

# Grover joins Chamber, discusses park vandalism

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Grover town council voted unanimously at their monthly meeting Monday night to join the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce. The vote came following a presentation last month about the Chamber from Jay Rhodes of the Kings Mountain Branch of the Chamber.

"I would like to see at least one member from Grover on our advisory board and legislative committee," Rhodes said. "We welcome Grover to the Chamber."

Monday night also saw the Grover council vote to repeal their own town zoning ordinances and adopt an amendment that would give control of the town's zoning over to Cleveland County. The exception to the ordinance would be Grover's retention of its 20,000 square foot minimum lot size. Cleveland County's minimum

lot size is just over 21,000 square feet. Grover had been using a slightly modified form of the Cleveland County zoning rules since 1993, according to mayor pro-tem Max Rollins.

"No zoning areas in Grover will change," Rollins said. "I don't see anything in letting the county take over our zoning that would keep things from being business as usual."

In an attempt to take firmer control over property owners in Grover obstructing access to their water meters, council passed a motion to give the town power to cut off service if regulations were not adhered to. Another provision in the new ordinance would pass any cost of repairing or moving the meters to the property owner if it was determined they were responsible for the need to do so.

The Mayor's Report revealed that vandals were once again at work in Grover's park. Mayor Bill Favell reported that someone had literally blown a sign

off its pole at the park with a powerful explosive device.

"It was a military device of some sort," Favell said. "We've called the ATF in on the situation."

In other Mayor's Report activity, council decided to let the Grover Rescue Squad holds its Bike-A-Thon fund raiser for St. Jude's Hospital on April 15 in the Springwood Community. The event will take place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

At the request of the Cleveland County Board of Elections, council also decided on a policy regarding political signs and their location relative to the entrance to Grover's polling sites. Council had the option to either prohibit signs altogether or to allow them within 50 feet of the entrance per state law. Council decided to allow the signs as state law stipulated.

"We're safe with the state law," mayor Favell said.

In final business Monday night, Favell announced that Grover would be holding a special service at Town Hall on Thursday, May 4 from 12:20 p.m. until 12:40 p.m. in honor of the National Day of Prayer.

## City Council sets appreciation day

Kings Mountain City Council has designated May 5 as Customer Appreciation Day and invites all citizens to City Hall from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for snacks, gifts and communications with city staff.

"We just want to thank the citizens for their business," said Mayor Rick Murphrey. "We work for the citizens and we appreciate them."

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The new Taco Bell on York Road in Kings Mountain recently opened to hungry patrons. Among the crowd attending the ribbon cutting were, left to right: David Faunce, Clavon Kelly, Tom Cook, and Rick Murphrey.

# Taco Bell opens in KM

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"Don't drop that chalupa!" Or anything else on the shiny, tile floor at the new Taco Bell on York Road in Kings Mountain. Sure to give the hamburger places nearby a run for the lunch money dollar, the Taco Bell opened last Thursday to throngs of people craving a bit of spice in their lives.

"I've been waiting a long time for a Taco Bell to come to Kings Mountain," said David

Faunce of the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association.

Joining in the grand opening festivities, radio station WKMT broadcast live from Taco Bell. Free refreshments and a host of local dignitaries added to the event. Not everyone was there for a party, one hungry construction worker wanted to know when the ribbon cutting would take place so he could get some lunch.

The 3,000 square foot Taco

Bell will employ from 35-40 workers, according to Tom Cook, director of operations. The building went from a vacant lot to completion in less than two months.

"A lot of hard work went into making this Taco Bell come together so quickly," Cook said.

Besides their usual good food and deals, the Kings Mountain Taco Bell will also feature tacos on Sunday at 49 cents each.

## BRIEFS

### KM softball team loses four games

Kings Mountain High's softball team dropped four games during the past week, losing to North Gaston 8-7, R-S Central 9-3, Pisgah 9-5 and Forestview 4-2.

In each contest, the Mountaineers got outstanding pitcher and good hitting, but left a lot of runners on base.

Six girls had three hits each in the 9-inning loss to North Gaston. They included L'Tisha Bell, Lauren Causby, Anna Ramey, Tabitha Goode, Ashley Leigh and Pam Parker. KM left 12 people on base.

At R-S, KM's hitting slacked off and R-S got seven of its 10 hits in one inning.

KM pitcher Beth Bumgardner struck out seven.

At Pisgah, Laura Propst had three hits and Bell, Causby, Ramey and Kristin Hardin added two each. The Mounties left eight on base.

Against Forestview Tuesday, Bumgardner allowed only one baserunner over the first six innings, but in the top of the seventh Forestview got three straight hits and scored four runs to win 4-2.

Kings Mountain outthit the Jaguars 9-5, but left six on base. Bumgardner fanned nine.

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"We're getting a good showing out of our pitchers, but we're just not making the plays behind them," said Coach Rick Fortner. "And we're leaving too many people on base."

"But these things happen with a young team. Our players are giving it all they've got. They're trying."

"We're a young team and most of the teams we're playing are junior and senior dominated. We have played six games in the last 12 days, and we have the next week off. We're going to work on some things and hopefully turn it around and finish on a great note."

### Telethon, jailathon to benefit C-RKA

The first annual telethon to benefit the Cleveland-Rutherford Kidney Association will be held Monday, April 17 on cable channel 19 from 12-10 p.m.

Featured on the telethon will be local talents such as Midnight Sun, Bizarre, Carl Cartee, Crimson Rose, Refiners Fire, Martha Fortenberry, Hoy Toy the Magician, Mary Accor, Don McCluney, Palm Tree Men's Choir, Mt. Calvary Baptist Choir, Scott, Sandra Waddell, K.T. Macombson, Jerry Pearson, Elizabeth Merdeco, Russell Spangler, Southern Crusaders, Betty Mayor Dancers, and Debbie Ward Dancers.

"Celebrity characters" include Barney Fife, Chainsaw Ted, Ike and Tina Turner, Snow White, Red Riding Hood, The

Big Bad Wolf, and Goofy.

The C-RKA is also sponsoring a "Lock up for Life" jailathon. For a \$10, citizens can have their boss, kin, and friends taken into "custody" to raise a \$500 bail for the C-RKA.

For more information or to issue an arrest for the jailathon, call 481-9535.

### Alzheimer's group to meet at Depot

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Senior Center (Depot), 301 North Piedmont Avenue.

The program will feature the video "Inside Looking Out." For more information, call 734-0447 or 739-8132.

### Easter egg hunt set at KM gazebo

The Kings Mountain Recreation Department will hold a giant easter egg hunt Saturday, April 22 at 10 a.m. at the downtown gazebo at the corner of Gold Street and Railroad Avenue.

Over 1,000 eggs will be hidden. Four special eggs will contain \$25 savings bonds donated by Fidelity Bank.

There will also be sidewalk art, pinata breaking and a visit from the Easter bunny.

Ages newborn to 12 are invited. Admission is free.

For more information call Tripp Hord at 730-2102.

### KM's Fairview Lodge to meet on Monday

Fairview Lodge 339 will hold a stated communication Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

A meal will be served at 6:30. Members and qualified members are urged to attend.

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ing so badly, we just had a couple kids that gave up some uncharacteristic passes and they ended up capitalizing on them," Potter said.

"We were in a state of shock in the first half but came back in the second half and controlled a good bit of the half. We had several good scoring chances but couldn't score but one goal."

Kings Mountain was scheduled to face Forestview in a key conference match last night. The Mountaineers travel to South Point Friday and host R-S Central Tuesday at 5:30.

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