



Former US Senator Rick Santorum tries his hand with pizza making with Daniel Whitmire at 238 Pizzeria Saturday night after he addressed a standing-room-only crowd in his run for President. Photo by WAYNE KING

Five seniors receive diplomas at Grace Christian Academy



GRACE CHRISTIAN SENIOR CLASS - Pictured are the five members of the graduating class of Grace Christian Academy. From left, Sierra Davis, Salutatorian; Brandon Spangler, Hannah Boston, Valedictorian; Caleb Morgan and Sarah Loveless.

Grace Christian Academy recently graduated its second senior class on Saturday, May 16. The five senior students graduated with honors and college credit through Cleveland Community College's College Promise Program.

Valedictorian Hannah Boston and Salutatorian Sierra Davis, both of Cleveland County, gave remarks to their families, friends, faculty, and fellow graduates, recounting fond memories as well as excitement and encouragement for what

comes next. Also among the graduates were Caleb Morgan, Sarah Loveless, and Brandon Spangler, all of Cleveland County.

GCA also saw its 8th Kindergarten Graduation on Thursday, May 14. The thirteen adorable graduate's will move on to first grade to continue with GCA.

Lastly, GCA saw its first Preschool Graduation of four year olds to Kindergarten. This was also the first group to graduate from GCA's Star Program that is rated by the State of North

Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education. GCA was given a 4 Star Rating, the highest possible scoring being 5 Stars. Their program is currently accepting applications for registration for new preschoolers.

GCA is also accepting applications for registration for grades K-12. Visit them online at gracechristiankm.com for more information, directions to the school, or for more contact information.

Troop 92 Boy Scouts enjoy back-packing at Mt. Rogers



BACK PACKING - Boy Scouts of Troop 92 and their leaders, left to right, enjoyed a back packing trip to the Jefferson National Forest are Hunter Cooke, Caleb Sears, Scoutmaster David Estridge, LandonPhillips, Larry Hude and tyle Shoals. Back row, from left, chris Quinn, CameronMack, Luke Hyde and Kaleb Estridge.

Over the Memorial Day weekend six Boy Scouts and four adult leaders of Troop 92, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, took a back-packing trip to the Jefferson National Forest and Mt. Rogers area. Mt. Rogers is the highest peak in Virginia.

Along the way, they traveled through Grayson Highlands State Park, and visited assorted groups of wild ponies. The Troop camped their first night

in the Rhododendron Gap meadows. The scouts worked on requirements for Cooking Merit Badge.

The next morning the group summited the top of Mt. Rogers and proceeded to hike approximately 8 miles to their next camping spot. Nestled beside a small mountain creek, the group soaked their feet, collected fire wood, and cooked dinner. They had a short church service before taps and called it a night.

The next morning, they

packed up and hiked the 3 miles back to the church bus. Following an unexpected "short cut" the group consumed mass quantities of pizza in West Jefferson and returned home that afternoon.

Scoutmaster David Estridge commented, "The weather was great, the wild ponies created a unique experience, and our scouts were just awesome." Troop 92 meets at First Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings starting at 7p.m.



With ponies on back packing trip, left to right, Caleb Sears, Hunter Cooke, Luke Hyde and Cameron Mack.



Grace Christian Academy Kindergarten Class of 2015: (back row, from left to right) Jillian Patton, Mylin Eckard, Rachel Wilson, Tessa Cullen, Kyleigh Hamrick, Joshua Smith, Cason Coop, Ethan Terry, Julionna Verner; (front row, from left to right) Vanna Watts, Emma Starnes, Juliana Shelton, William Phillips.



Grace Christian Academy Four Year Old Preschool Class of 2015: (from left to right) Makayla Hamrick, Rebekah Martin, Caroline Cherka, Megyn Evans, Lilly Atchley, Gracie Burris, Ava Broome, Eli Baker.



NEW OFFICERS - Pictured are the new officers of Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion. From left Kenny Bridges, Second Vice-Commander; Gary Conder, First Vice-Commander; Curtis Thrift, Commander; Twaine Sizemore, Adjutant; and Ben Moomaw, Treasurer.

Photo by JOYCE KALE

Daniel study continues at Grace Methodist

A Bible study on the book of Daniel is underway each Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 830 Church Street. Jeannine Fisher is the instructor. Everyone welcome.

| Kings Mountain Weekend Weather | | | |
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| Thursday June 4 Sctd T'Storms - 80° 60% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 63° | Friday June 5 Partly Cloudy - 84° 20% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 63° | Saturday June 6 PM T'Storms - 85° 50% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 66° | Sunday June 7 PM T'Storms - 83° 40% Chance of precipitation Night time Low 64° |

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