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Candidate forum set in Grover

The Grover Women's Club will hold a candidate's forum Nov. 1 and the public is invited to submit questions.

Questions should be mailed to moderator Betsy Wells at 725 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086; 704-739-1585 or betsywells@yahoo.com.

At the beginning of the forum, each candidate will have three minutes to introduce a platform. After the questions are answered, each candidate will have two minutes to summarize.

Candidates will have the questions in advance. Jen Rehnquist will serve as time keeper.

The forum will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Town commissioners John Harry, Max Rollins and Bill Willis are running for re-election. Challengers are Adam Green, Calvin Huffman and Christopher Brent White.

The club also will sell tickets on 100 gallons of gas, a chain saw and a gift certificate. Proceeds benefit a town beautification project. The winner will be announced after the Grover Christmas Parade on December 3.



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AmeriCorps Site Director Crystal Skinner helps spread mulch Friday during Make A Difference Day.

Making A Difference

AmeriCorps workers mulch playground at park

AmeriCorps workers participated in Make A Difference Day on Friday, spreading mulch at the municipal playground at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA. They also picked up debris on the playground and ball fields.

While many projects for

the United Way sponsored day took place on Saturday, the group worked on Friday because the playground is typically busier then.

"We're trying to make a difference in our communities," said Crystal Skinner, AmeriCorps site director.

In addition to Skinner, participants included Lestina McDowell, Melissa Davis, Andy Lineberger, Nancy Nolan, Virginia Ware and Lisa Ellison. They work at East and Grover Elementary, Kings Mountain Intermediate and Davidson schools.

Food Lion mum on second store

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Is Food Lion opening a new store in Kings Mountain? The company's corporate headquarters says there is nothing to announce at this time though the city's mayor says Harris Teeter and

Food Lion did a corporate swap.

Harris, Teeter, which is closing this month, swapped its Kings Mountain store for a Food Lion store in Virginia, according to Mayor Rick Murphrey. Harris Teeter does better in the Virginia market, Murphrey said.

Food Lion is keeping mum.

"We never comment on rumors of new stores or where we are looking to put new stores," said Jeff Lowrance, a Food Lion spokesman.

The company only comments on signed leases, he said.

"We have not signed a lease for any new facilities in Kings Mountain so therefore we don't have anything to announce at this time," Lowrance said.

Rumors have Food Lion placing both a low end salvage store and a Bloom store in the location being vacated by Harris Teeter.

Free haunted trail Saturday at Gargoyles Motorcycle Club

The Gargoyles Motorcycle Club will open their third annual, free haunted trail along with hot dogs, candy and cider for the children.

The third annual event takes place Saturday, October 29 at the clubhouse located on Battleground Road. The trail opens at dusk.

Some of the scary folks who visitors will encounter on the trail include Jason and the Grim Reaper. There will be spooky music and the classic chain saw. Approximately 20 members, friends and family are volunteer-

ing to make the haunted trail a reality. The scare factor will be adjusted depending on the age of guests.

The club was inspired to create the Halloween trail three years ago as a chance to give something to the community. The first year approximately 100 people visited.

"Family budgets have been hit hard. We thought we'd give them one night not to worry about it," said Joan Gunther, one of the organizers.

For more information, call the clubhouse at 704-937-9677 or Bodean at 864-839-2298.

Schools get reading grant

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Cleveland County Commissioners presented a \$12,000 reading grant to Cleveland County Schools during the school board's Monday night meeting.

"We really are appreciative of this," said board Chairman Dr. George Litton. "It really does take a village to raise a child."

Rodney Borders, director of alternative education, gave a presentation on the C-STOP and Phoenix programs which provide

instruction to students who have been suspended.

The C-STOP program provides a classroom to students who have been suspended from three to 10 days.

The Phoenix program provides math, science, social studies and English instruction and physical education and health class to students facing long term suspension.

"Kids need love and caring," he said. "That's what we are all about, making that connection with kids."

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