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## Hamrick Overlook dedicated 4th anniversary of Gateway Trail celebrated

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The 4th anniversary of the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail was celebrated Saturday with fanfare, music, food, a ribbon cutting marking the trail head as a National Recreation Trail designated by the National Park Service, and dedication of the new Hamrick Overlook, the highest peak on the Cardiac Trail.

Larry Hamrick Sr. cuts the ribbon at the Hamrick Overlook as his wife, Evelyn, looks on.  
Photo by ELLIS NOELL

Kings Mountain and Rotary officials, Gateway crew and volunteers cut a ribbon and formally dedicated the scenic spot in honor of longtime Rotarian and businessman Larry Hamrick Sr. and his wife, Evelyn. The Hamrick's two sons, Larry Jr. and Rev. Patrick Hamrick and their families were among guests as was KMNMP Supt. Erin Broadbent.

Before walkers hiked and others rode to the top of the trail in golf carts and vehicles for the big event at 2:30 p.m., they helped honor local Eagle Scouts and Girl Scouts who completed special projects for the trail.

County commissioners Ronnie Hawkins, Jason Falls and Johnny Hutchins made presentations to Gold Scout Kaitlynn Krieger for her "take action" project which included a butterfly wall and steps at the trail head, Adam Satterfield for 200 hours of work on the Hamrick Overlook project, and Greg Grabert Jr., for informational signs he placed along the trails. Mayor Rick Murphrey presented framed proclamations to the Scouts on behalf of the city and Ronnie Franks, President of Gateway Trails, presented carved trail walking sticks to the Scouts.

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## Miller to serve as state leader

Shearra Miller, who began serving on school boards 22 years ago with the Kings Mountain Board of Education, is the first board member from Cleveland County Schools to be elected President of the North Carolina School Board Association, the professional organization that represents local boards of education in the state.

Miller, wife of Tim Miller of Kings Mountain, takes her job on the board of education seriously and looks forward to being sworn in next Wednesday as the state leader.

Shearra says she is excited and looks forward to working on legislative agendas, working closely with the association staff in Raleigh and visiting many school districts.

"We provide training, advocacy and lobbying for public education," she said.

Miller's calendar will be full but she expects to miss only one Cleveland County school board meeting next year.

During 13 years on the Kings Mountain District board of education she was



Shearra Miller will be sworn in as President of the North Carolina School Board Association next Wednesday, November 20.

chairman twice and since the merger with Cleveland County Schools she has served on the county board nine years.

She will be presiding at quarterly and six regional meetings of the organization and attending national meetings. Moving through the ranks of the association offices, she served as President-elect the past year.

Director of the Cleveland County Arts Council for nearly 18 years, Shearra was formerly employed as a marketing director and brought those talents to her

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"America is as strong as its people," said Veterans of Foreign Wars Past National Commander John F. Gwizdak in a Veterans Day address at Patriots Park Monday as the city dedicated the Memorial Wall and the last memorial, the monument honoring World War I veterans.

Mayor Rick Murphrey called the names of William Barrett, Robert Pressley Falls and Ben Ross, as Vietnam veterans placed white roses on the WWI marker unveiled by the mayor and the guest speaker.

A retired US Army Captain, Gwizdak, of Raleigh, Georgia, told the crowd "all veterans are unique, special,

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A monument honoring three local veterans of World War I is the last of the display at the impressive Veterans Wall at Patriots Park. Previously, the city dedicated the Vietnam, Korean and World War II memorials and Monday dedicated the site.

Photo by DAVE BLANTON

## Christmas parades set for December 7

### KM parade

Applications for the annual Kings Mountain Christmas Parade are now available online at [www.cityofkm.com](http://www.cityofkm.com) or can be picked up from Lynda Mattox at City Hall.

The parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.

This year's Grand Marshal will be honoring Vietnam veterans. There will also be awards given to the best floats in six different

categories: Corporate, Small Business, Service Organization, Church, Most Artistic and Best Overall.

The parade will be videotaped and will be shown on C-19, the Cleveland Community College Public Access channel.

### Grover parade

Entries are invited for the 2013 Grover Christmas parade to be held Dec. 7 in downtown Grover.

Deadline for entries is Nov. 22 and there is no admission charge. Contact Anna Hughes at 704-730-9221 or Jackie Bennett at 704-937-7332.

Grand marshals will be World War II veterans from the Grover area.



TRIBUTE TO VETERANS - Grover kindergartners sing about what it means to be an American in a tribute to veterans at Grover Elementary School Friday at the 11th annual Veterans Day program. Students shook hands with veterans and saluted them in song. See more Veterans Day photos at [www.kmherald.net](http://www.kmherald.net)!

Photo by DAVE BLANTON

## McCoy arrested in SunTrust robbery

Kings Mountain police spent less than 48 hours tracking down and arresting a man they say robbed a bank on King Street last week.

SunTrust was targeted for an undisclosed amount of money on Wednesday morning by a man wearing dark sunglasses, a large head covering and red facial hair. On Friday, police arrested

Ray Randal McCoy, 43, at his Cherryville residence and charged him with one count of common law robbery.

McCoy is in the Cleveland County Detention Center under \$50,000 bond.



McCoy

No one was hurt in the robbery, police say, after which McCoy fled on foot. It was not clear how police learned of the robber's alleged identity, but authorities did release a still photograph captured from security cameras at the bank and had asked the public for help in the identification.

McCoy tried to change his appearance immediately

after the crime by shaving, according to KMPD Detective Sgt. Lisa Proctor. She also added that he does not have a history of any serious offenses. The arrest report for McCoy indicates that he is currently unemployed.

Investigators would not disclose if there was a weapon used in the robbery, or if they think it is related to other crimes.



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