

# School board zeroes in on superintendent search

Cleveland County Schools leaders are gearing up to interview candidates for the superintendent position, the county's top education job.

By the end of business today, the Board of Education will have all the applications in their hands. Next Thursday the board will hold a closed session to review the applications, a process that will include a discussion of public feedback on the matter.

Over the course of the last weekend of April, the board will interview final candidates for the job. The board has said it aims to have a new school leader in place by July 1. Outgoing superintendent Dr. Bruce Boyles' resignation is effective June 30.

Boyles, who took the superintendent job in 2006, has accepted a full professorship in Gardner-Webb University's School of Education. He has already been serving as an adjunct professor at the Boiling Springs college.

"What's happened so far is basically information collection," said Greg Shull, the school system's spokesperson. "It's come from (school system) employees, and from members of the public."

"There's been a lot of consistency in the voices the board has heard from the community," he said. "They're looking for a strong leader."

Over the winter, the

Board of Education hired a consulting firm to assist in its search for a new leader. It also drew up a five-question survey and made it available to all Cleveland County residents. More than 1,100 answered the questionnaire, which also included an open comment section. Last month, the board reviewed and discussed the results of the survey in an open meeting.

The board has also recently set aside 30 minutes before the start of its regular meeting to hear from the public personally and directly. About 20 people voiced suggestions and concerns as school leaders looked ahead to the interviewing and hiring process.

## POLICE - CRIME

### ARRESTS

APRIL 1: Kenneth James Wells, 32, Gastonia, failure to appear, littering, \$1,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 2: Jeffrey Tyrone Ross, 42, 1417 Shelby Rd., flee to elude, felony, assault on government official, two counts driving while license revoked, \$100,000 bond, secured. He was also charged with resist, delay, obstruct, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of conditions of release.

APRIL 3: James Russell Ledwell, 42, 929 Church St., driving while licensee revoked, no liability insurance, larceny, \$4500 bond, secured.

APRIL 3: Fredrick Alphonso Nixon, 44, 1202 Northwoods Dr., failure to appear, two counts larceny, \$30,000 bond, secured.

APRIL 5: Kimberly Ann Hannah, 34, 301 Fairview St., simple assault, criminal summons.

APRIL 5: Anthony Keith Singleton Jr., 30, Shelby, DWI, driving while license revoked, \$5,000 bond, unsecured.

### CITATIONS

APRIL 2: Michael Antonio Rashawn Brooks, 33, Grover, open container.

APRIL 3: Hugh CB Makony, 48, Phoenix, AZ, speeding.

APRIL 4: Edward Ivan Blackburn, 52, 1211 N. Piedmont Ave., expired inspection sticker.

### INCIDENTS

MARCH 3: A commercial building on Riverside Court was broken into and over \$3,000 in tools stolen.

MARCH 31: Ingles 147, Shelby Rd., reported shoplifting of motor fuel.

APRIL 2: Jack's Jewelry & Loan, 106 Cleveland Ave., reported a customer pawned stolen items and obtained cash by false pretense.

APRIL 4: A resident of Grace Street reported a break-in and theft of canned goods and assorted items valued at \$500.

APRIL 4: A resident of E. Parker St. reported theft of a 2000 Mitsubishi valued at \$3,000.

APRIL 5: A resident of Cleveland Ave. reported that a 1991 Ford pickup and a 2008 Jeep Commander were broken into.

APRIL 5: A resident of Falls St. reported that the left side of his vehicle was scratched with a sharp object.

### WRECKS

MARCH 28: Property damages were estimated at \$20,000 in a five car pileup when one car was forced to make an abrupt stop because of traffic. Officer H. W. Carpenter said that Kamie Champion, 910 Stoney Point Rd., operating a 2012 Kia, Keymore Hemphill, 807 Boyce St., operating a 2004 Dodge, Michael Cole, Grover, operating a 1994 Ford, Martina Edwards, 301 Waco Rd., operating a 2007

Chevrolet, and a 16-year-old driver were all traveling on Phifer Road. No one was hurt. Carpenter said the chain reaction began when Champion stopped abruptly because of traffic.

MARCH 31: Officer F. L. Wittington said that John Baboolal, Pickering, Ontario, Canada, was backing a 2007 Peterbuilt truck at Benton Express on York Rd and his trailer hit the fence and the gate pole as he was turning into the property. Estimated Damage was \$3900.

APRIL 1: Officer F.L. Wittington said Suzanne Kirkpatrick, 405 Waco Rd., Apt. B, reported that her 2003 Jeep was damaged while parked in her driveway.

APRIL 2: Officer H.W. Carpenter said that Barbara Chase, Lyman, SC, operating a 2011 Ford, lost control of her vehicle on I-85 and struck a highway sign which hit the top of her vehicle.

APRIL 3: Officer H.W. Carpenter said Kiera Winston, 168 Galilee Church Rd. #1, operating a 1995

Toyota, was stopped at a red light at the intersection of NC 161 and Highway 74. A 2014 Chrysler, operated by Ronald Costner, Gastonia, traveling at a very low rate of speed, rolled into the Toyota. No damages were reported. The officer said the Toyota would not restart at the scene and the owner requested a police report be completed.

## GOSPEL FEST: Aldridges to headline Saturday evening event

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music careers today. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door at the Joy Theatre box office, Kings Mountain Chamber Office, the Kings Mountain Herald on Gold Street or at TicketsNC.com. For more information contact Rick Dancy at 704-472-7762 or at artist-services@live.com. The Aldridge Quartet Band, Men Standing for Christ, both favorites at the first annual benefit last year, and 13:13 Worship Band, a new group of five college-bound Gastonia musicians combining their talents as a contemporary Christian band, will share the stage with the Aldridges whose Christmas-season concert at the Joy drew a sellout crowd. Generous sponsorship funding from Summit Place of Kings Mountain, Alliance Bank and the Kings Mountain Herald will make it possible for all proceeds from ticket sales to go directly to the Green Banana Project. The 13:13 Worship Band will open the show.

