

MULLINAX

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other well-wishers.

Guyton declined comment, saying he wanted to wait on the final outcome of the hotly contested race.

Mullinax and Guyton tied in the October 10 election after an official canvass which saw Mullinax

MAYOR

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A total of 1,572 or 32.7 percent of the registered voters went to the polls Tuesday, compared with 33 percent or 1,553 voters who went to the polls in October. Neisler led the three-way mayor's race in October, topping Childers by only 100 votes.

After the votes were posted an impromptu chorus of supporters sang a rousing praise song.

CLINE

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fore his name came up for drafting by the Army and we had five children at the time," said Lib. Cline served on an oil tanker and likes to tell the story of how a German submarine operator surrendered to the men on the oil tanker off the coast of Norfolk, Va.

"We used to wash our Navy uniforms and dry them by turning the pants inside out and then we laid the pants under the mattress of our bunks to press them," said Ray, noting that the reason for that was that the Navy wanted creases from the inside of the pants instead of outside.

Ray attended Southside School in Lincoln County and was raised in a family of 14 brothers and sisters, three of whom survive. His first wife, Nell Uren Cline, died in 1934.

Cline met Lib Huffstickler at the Bonnie Mill. A native of Kings Mountain, Lib attended Central High School and was raised in a family of eight children, two of whom survive.

The Clines were married September 23, 1936 and have six children. They are Joyce Howell and twins Dixie Blanton and Peggy Wells, all of Kings Mountain, Carole Cline of Huntsville, Ala., Ralph Cline of West Jefferson and Larry Cline of Griffin, Ga, 22 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Last year at Christmas time 115 Clines gathered at the Cline home. In August 68 family members helped Ray celebrate an early birthday.

Thursday, October 26, about a dozen family members gathered on Ray's birthday for cake and ice cream and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren dropped in during the weekend.

"There's always something going on in our big family and we love to see the family here," he said.

The Clines are active in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church where Ray never misses Sunday School and has been active on Church Council, as Superintendent of the Sunday School and in Brotherhood groups.

Last year after undergoing successful surgery for a pacemaker Ray came home from the hospital on a Saturday and was in his church pew on Sunday.

In addition to his church responsibilities and 14 years in city government, Ray is a past commander of American Legion Post 155 and called the bingo games at the post for many years. He holds the highest degree in Moose, the Pilgrim Degree, and went to Mooseheart in Chicago, Ill. to receive the honor. He is also a past commander of Frank B. Glass Post 9811 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ten years ago Ray and Lib saw Kansas City win the 1985 World Series against St. Louis and Ray brought back autographed baseballs he proudly shows to visitors. Up until last year they had tickets to most major league games in which the Cincinnati Reds or Chicago Cubs played.

Watching the series from his comfortable chair in the den is okay, according to the Clines, but nothing like watching from the stands and being caught up in the excitement of baseball fever.

T/Sgt. Jones on duty at Yokota Air Base

Air Force T/Sgt. Donald J. Jones has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base in Japan.

A computer operations supervisor, he is the son of Mae Harper of Shelby. He graduated in 1981 from Kings Mountain High School and earned an associate degree in 1995 from the Community College of the Air Force.

pick up an additional vote. Since seven of the uncounted votes are from Ward 2, either Guyton or Mullinax could win.

Mullinax, making his second bid for public office, was defeated by At-Large councilman Dean Spears two years ago. He ran this election year in the ward in which he resides and which gave him 97 votes and Guyton 97 votes in October.

Before the votes were tallied, Guyton said he planned to continue some of the projects he has started even if he is defeated. He says he wants to see several projects completed by the utilities commission of which he serves as chairman.

COOK

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booths but Cook said state law contradicts itself. Another section of the law says a voter may request help from anyone.

"I believe that drivers were telling a person who to vote for and are getting paid to drive voters to the polls," said Mrs. Cook, who has served as elections chairman for a number of years.

"I am not speaking for my board or for the city government," she said to the large crowd gathered in the lobby of City Hall.

Mayor Scott Neisler said that many candidates, including himself, try to get their supporters to the polls but he said he does not give favors.

"It looked like that one person was doing multiple voting and I agree that no favors should be handed out but I see nothing wrong in taking people to the polls if they need a ride and in trying to get them out of the rain on such a day as Tuesday," he said.

Cook says she has no problem with offering voters rides to the polls but she said that women drivers caused major problems for hard-working pollworkers Tuesday,

particularly at the Community Center where she worked all day in the East Kings Mountain precinct.

"I doubt we would have had this heavy turnout in the rain Tuesday if candidates had not tried to get voters to the polls," said Neisler.

"I'm not for giving favors and I would hope that none of our candidates give favors."

Cook said the elections board has no control of the activity in the parking lot outside the Community Center, the East Kings Mountain precinct, or The Armory, the West King Mountain precinct.

"I didn't like what I saw and I am

upset," she said.

Cook said that when voters voted curbside they signed a sworn statement that they were unable to come inside the Center to vote.

"Of course it was pouring rain and some of the people were handicapped but they gave every indication they could mark their own ballot."

"Our workers were working hard to conduct things legally at salaries far less than these drivers make to haul voters to the polls," she said.

"I'm glad we had a big turnout but the problems made for a messy day."



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