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CITY ELECTION

Mullinax out, Hawkins in

Butler, Spears squeeze by to keep their seats

By ELIZABETH STEWART staff writer

His third entry into the political arena paid off for Tommy Hawkins Tuesday night as voters in Ward 3 ousted 10-year councilman Jerry Mullinax. Hawkins won by 56 votes. The total was 185 for Hawkins and 131 for Mullinax.



HAWKINS

Kings Mountain voters in Ward 2 returned councilman Mike Butler to another term at city hall. He squeaked by challenger Brenda McFalls Ross by 16 votes, a total of 127-111 and incumbent at-large councilman Dean Spears narrowly defeated political newcomer Gina Collias by 53 votes, a total of 575-522. Curtis Pressley received 310 votes.



BUTLER

Precinct officials reported a busy day as more than 20 percent of the registered voters went to the polls on a balmy Indian Summer day.



SPEARS

BEER AND WINE PASSES IN GROVER

5th time's the charm

By EMILY WEAVER Editor

The fifth time turned out to be the charm for city leaders, who hoped to have extra revenue and attract economic development from the sale and consumption of beer and wine in Grover.

The town has battled with this issue since the early 80's with four referendums resulting in the same "dry" verdict. But this time, the citizens voted yes.

On the question of whether or not to allow the "on-premises" sale of malt beverages: 96 voted for, 75 voted against.

On the question of whether or not to allow the "off-premises" sale of malt beverages: 94 voted for, 76 voted against.

On the question of whether or not to allow the "on-premises" sale

of unfortified wine: 97 voted for, 74 voted against.

On the question of whether or not to allow the "off-premises" sale of unfortified wine: 96 voted for, 73 voted against.

Mayor Robert Sides and councilwomen Jackie Bennett and Cindy O'Brien anxiously waited inside of the polling site to learn the results. Quiet exclams of "yes" and smiles quickly spread across their faces when the figures from the first question on the referendum were read. After all of the totals had been announced the group broke out in cheers.

Sides and Bennett hoped that allowing beer and wine in town limits would help them land a grocery store.

A total of 278 voters cast their ballots in Grover.



EMILY WEAVER/HERALD Signs encouraging people to vote "yes" on beer and wine referendum sprouted over the weekend in the town. Several other signs and messages on local church bulletins popped up soon after.

ALL TOTALS ARE PRELIMINARY.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Close race among KM natives

By EMILY WEAVER Editor

Cleveland County voters ousted retired teacher Connie Phifer Savell from the board of education Tuesday night. Four seats were up for grabs.

The most votes went to S. Dale Oliver, vice president of Fidelity Bank in Shelby, who served on the board a few years ago as an interim member. Oliver led the ticket with 4,233 votes.

Incumbent Phillip Glover, who currently serves as vice chairman on the board, trailed in second with 4,106 votes.

George Litton, who has served on the Cleveland County Board of Education since 1996, garnered 3,664 votes, securing his seat



OLIVER



GLOVER



LITTON



FALLS

on the board. It was a close race for the fourth seat up for grabs between KM natives Kathy Falls, a mother of three children in local schools, and incumbent Savell. Falls grabbed 3,413 votes. Savell re-

ceived 3,330 votes.

Yvette Grant, also of Kings Mountain, secured 2,044 votes and Eddie Benton got 1,199 votes.

All early results are preliminary. Final figures will be released on Canvass Day Nov. 11 at the Cleveland County Board of Elections office in Shelby beginning at 11 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grover Fall Fest starts Saturday

The Town of Grover plans to have its biggest Fall Festival yet with a performance by Nashville recording artist Travis Powell, over 50 food and craft vendors, a kids play land and a car show.

The third annual Fall Festival will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. along Main Street.

On the main stage, in front of the Grover Fire Department, Freeway South will perform from 10:30-12:30, followed by Dance Reflections 12:30-1 p.m., Travis Powell 1-3 pm and Red Eye Gravy 3-5 pm.