Three different styles of gospel music will be presented. Darin and Brooke Aldridge, one of five finalists for the 2013 International Gospel Record Song of the Year, will perform songs in a quartet style that is influenced by traditional and contemporary origins. They will be joined by bandmates, Dwayne Anderson and Becky Buller. Darin and Brooke have released five albums, a DVD, and have hosted a bluegrass variety TV show since they began touring nationally in 2010.

Men Standing for Christ preserve and perform a style of gospel music that uses



The Darin and Brooke Aldridge Quartet will headline Saturday nights 2nd Annual Gospel Fest at the Joy Theatre.

multi-part harmonies passed down through generations of African American churches and camp meetings. The powerful emotions and energy expressed in their music reveal why many people consider this style of music to be one of the forces that influenced both rhythm and blues and rock and roll.

13:13 Worship is an exciting contemporary Christian band whose members came together at Flint-Groves Baptist Church in Gastonia. The group was invited to compete at the 2013 Liberty University Battle of the Bands and finished third out of 250 bands.

About the Green Banana Project

The "Green Banana Project" was the inspiration of the late Kings Mountain Herald, Cherryville Eagle, and Belmont Banner/News Publisher Ron Isbell. He always asked his staff to give him green bananas because "things will look better when the bananas are ripe." Isbell, a cancer patient, died Sept. 12, 2012.

The Green Banana Project Ltd. is a non-profit char-

itable organization started by Ron Isbell and his wife, Wendy, in May 2012 and licensed by the state on his birthday that year. It is a non-partisan enterprise and does not represent or promote any religion or political position. The board considers requests for funding for such things as utilities, temporary housing, medical assistance, food assistance, scholarships, and donations to research and donations to civic organizations involved in school and other projects that prove their worth. Ron Isbell's plan was to provide various means of instilling hope into the lives of people who faced difficult times and uncertain futures. Proceeds are also earmarked for the Rotary Backpack project in Kings Mountain, and Relay for Life in the three towns where the Isbells own and operate newspapers and in supplying incidental medical equipment for cancer patients whose insurance does not cover the costs. "We have high hopes for this second concert and for contributions during the year to help encourage folks to look far enough ahead to buy green bananas and know the world will look brighter when it's time to eat them," said Mrs. Isbell.

## BRIEFS

DIVERSE CITY KM - Crossroads Worldwide Ministries founder Clayton King, Christian hip hop artist Michael (Verbs) Boyer and the musical group, "Severely Yours," led by Kings Mountain's Lane Wood, will headline the second annual Diverse-City KM, a community wide program for middle school and high school students, Friday and Saturday night at 5 p.m. at B. N. Barnes Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Admission is \$5. The program is also open to the general public, including families.

Ten Kings Mountain area churches will be represented at the youth event geared to reach teenagers in the Kings Mountain area on the theme, "one city, one purpose, one God." Last year over 400 young people representing various denominations in the community attended.

King, a world-renowned evangelist and author, came to know Christ at the age of 14, began his preaching in prisons and churches and has since gone on to spread the Gospel in 45 states and 31 countries. He founded Crossroads, a non-profit organization based out of Boiling Springs.

Christian hip hop artist

Boyer has recorded for Gotee Records. He started gospel rapping at age 12 and spent time dancing with GRITS during the mid-90's.

Lane Wood is the son of Larry and Cindi Wood of Kings Mountain and is active in First Baptist Church.

For more information contact area student ministers including Wayne Brazzell, Bethlehem Baptist Church; Jason Mills, First Baptist Church, and Allyson Greene, First Presbyterian Church.

AUCTION FRIDAY - Cornerstone Church of God, 202 Margrace Road, will hold a fund-raising auction Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. to purchase Vacation Bible School materials and for other ministries of the church. Items for sale will include tools, household items, furniture and more. Prior to the auction grilled hotdogs with all the fixings will be available at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

EXTRA HELP PROGRAM - Representatives of the Patrick Senior Center will be at Mauney Memorial Library Monday, April 14, to talk with Medicare beneficiaries who may be eligible for the federal Extra Help low income subsidy program if he/she has limited income and resources. Call the library at 704-739-2371 for more information.

RHEMA OUTREACH MINISTRY - will give away food, clothing, shoes, and furniture to the needy on Tuesday, April 15, from 5-7 p.m. at 164 E. King Street. For information call 704-473-5800.

## Medicine Drop a huge success

The recent Operation Medicine Drop in Kings Mountain was a huge success, according to the Kings Mountain Police Department. Kings Mountain area people were asked to clean out their medicine cabinets and they did just that at two events in Kings Mountain last week.

Sponsored by the Kings Mountain Police Department, the medicine drops were held at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center and at the Kings Mountain Police Department. Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor reported that 26,995 dosages of medication were collected.

"Every time we collect and destroy a dosage of excess medication, it's a success. We're keeping these drugs out of the wrong hands and out of our waterways," said N. C. Insurance Commissioner Wayne Godwin.

More than 215 Operation Medicine Drop events were held in 75 counties across North Carolina to safely collect and destroy expired and unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications. With unintentional poisoning deaths on the rise, Operation Medicine Drop reminds parents and caregivers to: keep medicines locked up and out of reach of children; Always read labels, follow directions.

Operation Medicine Drop is an effort coordinated by the N.C. Department of Insurance, Safe Kids North Carolina, the State Bureau of Investigation, Riverkeepers of NC and local groups to prevent accidental poisonings, substance abuse and protect our waters.

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