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Grover Mayor Robert Sides tosses candy to the crowds during Saturday's parade.



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Young people from Bethany Baptist took part in Saturday's parade in Grover.

Grover parade draws big crowd

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GROVER - Crowds lined Main Street late Saturday morning. Some perched on the backs of pick-up tailgates. Others sat on car hoods. Many had empty bags ready to stash the candy thrown from floats.

Tinsel candy canes, bells and candles hung from the street lights. Red and white silk poinsettias decorated the sidewalk flower boxes.

Under a cloudless, Carolina blue sky, few wore winter coats. From babies in strollers to senior citizens, the crowd waited. With the wailing of a siren, kids jumped up and down.

"Here they come," one shouted. "Guys look," yelled another excited spectator.

Grand marshal Bill McCarter led the parade. Elected officials including mayors of Grover and Blacksburg, S.C. and Cleveland County Commissioners and Sheriff waved to the crowds.

Kings Mountain High School's marching band played.

Fire and rescue vehicles from Grover, Bethlehem and Antioch blasted their sirens.

Church youth groups, a contingent of four wheelers, business representatives, a clown, members of the Grover Lions and Women's clubs and the Mecca Temple Salem Grand Shrine in Bessemer City tossed candy. Kids scrambled to pick up the peppermint disc, red hots and if lucky, the occasional tootsie roll.



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Santa and his helpers wave to the crowd Saturday during the Grover Christmas parade.



Shriners from the Mecca Temple Salem Grand Shrine in Bessemer City were part of the Grover Christmas parade Saturday.

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