

Grover to keep trees despite dark streets

GROVER - The trees that dot the store fronts along Main Street probably won't be removed anytime soon, despite pleas from merchants that streets are dark.

Town Board Monday night asked merchants to wait until more lights are put up before adding lights in front of their businesses for which two merchants volunteered to pick up the tab.

"Walk down Main Street at night and see the reason we need the lights and an extended parking area," said Bill Lail. We also have a drainage problem behind the buildings."

Commissioner Jack Herndon said he believed that more lights across the street from the store fronts will help but the new owner of the Shake Shop cautioned about walking on pavement in the dark and also worried about keeping her business open late at night without more adequate lighting.

"These trees are big now and affect the lighting," said Juanita Pruette, who was a member of the Woman's Club when the trees were given as memorials in a beautification project spearheaded some years ago by Martha Scruggs.

"We'll take a look at it," said Commissioner Tim Rowland. "If these merchants are willing to in-

vest money in downtown growth we need to help but it takes one step at a time."

"The trees block the buildings," said Lail. "Take a gander at night and you'll see how dark it is on Main Street in Grover."

Mayor Ronald Queen agreed that revitalization is important but that more resources are needed.

In other actions, the board: Spent \$18,000 for paving of Cherry, Spruce, Chestnut and Springdale Streets.

Agreed to stay behind Amesbury Road residents who are lagging on tap fees, reminding them fees must be paid by October 15 or face a \$500 sewer tap fee plus a \$35 reconnect fee.

Spent \$4200 on repairs for sidewalks, including 18 loads of dirt used in improvements on Main Street along the railroad tracks and agreed to pay \$5,000 for more Christmas lights.

Set the Grover Christmas parade for December 12 and agreed to participate on a city float.

Bought uniform speed limit signs and posts at cost of \$50 each for Highway 29, Blackburn Road, Highway 226, Bethlehem Church Road, Mulberry Road, Hicks Road and for the Municipal Park.



RIBBON CUTTING - Mayor Scott Neisler cuts the ribbon opening the new Angie's Etceteras in the former Kings Mountain Farm Building at 301 S. Battleground Avenue. From left, City Manager George Wood, Neisler, Ruby Barrett, her daughter, Angie Barrett, and city finance officer Jeff Rosencrans.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Year Ago
Total Precipitation	3.99	.28
Maximum one day	2.80 (Oct. 4)	.26 (Oct. 5)
Year to date	45.76	43.26
Minimum temperature	43 (5th & 6th)	40 (6th)
Maximum temperature	75 (3rd)	84 (4th)
Average temperature	56.9	67.1

that public input be invited before they seek legislative action to implement change.

"We feel the best way to fairly represent the population would be to move from three inside and two outside seats to two outside, two

inside and one at large," said Hawkins.

Other board members attending the session were Billy Howze, Priscilla Mauney, B. S. Peeler, and Sherra Miller. Howze and Hawkins represent outside-city patrons and

Miller, Mauney and Peeler represent inside-city patrons.

"I really can't say enough about the rewards of a retreat for the board in productivity," said Hawkins, who commended McRae for his strong leadership.

County Commissioner candidate forum planned Tuesday at CCC

The six candidates for three seats up for grabs in November on the Cleveland county board of commissioners will meet the public Tuesday night at a two-hour forum beginning at 7 p.m. at Cleveland Community College.

The League of Women Voters and Cleveland County Jaycees are co-hosting the event, open to the public.

Running for three seats on the board are Democrats E. T. Vanhoy

and Cecil Dickson, both of Shelby, and Sam H. Gold of Earl, all political newcomers who ousted the Democratic incumbents in the Primaries, and Republicans Charlie Harry, incumbent of Shelby, Robert A. Williams of Lawndale and Johnny Short of Casar.

Questions will be posed by moderator Jeanne Kincaid of Mooresboro from those submitted by the audience.

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Dr. Larry Allen updated the building program and announced that West School dedication will be held October 19 at 7 p.m. and that the library addition at North School is almost completed. "We need to get a handle on the costs before we talk seriously about moving now into Central School and make the best use of available resources," said Allen. The system is looking at moving the administration offices into the old Central plant which was vacated this year by West Elementary students when the new building at West was completed.

Scholastic Aptitude Tests rose at Kings Mountain schools this year. KMH students posted the biggest gains, 56 points, and the highest scores, 896, just four points below the national average, reported Jean Thrift. Two years ago a task force composed primarily of teachers was formed at KMHS to develop ways to raise scores such as encouraging ninth graders to take more challenging courses.

Dr. Jane King reviewed the new curriculum being used for testing and a breakdown on the new report card.

Individual goal setting at each school will be included in the requirements for the system's participation in the performance based accountability program. Board members worked on goals of their own to present at Monday night's October board meeting.

All board members said they favor a change in the makeup of the five member board and will request

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time as a commissioner.

Queen said a major consideration by the board would finding the funds to hire additional police.

"The town is missing alot of revenue," said Pruette.

Patriots play Crest today

The Patriots of KMMS play Crest at home Thursday at 4 p.m. in the final game of the soccer season.

Monday, KM won two games from Burns, the first game on a forfeit and the second game 7-1 behind the scoring goals of Wesley Bridges, 2, and Andy Ross, Ricky Southard, Hunter Suber, Jonathan Cook and Rusty Putnam, one each.

Kings Mountain is currently in first place. Shelby and Crest are tied for second.

An organizational meeting of the industrial basketball league will be held Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at KM Community Center. Each industry is invited to send one representative to the meeting who will be given information on rules, entry fees and dates.

Fall shag dance classes begin October 19 at 7 p.m. at Bradley Center in Gastonia. No partner is needed for the regular classes which meet for eight weeks on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Bill Calhoun teaches.

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