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LOCAL

BEACH BLAST

Food, dancing competition highlight event at park

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
 Staff Writer

Kings Mountain's Beach Blast meant a time to cool off in water spraying from a hydrant, dance to beach music and enjoy summer foods like watermelon. The city held its annual event Saturday at Patriots Park.

The day started with a gravity tub race down Railroad Avenue. The city took the Gravity Tub Racers Association's Spirit of the Event award.

"We were honored," said Ellis Noell, special events coordinator. The six-and-under set showed off the latest in swim wear during the Teenie Weenie Bikini Contest. In the girls, birth to age 3 division Brittney Sanders took first place, Zora Black, second and Hayla Jade Hawkins, third. Girls, ages 4 to 6 winners were Taylor Dawson, first, Katelyn Sisk, second, and Caitlyn Ledford, third. Boys, birth to age 3 winners were Koby Rikard, first, Michael Criswell III, second, Maddox James and Timothy Paul Neely, third. Boys, ages 4 to 6 winners were Luke Rikard, first, Coy Black, second and Dishon Hall, third.

Bands Crimson Rose, The O'Kaysions and Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs entertained with beach music. Rick Hubbard and the Kazoobie Kazoo Show also joined in on the fun.

Mayor Rick Murphrey released over 300 beach balls from his perch atop a fire department ladder.



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 Pam Ledford jumps down the inflatable slide at Beach Blast on Saturday afternoon at Patriots Park in downtown Kings Mountain.



Mitch Minckler of Hilton Head, SC juggles during Beach Blast.



Brittany Degree, left, and her brother C.J. Degree, 6, walk around to see all of the activities at Patriots Park during Saturday's Beach Blast.

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