

LOCAL

Grover Rural VFD gets \$12,731 grant

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Grover Rural Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a \$12,731 matching grant from the state Rescue Association, making this the 5th grant that they have received this year.

"We're battling \$100,000 this year with all of the grants we've received," said Lt. Jody Byers. "This year has been a wonderful year on us with the grants."

Asst. Chf. Jimmy Hensley said they will use that grant to buy needed rescue equipment. "It will be a 50-50 match. We provide the same amount that they give," he said. Most of it will go towards purchasing specialized rescue equipment like rope equipment to help them in their new certification pursuit of high-angle rescue.

"There is some paper work that we have to complete and we'll actually purchase the equipment and then we'll be giving our half of the grant, \$12,731, once the equipment is purchased," Hensley said. "We'll probably have it in service by early March."

He said that they are also working on completing the federal fire grant and the radio grant that all of the departments in Cleveland County received. Their portion of the radio grant will cover all of the radios that they need. "That's a big thing for us," he said, adding that they had a little money set aside for the new radios, but the grant helped almost triple their funds to give them all they needed.

"We have a few other grants out there that we're trying for now. We should know something from those within maybe six months. We're working hard on them," Hensley said.

He handles most of the grant writing and said that this has been a good year. "There's no doubt that the grants we've been

able to get has made a difference for us because we just don't have the kind of budget without the grant money," he said.

GRVFD is the first volunteer fire department, made up of 24 advancing heroes, in Cleveland County to achieve the status of heavy rescue. "Back in June we had been working on it (heavy rescue certification) for about two years trying to acquire the equipment and the training. What a lot of people don't understand is that it is a lot of equipment. But just as hard as the equipment is to get we have to have a certain number of people with certain levels of personal certification," he said.

The department was inspected on June 29, 2006, by the NC Association of Rescue & Emergency Medical Services and was approved the first week of July. Being the first volunteer heavy rescue department in Cleveland County not only gave the team bragging rights but filled each member with pride for their department.

"In addition to the heavy rescue, we also received the land search for like a lost person land search and still water, which would be like boat operations. Not swift water necessarily, but dragging and that form of rescue operation," Hensley said. "There were several other things that went along with what we received that for and we're working on another one now, the High-Angle Rescue portion. Some of this equipment that we just received on this grant will help us to meet that objective."

High-angle rescue is essential for bringing someone out of an embankment after a vehicle accident or getting someone off of the top of a building. The new radios will make those calls between the 16 county departments easier.

BRIEFS

Blood drive at David Baptist

David Baptist Church, the American Red Cross and the Bachman family of Kings Mountain will host a blood drive and bone marrow registry December 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at David Baptist Church, 2300 David Baptist Church Road, Kings Mountain.

Zoe Bachman would have celebrated her third birthday in December if a horrible disease had not taken her life. During her illness Zoe received numerous blood products and her family became very aware of the need for blood, platelets and bone marrow donors.

The blood drive is open to the public. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors must have a form of positive identification.



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Tina Hollifield, Emma Kate Hollifield, Ally Hollifield and Emma Goff enjoyed watching the trains go by at the Kings Mountain Historic Museum. Their story time group at Mauney Memorial Library took a trip to see the Trains, Trains, Trains exhibit at the museum.

Train exhibit continues at KM History Museum

The Kings Mountain Historical Museum's exhibit "Trains, Trains, Trains" continues through January 6 at the museum at 100 East Mountain Street.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Moravian cookies and cheese straws from Old Salem, NC are available in the gift shop.

For more information call 704-739-1010.

Moss Lake committee to meet on January 4

The John H. Moss Reservoir Commission will meet at 6 p.m., January 4 at Kings Mountain City Hall.

The group will review individual piers, seawall and dredging; receive a revenue and expenditure report; discuss uses without leases; a proposal for camera and signs at the dump site, and discuss the dredging project.

The meeting is open to the public.

KM trash collection schedule for next week

Because of the New Year's holiday the City of Kings Mountain will alter its trash collection schedule for the week of January 1-5.

Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday's trash on Wednesday; Wednesday's trash on Thursday; and Thursday's trash on Friday.

Seven re-appointed to various boards

Seven Kings Mountain citizens have been reappointed to various city boards.

They include David Allen, Tony Ruppe and John Houze, Planning and Zoning; Margaret Ledford and Mary Neisler, Historic Landmarks Commission; and Bob Myers and Jim Childers, Kings

Mountain Board of Adjustment.

Snow's art on display at KM Art Center

Works of the late A.B. Mauney Snow are on display at the Kings Mountain Art Center. The exhibit "A Painter's Life" will coincide with the 2007 calendar sales and the member's art sale exhibit. Works by Snow will be available for sale also. The exhibits will run through January 7.

Southern Arts Society members will have a variety of artsy gifts available in their members gift shop. There will be the 2007 calendars, pottery, paintings, cards, jewelry, wood, and wearable art. Many items are priced under \$75. For 22 years the Southern Arts Society has been producing original silk-screened calendars for their fund raising event.

The Kings Mountain Art

Center (the old depot) is located at 301 N. Piedmont Ave. Gallery hours are Thursday-Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday-Sunday from 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 704-739-5585 or 704-739-2056.

Head Start program accepting applications

Cleveland County Head Start is accepting applications for children for the 2007-2008 school year. Head Start programs are available at Bethware, East, Grover, North, Casar, Fallston, Graham, James Love and Washington Elementary Schools.

The program is for eligible children four years or age or who will be by October 16 of this year. They will be given priority and three-year-old, eligible children will fill remaining openings.

For more information or an application call 704-476-8176.



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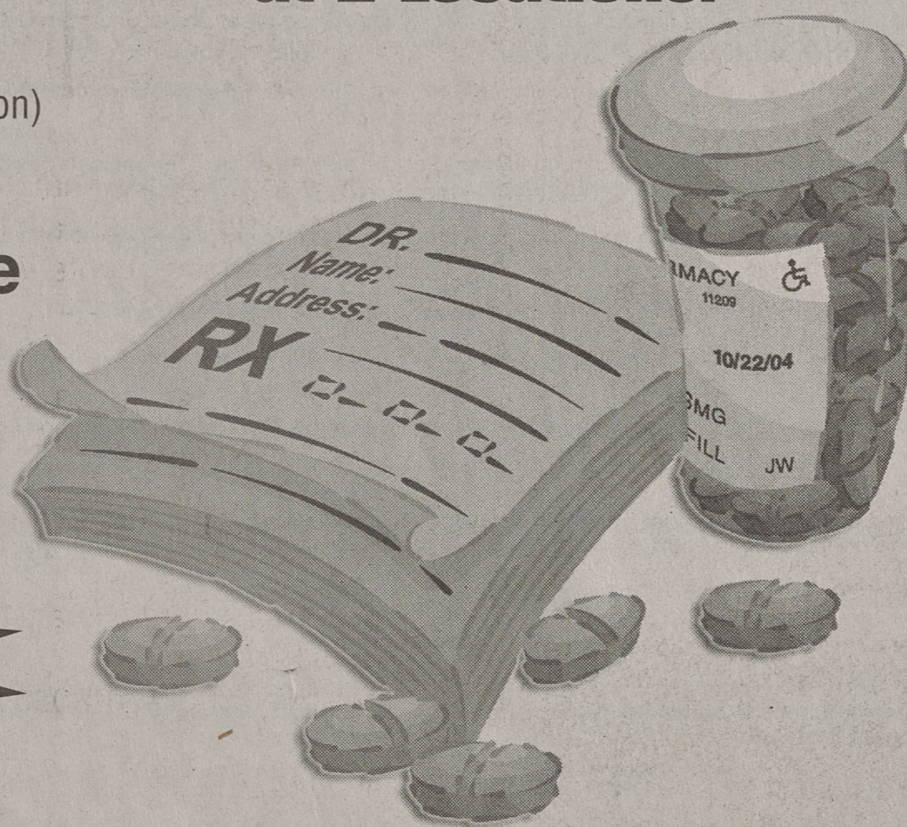
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