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School Administrator dies suddenly Friday



Dr. William Dixon, Assistant Superintendent
Cleveland County Schools

The Cleveland County Schools lost one of its top administrators last week. Dr. William Dixon, the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, died unexpectedly Friday. Authorities and school officials say the cause of death is unknown. "I know over the next

several days, many questions will be asked about this unexpected occurrence. At this time, we do not have a lot of answers," read an email to Cleveland County School employees from superintendent Dr. Stephen Fisher. "I have spoken with

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No rocking chair for Mary Warren, 100

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Mary Warren, 100, hasn't missed much in her century of living.

The very personable senior citizen isn't ready for the rocking chair yet. She lives alone and is able to take care of her own pretty apartment. That speaks volumes for her independence.

What is her secret?

"I give credit to God and my family and I've worked hard all my life," says Warren, adding that trusting in the Lord and being good to older people has been her lifelong practice.



MARY WARREN

How has she had time to work outside the home and be a homemaker - mother of a dozen children (including

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Testa family names KM Hospice House

Kings Mountain Hospice House is now the Testa Family House after a gift by Jim Testa of Kings Mountain in memory of his wife,

Sandra, who was a patient at the facility last October.

The sign unveiling, ribbon cutting and open house will take place Friday, May 8, at 2 p.m. The community is invited for light refreshments and a tour of the facility.

"The Hospice staff cared

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Greenheck hiring

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Greenheck plans to hire 65 more employees at three facilities in the county in 2016 - five more at the existing Kitchen Ventilation Systems plant, 212 Commerce Blvd., 30 more in the Tempered Air Products facility, 110 Enterprise Drive., and 30 at the Shelby plant.

Online job applications are being taken at greenheck.com/careers. The jobs are skilled labor such as machine operators, welders, and employees interested in assembly type jobs.

Greenheck in Kings Mountain specializes in ventilation systems for commercial buildings, restaurants, cafeterias, hospitals, etc.

The Kings Mountain plant has recently purchased a panel bender to increase production. Cowen gave Mayor Rick Murphrey a tour of the new addition recently



Markee Flack, left, demonstrates new equipment at Greenheck in Kings Mountain as Mayor Rick Murphrey and Plant Manager Bill Cowen look on.
Photo by DILLON LACKEY

and Markee Flack demonstrated the new machine.

"We are very fortunate that the leadership of Greenheck continually reinvests in the business which enables

us to purchase machinery that produces high quality products," said Cowen.

"We are excited that Greenheck is adding more jobs," said Mayor Murphrey,

adding, "Greenheck is continuing to impact the local economy in a positive way."

Kitchen Ventilation Systems (a division of

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'Mary Poppins' opens Friday at Joy Theatre



Mary Poppins (Jada McDaniel) leads her adopted family George Banks (Cale McDaniel), Winifred Banks (Suzie Shelter), Jane Banks (Alyssa Newton) and Michael Banks (Stetson McDaniel) in a scene from rehearsal Monday for the play that opens Friday.

"Mary Poppins" (Jada McDaniel) appears out of the windy London skies and enters the home of two mischievous children (Alyssa Newton and Stetson McDaniel). With the help of a carefree chimney sweep named Bert (Nick Howell),

the spirited nanny turns every chore into a game and every day into a "Jolly Holiday."

Share the music, the magic, and the joy of "Mary Poppins" at KMLT's Joy

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Crisis volunteer a tireless servant



Volunteer Frank Maddox is pictured alongside Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry's executive director Lisa Harrison at the organization's food pantry last week.

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After several careers in the ministry and judicial system, Frank Maddox, at 78, sees no reason to stop helping people in any way he can.

That's probably the reason the lanky and soft-spoken

ken Maddox is a fixture at the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, volunteering there four days a week and always looking for ways to expand his role in serving people in the community who may be going through a rough patch in life.

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West singer looks to Nashville gig

A 10-year-old Kings Mountain girl who has her sights set on a singing career has earned a chance to show off her talents during the festivities surrounding Nashville's CMA Music Festival June 10-11.

In addition to belonging to the N.C. Elementary

Honors Chorus and the Cleveland County Honors Chorus, West Elementary 4th grader Jaiden Huffman has also established a YouTube channel and with the help of her parents has scheduled a number of local fundraisers to help fuel her trip to the music capital of

the world.

Huffman, who is also learning to play the guitar, is performing at a fundraiser on Saturday at Midway Lakes. The concert, which kicks off at 4 p.m. at 141 Sellers Rd, will also include

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Jaiden Huffman

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