

YOUR CALL

Elected officials representing Grover, Kings Mountain and Grover:

GROVER COUNCIL
Robert F. Sides Jr., MAYOR
2007
P. O. Box 2
Grover, NC 28073
704-937-9250

John Harry 2005
P. O. Box 892
Grover, NC 28073
704-937-3372

Jacqueline Bennett 2007
105-2 Persimmon Drive
Grover, NC 28073
704-937-7932

Barry T. Toney 2007
302 Carolina Avenue
Grover, NC 28073
704-937-7396

Max D. Rollins 2005
316 Cleveland Avenue
Grover, NC 28073
704-937-7352

Bill Willis 2005
P. O. Box 811
Grover, N.C. 28073
704-937-9047

KINGS MOUNTAIN

Rick Murphrey, Mayor 2005
402 Garrison Drive
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-7065

Howard H. Shipp (Ward 1)
2005
507 Mitchell Street
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-4214

Brenda McFalls Ross (Ward 2)
2005
907 Boyce Street
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-6582

Jerry M. Mullinax (Ward 3)
2005
210 Cleveland Avenue
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-734-5212

Kay M. Hambricht (Ward 4)
2005
307 Maner Road
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-4432

Carl B. DeVane (Ward 5)
2005
1308 Wales Road
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-4882

Rick Moore (At-Large)
2005
500 Downing Street
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-7208

Houston Corn (At-Large)
2005
802 Rhodes Avenue
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
704-739-7430

Elected officials representing Cleveland County:

U.S. SENATOR
Elizabeth H. Dole 2008
Post Office Box 2109
Salisbury, NC 28145
704-633-5011
919-856-4630, FAX 919-829-9471

John Edwards 2004
825 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
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OPINION

The Kings Mountain Herald

Thursday, May 13, 2004

LOOKING BACK



Kings Mountain High's starting five on the 1965-66 basketball team were, left to right, Larry Burton, center; Nelson Connor and Neal Cooper, guards; and Scott Cloninger and Ken Mitchem, forwards. Mitchem was the first Black basketball player at KMHS. He will be inducted into the Kings Mountain Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, May 15 at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center.

File Photo

LOOK BACK

Election slated in May '53

From the May 7, 1953 edition of the Herald:

Kings Mountain voters will decide on Tuesday whether the city adopts the city manager form of government.

Robert B. "Bob" Osborne became a last-minute candidate for mayor on Tuesday, posting his filing fee one day prior to the deadline and bringing to four the number of candidates seeking the city's highest elective office. He opposes Mayor Garland E. Still, George W. Allen and Glee A. Bridges.

Running for the board of commissioners are James "Red" Layton and W. Sage Fulton Sr., ward 1; Lloyd E. Davis, Warren E. Reynolds and J.H. "Jay" Patterson, ward 2; T.J. "Tommy" Ellison, C.L. "Curly" Elgin and Olland R. Pearson, ward 3; Harold Phillips, Floyd Williams and Oliver T. Hayes Sr., ward 4; and D.L. White, Sam Stallings and W. Gurney Grantham, ward 5.

Paul Walker was installed as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the eighth annual ladies night banquet Tuesday.

Sam Collins was named chef de gare of Lincoln Voiture 1180 40 & 8 at a meeting in Shelby last week.

Hilton L. "Jack" Ruth was among 11 outstanding Davidson College student leaders and Athletic Director Paul K. Scott tapped for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa national honorary leadership fraternity Monday morning.

Miss Cornelia Ware, high school senior, reigned over the annual May Day festivities as May Queen at Kings Mountain High School Friday night. Maids of honor were Shirley Falls and Connie Bennett.

Lois Gamble of Bethware School was county winner in the 4-H Dress Revue held Saturday at Elizabeth School.

Hal Dedmon of Shelby will coach the 1953 Post 155 American Legion baseball team.

Fred A. Tate and Paul N. Fite are completing basic Air Force indoctrination courses at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Donald Ellis of Grover will attend the 13th annual session of Boy's State June 14-21.

Can those South Carolina trees grow up here?



Andie Brymer Staff Writer

Geography is a quirky sort of thing. Several years ago I noticed Bermuda is off the coast of North Carolina. It was a fact I filed away. There was no real reason to put the information at the front of my brain like some sort of urgent sticky note.

Watching "This Old House," Joey and I saw a team of designers, construction workers and architects transform a home into a bed and breakfast over the last few Saturdays.

The dredlocked co-owner, host and building expert all wore starched shirts, ties, jackets, knee high socks, loafers and shorts. Yea, shorts. Bermuda shorts to be exact. I guess that's where the name comes from.

To be honest, it looked like the guys had dressed hurriedly and in the dark, forgetting to put their pants on over their boxers. Apparently the look is popular on the island, a symbol of its British heritage.

You would think once those early settlers got away from their dreary, rainy native land, the bright sun would have dried the mildew from their brains and allowed some fashion sense to bloom.

