

Legion Riders raise funds for Legacy Scholarships

American Legion Riders from Post 155 raised money Saturday for the Legacy Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to children of U. S. Military personnel killed since September 11, 2001.

The large group of Riders met at Patriots Park where President Darrell Queen was presented a Key to the City from Mayor Rick Murphrey and a proclamation from the mayor and city council.

Riders also sponsored a steak dinner at the American Legion Post 155 Saturday night for benefit of the Legacy Fund and other projects.

Currently there are 106,000 American Legion Riders in over 1,000 chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries.



Mayor Rick Murphrey presents American Legion Post 155 Riders a proclamation and a key to the city after the group's successful Legacy Scholarship Ride Saturday. Saturday was Legion Riders Day which began at Patriots Park with the ride and culminated with a steak supper for more than 100 people at the American Legion Hall. President Darrell Queen accepts the award. Photo by HALEY WILSON

The Riders escort military units returning home from combat tours overseas, conduct massive cross-country fund raising events for wounded warriors from all services and have raised millions of dollars for countless local, state and national charities. In the proclamation, the mayor proclaimed August 22, 2015 as American Legion Riders Day in the City of Kings Mountain.



Kings Mountain police investigate the scene of what they are saying was a felony hit and run Friday morning near the Oak Grove exit on Hwy. 74 eastbound. A 24-year-old man was found dead at the scene.

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evidence at the scene. That early stage of the investigation caused the exit ramp to be blocked for almost the entirety of the morning, though it caused no major disruptions for eastbound highway traffic.

Police, through television news reports of the incident, asked people in the community to report any vehicle that they believed to have fresh or suspicious damage to it.

By Friday afternoon, an anonymous tip came in from Shelby with just such information. Proctor said a woman who lives in Boone's neighborhood, which lies east of Moss Lake, reported a car that showed recent damage.

Boone was subsequently arrested and charged that same day at his home. The arrest report indicates that Boone works as a welder for a Charlotte company.

"The evidence at the scene indicated a hit and run," Proctor said, adding that police are still trying to

learn as much as they can about what happened in the incident.

Investigators say they believe it happened in the early morning hours of Friday. They are not releasing the more specific time frame they are working with at this point.

They are, however, are asking anyone who was a witness or thinks they may have been a witness to come forward and provide any information they can. The KMPD can be reached at (704) 734-0444.

Barbara Jones volunteer of year

Volunteering is a labor of love for Barbara Jones, the 2015 Patrick Senior Center Volunteer of the Year.

Jones started volunteering about seven years ago and for the past two years she has volunteered in the knitting and sewing departments. She first joined the group to learn to knit.

She received an award recently for volunteering 504 hours from June 2014 through May 2015.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, which was started by the late Mrs. John Still, is one of the areas she especially loves to work with seniors. They make baby blankets, lap robes, afghans, and scarves which they give to children at the Levine Center in Shelby and also to families in this area. The Crafts and Sewing Class is always busy making pillow case dresses for students at all five elementary schools and socks and underwear for school children. Kathy Allred is leader of the knitting/sewing department at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center.

One of the fun projects this group has completed are teddy bears for police, firemen and rescue groups



BARBARA JONES

to give to children.

Barbara and her husband, Alan Jones, walk a mile a day at the center five days a week. She encourages other senior citizens to enjoy walking as good exercise.

Members of her family include two daughters, LeaAnn and Dean Harris of Gastonia have a son, Brandon.

Paula and Scott Stacey of Gastonia have son, Jarrett Fine, who is in the USAF in California and a daughter, Amber and Gene Huffstetler who have a daughter, Bristol, 4.

Barbara and her husband are active members of Temple Baptist Church where she is church clerk and he is active in the music program.



The new 5,200 pound rescue truck is a much needed piece of equipment for the Kings Mountain fire department. It was purchased for \$195,000 (but looks brand new) and a new truck would have cost the city \$650,000 to \$750,000.

Correction

A story in the August 12 issue of the Herald omitted two of the recipients of the Dr. Jack Hamrick Award for Honor and Service who were recognized at an

Aug. 10 Cleveland County Board of Education meeting. Alan Ridenhouse and Hailey Spearman, along with Mark Latham and Jeff Putnam, received the

newly conceived award for their efforts in getting emergency medical aid to a student on campus. The Herald regrets the omission.

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