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Local author to speak about women in Civil War

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Local author Mark Hughes, who describes himself as a Civil War buff and has written a number of books about the war between the states, is appearing Thursday at the Kings Mountain Historical Museum to give a talk about the role women played in the Civil War.



Hughes has written five books on the Civil War and has a sixth in the works.

He developed a deep and lifelong interest in the Civil War.

Although Hughes didn't become a professional historian, opting instead for a career in technology instruction after receiving both a bachelors and masters at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, he continued to research and

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Any day a good day to fish

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Fishermen say any day is a good day to fish and the past weekend at Moss Lake was no exception.

Terry Seay and T. "Rooster" Jones of Rutherfordton put their fishing boat in the lake early Saturday and fish was biting.

City Planning Director Steve Killian said that fishermen take advantage of the city's low fees for boating and fishing at city-owned Moss Lake.

The lake is down close to 8 feet below its full pond level, according to Killian, who explained that "close to 8 feet" means it will fluctuate slightly because of rain and changing weather conditions. Killian said the lake draw down will be no more than 8 feet below full pond to finish the work on the spillway.

Killian said the city has added concrete to six boat ramps so that access to the water is possible. Most people are using just one of the



Rutherfordton residents Terry Seay and T. Rooster Jones are ready for a day of fishing at city-owned Moss Lake.

Photo by Richard Anderson

ramps until city workers can completely smooth out the gravel and lake floor just below the other ramps.

"We tell people to boat carefully and at their own risk when we are approached or asked," says Killian. He added, "We are working on a sign directing them to the (obviously) best ramp and avoid the others until smoothed out."

Richard Anderson, a city staffer at Moss Lake, said Sunday's almost 70

degree weather brought out the fishermen, hikers, and a number of people "just enjoying being out of doors."

Permits to fish daily are \$4 and \$12 for boating for outside-city residents. Inside-city residents pay \$2 a day to fish and \$6 a day for boating. Fishermen also enjoy fishing from the banks.

Moss Lake is approximately 90 feet deep. It encompasses more than 2,000 acres with 57 miles

of shoreline, 1,660 acres of water. Moss Lake was built in 1974 as the city's water source when the area was suffering from drought.

Moss Lake serves as an active recreational destination for boaters, fishermen, water tournaments and the annual national qualifying Over the Mountain Triathlon. It is stocked with hybrid striped bass, largemouth bass, crappie and other pan fish such as brim and perch.

School zone meetings kick off next week

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Cleveland County School officials are taking to community meetings in the next six weeks to discuss local education topics.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Fisher will join teachers, other members of his staff and Board of Education members at four talks around the county beginning Feb. 16 through March 30.

"We want to know what people want to hear about," said Greg Shull, the district's Director of Communications. "This is designed so people can be specific about their zones."

Fisher will lead the meetings after they are gaveled open by Cleveland County Schools Board of Education chair Phillip Glover.

"If we get good feedback we will continue the prac-

tice," Shull said. Principals and assistant principals, along with teachers in the meeting sites' zone, are strongly encouraged to attend.

A state of the district meeting is slated for Kings Mountain at Barnes Auditorium on March 16 at 7 p.m.

As well as an update on school initiatives and goals, school officials will also inform parents whom they should contact if they have certain aspects of the school system. The meeting are not designed to be question and answer sessions.

Topics will include school performance, grades, testing, technology and safety. There will also be narrower discussions of issues regarding individual zones in the district.

School administrators are asking for input from parents and members of the public through its web site at sites.google.com/a/clevelandcountyschools.org/ccs/

The 7 p.m. meetings in the districts other three zones are as follows:

- Feb. 16 - Shelby High
- March 2 - Burns Middle
- March 30 - Crest Middle

Life-long Valentines



HOWARD AND CORINNE SWOFFORD

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Corrine Reynolds graduated from Kings Mountain High School on a Friday in 1950 and the next Friday, June 2, 1950, she became the bride of Howard Swofford.

"We've been married all our lives and we wouldn't have it any other way," says Corrine, who kisses her husband every morning before she goes to work at one of the

local school cafeterias and greets him the same way when she returns in the afternoon.

And according to Howard, he picks on his wife a lot 'affectionately' and they have never gone to bed angry. Corrine said a friend gave them good advice before they tied the knot. "If you have a fuss about something, make up before bedtime," they were told.

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School report cards released statewide

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The long-awaited N.C. public school performance report cards — which this year for the first time features letter grades — were released last week at a state Board of Education meeting.

Some highlights from the Kings Mountain zone: KMHS: B (75); KMMS: C (63); KMIS: C (66); Bethware: C (68)

East: B (77); North: B

(77); Grover: C (66); West: B (77)

The letter grades are based on test scores (80 percent) and academic growth (20 percent). The grades listed in the report are for the 2013-2014 school year and reflect data that time period.

On the state education officials' scale, a school whose combined test and growth scores amounted to 85-100 points receive an A. Those earning 70-84 points receive

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No measles in county two patients test negative

Last week, the Cleveland County Health Department tested two patients for measles. Results of the tests were received Monday morning and confirm that the patients are negative for measles.

While this is very good news for Cleveland County, the Cleveland County Health Department would like to remind citizens to be sure that you and your children have been vaccinated against the measles. As stated by the Center for Disease Control,

you can protect your child against measles with a combination vaccine that provides protection against three diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). The MMR vaccine is proven to be very safe and effective. Some adults need the measles vaccine too.

For more information about the measles and/or the measles vaccine, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.cdc.gov/measles/"http://www.cdc.gov/measles/.



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