Most of the construction workers were from eastern North Carolina. According to the show, the island is approximately 120 miles off our coast. While Tar Heel beaches are occasionally hit with snow, the weather in Bermuda is dramatically different.

It's truly tropical, not just the wannabee, few months out of the year kind of tropical Wrightsville Beach tries to pull off. I'm no meteorologist, but I'm guessing the gulf stream has something to do with it.

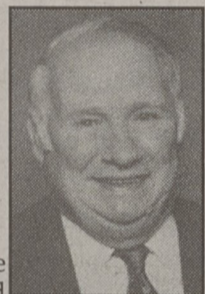
Another climactic wonder is the South Carolina state line. Ride down the Grover Road. You'll see no palmetto trees til you cross the magical barrier between the two Carolinas. Not until the interstate-style gas stations, fireworks stores and closed casinos will the trees appear.

Do we really believe that trees can read a map and decide not to plant themselves in one state or the other? Maybe trees have some sort of immigration policy.

Since the dogwood is North Carolina's tree mascot can it cross into South Carolina? I believe I've seen the pretty blossoms south of our border.

It's beginning to look like the situation between the United States and Mexico. Folks and trees north of the line have free range to hop on down south but those people and plants unfortunate enough to originate in the more southern territory can't go north.

Who needs a DVD when they've got a good book to read?



Jim Heffner Columnist

I've always said everything is on the wheel. By that I mean what goes around comes around. It is as true of life itself as anything else.

One of my earliest memories was the day I discovered the public library in York, S.C. I think I was in the third grade. That's when I checked out my first library book, something about a horse named Smokey. I was enthralled.

When I went back to turn that one in and check out another, I came face to face with prejudice for the first time.

The librarian wouldn't let me have another book, because, "His hands were dirty."

What did she expect from a nine-year-old mill hill, kid. I had been playing in the red clay all day.

But that's a story I've told before.

My point is, I am reading more now than I ever did. My two sons want me to get a DVD player.

"Why?" I ask.

"So you can rent movies," they say.

"But there are no movies I want to rent," I reply.

"You can run some of the ones we own," they say.

"I don't want to see any of the movies you own," I say.

That has stopped them for the time being.

I went to see "Cold Mountain" at the theater, and that was the first movie I've seen in a theater since Mel Gibson's "The Patriot." Before that, I saw The "General's Daughter" and "Air Force One." I don't remember any more in the last 20 years, although I did see "Terms of Endearment," but I don't know how long ago that was.

Television is worse than the movies. There is absolutely no regular series I watch. I've never seen an episode of any of the so-called "sitcoms" prevalent on the tube today. When I do watch TV it's baseball, college basketball, an occasional golf tournament, an animal show or something about history.

I do scan the cable TV talking heads, but seldom watch more than a few minutes. I watch the old Andy Griffith reruns, and I love a good show about snakes, which drives my wife nuts.

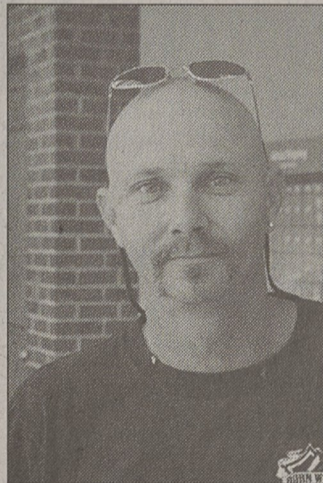
I own approximately 500 books. I guess I have as big a personal collection of baseball books as anybody around. My problem is I don't have room for any more books and I've read all those I have. I also read the 480 volumes I gave to a struggling new library a few years ago.

That puts me right back into the library. I've been a pretty steady customer for the last few years. I always have a book going.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

By ANDIE BRYMER HERALD

Should restaurants completely prohibit smoking?



No. Being a smoker, they should have their own sitting area, ventilation.
Charles Price
Kings Mountain



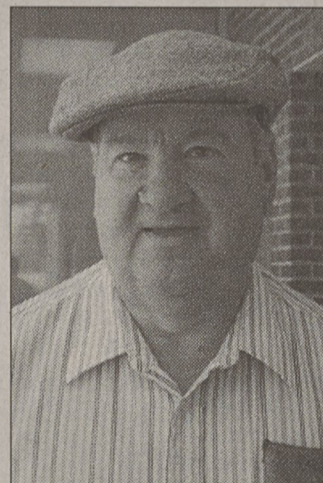
No. They should have non-smoking and smoking. I'm a smoker. They should have half and half.
Teresa Biddix
Kings Mountain



I don't think they should. Smokers still have rights.
Kathie Ladd
Kings Mountain



Not really. Some people when they get through eating want to smoke a cigarette.
Dewey Young
Kings Mountain



No. They need to have a smoking area. That's people's rights.
Ron Helton
Kings Mountain