folks converged on the town during that same

period to see and hear lectures, tours, and living history events associated with the 150th anniversary of the battle.

"We have been planning for this event ever since we started reenacting," Brian said. "I started in 2009 and Joey started in 2010 (after I dragged him along). I even let my beard get especially long and it turned red, possibly from my McCorkle genes."

Just as in 1863, the weather during the reenactment week was muggy with temperatures around 90 degrees and everyone felt it.

"It was hot, but being used to good old North Carolina humidity we braved the heat as best we could in our wool uniforms," Brian said.

"The heat played heavy on many of the reenactors, but in a sense, I felt like I had lost some of my comrades in arms and this was my first feeling immersed in this event."

During the battle reenactments, Brian received a special assignment.

"Our Major informed us that the final battle on Sunday, Pickett's Charge, called for a hand-picked company of 100 men," he said. "These men would be the best from all of the Confederate ranks represented during the weekend and would

portray General Lewis Armistead's men who went over the wall at Gettysburg during the final charge on July 3, 1863. Standing in silence they began to pick NCO's or officers from our group and my name was drawn to be a corporal of this company. Again, I fought back tears as I knew I had a very important assignment to carry out. What a great honor it was to be chosen from among my friends to represent these men who went before us in this great charge. The assignment weighed on me that night, but I was greeted to a beautiful sunrise the next morning and knew I would do my

best to make my great-great grandpa proud."

Brian described the realistic action of the Pickett's Charge scenario that was played out in front of 50,000 spectators on Sunday, July 7.

"The artillery barrage began and I gathered canteens and filled them up for my comrades for one last rest before we prepared for the assault," he said. "Our company went forward behind the other units representing Pickett's Virginians with Lewis Armistead as our general. We oblied or marched at a left 45 degree angle several times. Joey

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Candidate filing ends Friday

Candidate filing for the fall elections in Cleveland County ends Friday at noon at the Board of Elections, 215 Patton Drive, Shelby.

As of Tuesday morning 36, people had filed for offices open in 14 municipalities and on the board of education and water board.

No one had filed in the Town of Grover for three seats open on the board.

Four seats are up on the board of education. All four incumbents have filed for reelection.

The candidate list to date:
Town of Boiling Springs: Max Hamrick, mayor, William K. Elliott, James L. Beason Jr. and Clifton W. Philbeck for commissioner.

Town of Casar: Scott White and Tommy McNeilly for commissioner and Eddie Walker for mayor.

Town of Earl: Patti Ellis Norman for commissioner and Max Hopper for mayor.

Town of Fallston: Doris Weaver and Bill Herndon for council.

Town of Grover: no candidate has filed for the three commissioner seats up for grabs.

City of Kings Mountain: Mike Butler, Ward II; Tommy Hawkins and Jerry Mullinax, Ward 3, and Dean Spears and Curtis Pressley, At Large.

Town of Kingstown: Sharon Martin and David Lattimore for mayor and Tammy Regina Briscoe Spikes, James E. Wilson and Horace Jefferies for commissioner.

Lattimore: Carolyn Wince, alderman.

No one has filed in the towns of Lawndale and Mooresboro

Patterson Springs: Randy Biggers Carothers and Lee Van Canipe for commissioners.

Town of Polkville: Harold Terry for commissioner.

City of Shelby: Kevin Allen, Ward 5, and Neil Blanton and Dennis Bailey,

Ward 5.
Town of Waco: Judy Thompson, alderman.
Cleveland County Water Board: Don Melton, John Taylor, Amy Bridges, com-

missioners.
Cleveland County board of Education: Kathy B. Falls, Phillip B. Glover, George Litton and S. Dale Oliver.

Odaniel charged in train, vehicle crash

Dylan Colt Odaniel, 20, 121 Odaniel Drive in Dallas, is a lucky man.

He drove around a railroad gate at 3:53 a.m. July 10 and walked away from the crash of his Lexus sedan and an Amtrak train just outside Kings Mountain on J. E. Herndon Access Road in Gaston County.

The train was carrying 250 passengers.

No one was hurt, but the N. C. Highway Patrol said that the crash caused so much damage that the first engine of the train will be taken out of service. The train was reportedly traveling 55 mph and did not derail, according to Highway Patrol troopers. Tryonata Fire Department also responded to the crash.

Odaniel was charged with

reckless driving and failing to stop for a railroad gate. His 2004 Lexus appeared to be totaled. Traffic near the intersection of Hwy. 161 was closed for several hours.

It has been a year since a car collided with a train on a Kings Mountain area railroad track. Last summer city council closed the crossing at Battleground and Oak Street and put barriers up at the Gold Street crossing. The recent crashes at downtown tracks were the result of truck drivers not heeding "do not cross" signs posted at the Gold, Battleground, Oak street crossings.

City officials are working with the N.C. Department of Transportation, engineers, and railroad officials in an ongoing traffic safety study.

E.coli suit filed

BESSEMER CITY - The family of two-year-old Gage Lefevers has filed a lawsuit against the Cleveland County Fair and Tennessee-based Circle G Ranch asking for damages after the death of the boy in an E.coli breakout.

The youngster died last October. He was one of over 100 people who got sick after visiting the 2012 fair.

Circle G ranch operated the petting zoo where his parents, Josh and Jessica Lefevers, said the child fed and touched the animals, according to the suit filed in Gaston County. The case is among multiple E. coli cases pending in Gaston Superior Court lodged against the fair association and ranch.

State and Cleveland County health officials have said the petting zoo was the

source of the E.coli outbreak. County fair officials have said warnings were posted to patrons during the fair stating it would not be liable for injury or death related to agritourism. The suit states that the family attempted to wash the boy's hands upon leaving the exhibit area but the hand-wash station was out of soap.

Kings Mountain Weekend Weather

Thursday July 18	Friday July 19	Saturday July 20	Sunday July 21
			
Partly Cloudy - 88°	Partly Cloudy - 87°	Mostly Sunny - 88°	Partly Cloudy - 86°
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Night time Low 71°			



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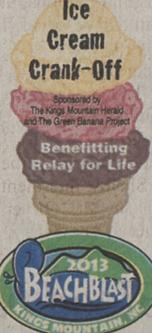
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There is a \$5 entry fee for the Crank-Off. Entrants are required to bring one (1) gallon of their ice cream for tasting by the public. This is IN ADDITION to the one (1) gallon required for judging.

Registration will be from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 20 at Patriots Park, downtown Kings Mountain. Judging and public tasting begin at 1 p.m. Bring your own table, paper towels, etc. Tasting cups & spoons provided.

Entries pre-registered by July 12 receive Ice Cream Crank-Off apron. All entries must be received by July 17. To pre-register, fax this form to 704-739-0611 or email to wendy@greenbanana project.org

Entrants may sign below to release their winning recipe, if they are chosen, to be the Green Banana Ice Cream Specialty of the Year, which allows it to be used to create ice cream products for the benefit of Green Banana Project fundraising. Signature is not required to participate.

***No unpasteurized products or raw eggs may be used in the recipes.**