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RICK MURPHREY

Mayor seeks reelection

By ANDIE BRYMER
 Staff Writer

Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey has filed for reelection.

Murphrey points to the city's growth during his tenure as his platform.

The city has built a new police department and a fire substation in the western part of town. Kings Mountain now partners with the county health department to provide services to local residents at a clinic here.

The city has built a new playground and walking track and partners with the YMCA to provide recreation.

"I enjoy working closely with the council and staff to insure Kings Mountain moves progressively forward," he said.

Murphrey also cites economic accomplishments. The city now has an incentive program to attract new industry. It

See Mayor, 3A

Three file for at-large seats

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of The Herald

Filing for the November city council election opened Monday at noon at the Cleveland County Board of Elections, and already an interesting race is shaping up for the two at-large seats.



MOORE

Incumbent Rick Moore, who is completing his first two-year term, is being challenged by retired Police Chief

Houston Corn and downtown businessman William "Bill" Marcellino.

The second at-large incumbent, Gene White, had not announced his intentions at the Herald's press time.

All three candidates are listing creating jobs as one of their top priorities.

Moore also favors hiring a qualified city engineer and expanding city services to areas that have been annexed as well as some areas that aren't currently in the city limits but show tremendous potential for economic development. He also wants to continue

See At-Large, 3A



CORN



MARCELLINO

Incumbents file in wards 1, 4 and 5

By GARY STEWART
 Editor of The Herald

Incumbent City Councilmen Howard Shipp, Dean Spears and Carl DeVane have filed for reelection and thus far are unopposed in their wards.



DEVANE



SHIPP



SPEARS

DeVane represents Ward 5. Thus far, no one has filed for the Ward 2 seat, current

See Wards, 3A



Roger Cozart, left, sells lottery ticket to Donnie Lingerfelt Tuesday in Grover.

ANDIE BRYMER / HERALD

You could wake up today millionaire 240 times over

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
 Staff Writer

Someone may be \$240 million richer today. South Carolina's Powerball lottery held a drawing Wednesday at 11 p.m. for the jackpot.

The chance to win that kind of money has many North Carolinians crossing the state

line to purchase tickets in South Carolina. Stores near the border have experienced long lines, especially last weekend and in the evenings.

Donnie Lingerfelt of Vale was one of those who felt lucky and make the trip. He and Jerry Sain, also of Vale, visited Cherokee Fireworks and several other stores just south of

Grover on Tuesday morning. Lingerfelt says he'll be altruistic if he wins.

"That's \$240 million I could do a lot of good with. It would be a sin not to do some good," he said.

Lingerfelt promises if he wins, his church will get 10 percent of the payoff. Friends

See Millionaire, 3A

Trio file for Ward 3 seat

By ANDIE BRYMER
 Staff Writer

Two former Kings Mountain City Council members - Jerry Mullinax and Ralph Grindstaff - hope to return to office and political newcomer Tommy Hawkins is challenging them for the Ward 3 seat in the November council election.

Mullinax, 63, is running on a platform of industry recruitment and elimination of what he calls wasteful spending.

In a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon, Mullinax said he would support offering a break in utility fees as an industry recruitment incentive.

"We've got to find a way to get them to come here," he said.

Mullinax said he feared that Spectrum Dyed Yarns may leave the county. This coupled with the loss of industry like Anvil Knitwear and Mauney Hosiery would hurt the town's budget.

"When you lose those type of utility users, it (revenues) has got to come from somewhere," the candidate said.

Mullinax describes himself as an advocate for other seniors. To keep tax and fee increases at bay, he proposes scrutinizing current spending.

"We've got to look further into what we're purchasing. It could be a building, a play

See Ward 3, 3A



HAWKINS



GRINDSTAFF



MULLINAX

KM School Board incumbents running

By ANDIE BRYMER
 Staff Writer

The two Kings Mountain District Schools board members up for re-election filed on Tuesday.

Board chair Shearra B. Miller, 45, and board member Stella N. Putnam, 48, will run for the two inside city seats in the November election. The two outside city and one at-large seats are not up for election this year.

Putnam said she hopes to continue the fight to keep Kings Mountain schools out of a merger with Shelby City and Cleveland County schools.

"The people I've talked to in this town don't think its the best thing for our kids," she said.

Putnam believes keeping the district local allows for a more one-on-one approach. She credits this for helping raise test scores.

Putnam said communication and community involvement are two key issues for the schools.

This year she completes her first four-year term.

Putnam is a bookkeeper at Neisler Brothers Inc. and a financial officer for Oakland Plantation Inc., a turf business.

See School, 3A

Ellis, Bennett file for office in Grover

By ANDIE L. BRYMER
 Staff Writer

GROVER - Two political newcomers are making bids for office in Grover.

Bill Ellis, 73, has filed for mayor. If elected, Ellis would like to see a more permanent police presence in the town. Currently the town contracts with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office to provide an officer. Ellis would also like to see animal leash laws enforced.

Getting a grocery store in the town is another goal for Ellis.

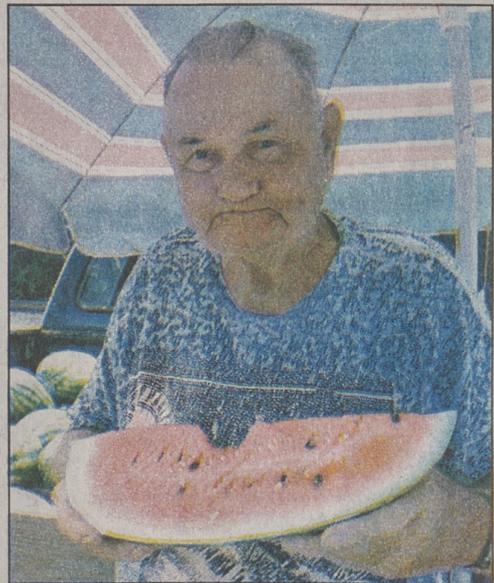
Ellis has extensive volunteer experience with young people. He has worked with the Boy Scouts, Youth Assistance and Smash programs and Head Start. Ellis studied early childhood education at Cleveland Community College.

He has also been active in the theater, appearing in four Greater Shelby Community Theater productions. He has portrayed Santa Claus and Uncle Sam for the Shelby Uptown Association and a bear at the Cleveland Mall.

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BENNETT



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 William McAbee cools off with a big slice of watermelon. McAbee sells produce on Piedmont Avenue.

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