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## GROVER

# Board denies appeal, grants permit

**Attorney: other cases carry no weight here**

County Attorney Robert Yelton tells Grover board that no court, on statewide level, has ruled yet on the legality of Internet cafes.

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By EMILY WEAVER  
Editor

After a nearly two-and-a-half-hour meeting Grover's Board of Adjustments accepted M&M Internet Cafe's application for a conditional use permit and denied Cyberline's appeal of the county zoning department's decision that it would need the same.

The two businesses, owned by different companies but offering similar services, had been operating on Grover's Main Street since April.

For the past few months the two

businesses, along with two similar ones that popped up on the main drag, seemed to bring in enough customers to pack the parking lot along Main Street each night.

But after a visit from law enforcement officials a couple of weeks ago, the businesses have ceased operation. The parking lot has been empty.

Before the Board of Adjustments' meeting Wednesday night the lot was occupied again. Several people came out to witness the hearing and decision.

Both M&M and Cyberline operated

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Members of Grover's Board of Adjustments deliberate after Wednesday night's testimonies. Left to right, Jean Harry Francis, Cynthia O'Brien and Terry Jackson.

## CAR CRASHES INTO BUSINESS



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Car rests inside of business after 'freak accident' Friday morning.

# Two injured in 'freak accident'

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff Writer

Two people were hurt Friday morning in what the driver of the car called a "really freak accident" and both are recovering from painful injuries.

Kenneth Matthew Butler, 26, of Earl, underwent extensive facial surgery Saturday at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte after a 1982 Ford Ruby Lefevers Davenport was driving crashed through a car wash on Cansler Street and into a Childers Street business where he was inside.

Davenport, 86, of 707 Princeton Dr., from her hospital room, said she broke her left leg below the knee and was to begin rehabilitation Tuesday. "I am sore," she said.

"I just decided Friday morning I'd go wash the car and I have used that car wash, (X-Stream Car Wash) before but I was attempting to put in the money, took my foot off the gas and the car rolled, I tried to stop it but my foot hit the gas pedal instead of

the brake pedal," she said. "I really hate it," she said.

Kings Mountain Police and rescue personnel rushed to the scene of the single-vehicle crash at 9:57 a.m.

Ptl. H. W. Carpenter said in his report: "The driver of the vehicle was attempting to insert currency into the control panel of the automatic car wash, 309 N. Cansler St., and apparently depressed the accelerator pedal while attempting to depress the brake pedal. The vehicle then accelerated and proceeded west through the automatic car wash bay where it struck the sign package portion of the car wash. The vehicle then exited the bay striking the brick portion of the building in which the car wash is housed, traveled west on the parking area, struck a curb which caused it to become airborne, penetrated a cement block wall of the building located at 306 Childers St., BTW Blind & Shutter Factory, at which time the driver of the vehicle was ejected from the opened driver's side door. The ve-

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## PATRIOT'S DAY

# KM remembers 9/11

by ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff writer

Americans knew the world changed eight years ago on September 11, 2001 when a horrific sequence of terrorist destruction took the lives of over 3,000 people in the first attack on US soil in 60 years.

Kings Mountain citizens gathered before a large US flag at the front of Kings Mountain City Hall Friday at noon to remember not only the victims, their families and countless, heroic rescue responders, but the Patriot's Day service also recognized city and county police and firemen, all law enforcement and emergency personnel and all servicemen and women at home and abroad for commitment to service.

Mayor Rick Murphrey, KM Police Chief Melvin Proctor, and Chief Deputy Danny Gordon challenged the large crowd to renew their resolve against those who perpetrated the violent acts of 9/11.

In his prayer of remembrance, Proctor, his voice tinged with emotion, asked for God's peace for 3,000 victims, 365

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Top, KM Firefighter Eric Carroll tolls the bell to honor fallen brothers with his son, Ethan Carroll, in the city's Patriot's Day ceremony. Left, KM Police Color Guard post the colors as officials salute. Left to right, on stage, Fire Chief Frank Burns, Police Chief Melvin Proctor, Chief Deputy Danny Gordon, Mayor Rick Murphrey and Ashley Ray. photos by EMILY WEAVER



## CITY ZONING

# P&Z board denies Brown

Kings Mountain businessman Michael E. Brown wants to put up a used car/garage business on his properties and is seeking rezoning of the 204-206 E. King property from Neighborhood Business to General Business and the 402 E. King Street property from Neighborhood Business and Residential 8 to General Business.

By unanimous vote, the Kings Mountain Planning & Zoning Board Tuesday recommended denial of the request to city council which will hold a public hearing on the request at the Sept. 29 6 p.m. regular meeting at City Hall.

Board members said the rezoning would not fit the

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# Museum to hold reverse raffle Saturday

Lucky participants in Saturday night's 6th annual fundraiser for the Kings Mountain Historical Museum at American Legion Post 155 will leave the fun event from 7-10 p.m. with handsome prizes donated by Kings Mountain businesses.

The big winner or winners will take home from the reverse raffle - a cash prize of \$10,000. Last year Tim Miller, local hardware-

man, and his father-in-law took the top prize which is the last drawing of the evening.

Mickey Crowell, the Museum's executive officer, said the event will include a live auction, silent auction and reverse raffle and ticket holders don't have to be present to win. She says the way it works: Participants buy a \$100 ticket which is

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