Various artists will appear on the second stage, in front of the Grover Rescue Squad. Bluegrass artists will perform from 10 am-3 pm, along with Dillon White 12:30-1 pm and Laura Pate 1-1:30 pm. Southern Breeze will take the second stage from 3-5 pm.

In the kids play land, little ones can climb a rock wall or have fun on the "wizzer" ride, pony rides and various inflatables.

A car show will be held from 11 am-3 pm, with first and second place cash prizes awarded. Entry fee to participate in the car show is \$20. Hay rides and local fire and police demonstrations will also mark the festival.

The town will raffle off several great prizes donated by area businesses at 5 pm. Prizes are provided by Carolina Crossing, Trendsetters

Salon & Spa, Designs by Ryan, Grover Women's Club, Keeter Furniture, Kenny & Kathy Eller, the Inn of the Patriots Bed and Breakfast, Massage Therapist Cindy Parker, Jackson's Cafeteria, Gondola Italian Restaurant, Big E's BBQ, Keeter Ford, Frady's Florist, Pizza Inn of Shelby, Kaye & Cindy Kut & Kurl, and Mi Pueblito Mexican Restaurant.

Tickets will be sold for \$1 each. Winners of raffles do not have to be present to win.

Grover's Fall Fest is free and open to the public.

Charlotte's Web premiers Friday at Joy

"Charlotte's Web" will premier Friday night at the Joy Theatre.

Dozens of talented young actors will take the stage this weekend and next to bring E.B. White's tale of a little pig, desperate to live, and the spider, who saved him through love, to life. Come see why the "most powerful force in the world is the bond of friendship."

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights on Nov. 6, 7, 13 and 14. A matinee will also be held at 3 p.m. on Sun-

days, Nov. 8 and 15. All tickets will be sold for a special family-friendly price of \$5 each.

The play is under the direction of Susan Champion, a veteran actress and director with the Kings Mountain Little Theatre. The production is being sponsored by First National Bank.

For more information or for reservations, call 704-730-9408 or visit www.kmlt.org

Gateway Trails grand opening set for Nov. 7

The Kings Mountain Gateway Trails committee will celebrate the grand opening of the trails at the trailhead park, 807 S. Battleground Ave., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Nov. 7.

In case of rain the grand opening will be held 1-5 p.m. on Nov. 8.

The grand opening will feature a ribbon cutting, displays, music, food, maps, and information on the trails. The trails will be open to bikers, hikers, walkers, runners, picnickers, and sight-seers.

A trail shuttle will run throughout the day.

Beyond the call of medicine

Local pharmacies gear up to stop spread of flu; now offering H1N1, pneumonia and shingles immunizations

By EMILY WEAVER Editor

The H1N1 vaccinations have arrived in Kings Mountain and doctors aren't the only ones "calling the shots". Three pharmacies in Kings Mountain are offering vaccines for "swine flu", while supplies last.

Mountain Street Pharmacy, Kings Mountain Pharmacy and Ingles Pharmacy requested shipments of H1N1 shots to administer, according to Dorothea Wyant, nursing director at Cleveland County Health Department.

They received about 100 doses each and, as of Monday, they still had some left to give.

"We received our supply of H1N1 (vaccines) on Monday," said Allen Propst, pharmacist and owner of Mountain Street Pharmacy, last Thursday. "Before we just open it up to the general public, we want to be sure those people in the crisis situation get it first."

The groups flagged for first dibs on the H1N1 vaccine include pregnant women, people between the ages of six months and 24 years old, healthcare and emer-

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THURSDAY, NOV. 5

Allen Propst, of Mountain Street Pharmacy, will be offering shingles vaccines for people over 60 and who have a prescription at the Patrick Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m.-until. Shingles vaccines are recommended for any person (usually 60 years or older), who has ever had chickenpox. The chickenpox virus can flare up later in life as shingles - a painful rash. For more information about the clinic, call the center at 704-734-0447 or Mountain Street Pharmacy at 704-739-7225.



EMILY WEAVER/HERALD Allen Propst, owner of Mountain Street Pharmacy, gives Gary Harden a vaccination for "swine" flu.

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