



ANDIE BRYMER / HERALD
Debbie Eastridge (top left) catches up on her knitting; Deputy Chris Cook (lower left) gives Jake Allen a junior police badge; and Officer Jerry Tessner of the KMPD grills hamburgers at Tuesday's National Night Out at Patriots Park.

Grover sets public hearing on board of adjustments

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During its Monday night meeting, the Grover City Council voted to hold a public hearing Aug. 25 on re-establishing its board of adjustment.

While the public hearing is required by law, the town has no choice but to re-establish the board.

A July 15 vote by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners placed responsibility for zoning back onto Grover. State law gives Grover two years to re-establish its board but officials said they see no reason to wait.

The vote to hold the hearing was unanimous. Mayor Bill Favell said he did not anticipate any opposition from council members on establishing the board. The town council is currently looking for volunteers to serve on that board.

In other business, council members discussed the town's park. The town had contracted with Grover Industries' security service to lock and unlock the park gate daily. Effective Aug. 1, the mill is no longer using the security service.

Now the town is seeking other options. For now the park gate will be left unlocked. All terrain vehicles are also causing erosion problems in the park.

"Until we are able to come up with something else, it will have to be watched," Favell said.

Council also discussed widening ditches along Dogwood Street and Carolina Avenue. The current storm drains are not able to handle the flow, officials say.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the council will hold its September meeting immediately following the public hearing Aug. 25.

NIGHT

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and automatic weapons are used in hostage situations, with barricaded subjects and with high risk drug arrests and search warrants.

Capone, a four legged member of the Sheriff's office, was a hit with the younger crowds. The dog demonstrated how he could open the patrol car door. Deputy Chris Cook, his handler, was on hand to answer questions.

Blue lights flashed from atop a highway patrol cruiser and Camaro. Along side the cars was the BATmobile. Residents toured the mobile

unit which is taken to DWI check points. A breath alcohol test can be administered on board the unit.

The unit is paid for out of DWI related fines, according to Kevin Dean, BAT Mobile Coordinator. After National Night Out festivities wrapped up, the BAT Mobile participated in a local DWI checkpoint.

Kings Mountain Fire Department brought its new engine, a ladder truck and command post vehicle out.

"We're here to support the police department," said Joey Davis, an inspector with the fire department.

The event was not just about education, food and music were also on the

agenda. The Mink Band played as KM police officers grilled hamburgers for the crowds.

Robert Medlin and several others members of the Kings Mountain Police Explorers Post helped officers with food preparations.

The Mink Band was a big hit with Darrel Honeycutt who relaxed on the back of his Yamaha Virgo.

"This is the type of music I like. It's my generation," he said.

Kings Mountain volunteer fire fighter Bill Eddie Parker, his wife Dorene Parker and their daughter Krysten Parker enjoyed the music and hamburgers.

"We (fire department) were setting up. I asked my family to come out," he said. "You get to see people you know."

Cindy Houser's cousin played saxophone in the band. She came to hear him and enjoy the evening.

"I came out to hear the music and have some fun," she said.

National Night Out was originated by the National Neighborhood Watch Association. Over 9,500 communities in the United States, Canada, U.S. territories and military bases around the world participate on the first Tuesday in August each year.



EMILY LEDFORD

Emily Ledford selected for Youth Orchestra

Emily Ledford has been selected for membership in the Charlotte Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The CYSO has been an educational outreach of the Charlotte Symphony for students of high school age for over 40 years. Members are chosen by audition, and represent more than 70 schools in Charlotte and surrounding communities. This year, more than 300 students auditioned for the Orchestra.

Ledford, a clarinet player, is a rising junior at Kings Mountain High School where she is a member of the marching, pep and Blazer Bands. She is also a member of the Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble sponsored by UNCC.

As a member of CYSO, Ledford recently participated in the Orchestra's summer camp at Converse College. This is an intensive week long camp, sponsored by the Symphony Guild of

Charlotte, that has been nationally recognized for its uniqueness.

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year member of the Bethware Progressive Club.

Brenda Ross and incumbent Jim Guyton are also running for the Ward 2 seat.

Wayne Worcester, 67, is running for Ward 3.

He would like the city to do more for residents from their teen to middle years. Worcester would also like to see soccer moved from Davidson Park to the old stadium. This would free up Davidson Park to become a

softball complex which Worcester says could be a money maker for the town.

He supports two year terms for council members.

Worcester has lived in Kings Mountain for 46 years. He is an ordained minister and evangelist. He served as an umpire for 30 years. He works as a security officer and is an Army veteran.

Also running for the Ward 3 seat are Jerry Mullinax, Ralph Grindstaff, Tommy Hawkins and incumbent Clavon Kelly.

Kay Hambright and incumbent Dean Spears are running for Ward 4.

Incumbent Carl Devane is running unchallenged for Ward 5.

Running for the two at large seats are Houston Corn, Gary Joy, William Marcellino and incumbent Rick Moore.

Gilbert "Peewee" Hamrick, 62, is challenging incumbent Rick Murphrey in the mayor's race. Hamrick supports less spending by city government.

"If you quit spending for things we don't need, then you wouldn't have to charge as much for everything," he wrote in a press release.

Hamrick believes less strict city codes would give businesses an incentive to stay in Kings Mountain.

Hamrick said he supports two year terms for city council members.

He owns Peewee Service Line, a used car business.

School board chairperson Shearra Miller and member Stella Putnam are unchallenged in that race.

GROVER

From 1A

Incumbents Jack Herndon and Robert Hunt have also filed. Neither could be

reached for comment. Candidate Jackie Bennett was profiled in an earlier report.

Retired Grover Police Chief Bill Pheagin and Bill Ellis are running for mayor

in a seat left open by Bill Favell.

Pheagin said his time as police chief familiarized him with the town and its people. He is currently talking with residents to assess their

concerns.

The bid for office is a chance to give back, he said. "I want to do my part," Pheagin said.

Ellis was profiled in an earlier report.

SCHOOL

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Cook along with several other teachers like Beverly Moffitt worked on certification in teaching gifted and talented students.

Moffitt is a seventh grade math teacher. As department chairperson, she distributed books and calculators to other teachers. Moffitt also spent time in a workshop to learn about the new math

textbook her classes will pilot.

Superintendent Dr. Larry Allen is enthusiastic about 2002-2003. The major focus will be on No Child Left Behind legislation.

"That will keep everyone busy," he said. "I think we'll have a great year."

Total enrollment is up approximately 150 students to 4,569 total. The freshman class is the largest yet at 400. Officials have moved mobile units onto the campus to

accommodate the increase.

"Hopefully this will be a temporary solution," said board chairperson Shearra Miller.

She predicts that the new vocational school will help relieve overcrowding in a few years. Also, classes coming after this freshman class

are smaller, the chairperson said.

Miller anticipates a positive year.

"I'm looking forward to another good year," she said. "We have a tradition of hardworking teachers and students."

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