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Murphrey re-elected, Miller wins at-large seat

Unofficial election returns Tuesday gave incumbent Rick Murphrey a landslide victory for his 7th term as mayor over Gilbert (Pee Wee) Hamrick (1,164-171) and gave former Ward 5 commissioner Keith Miller a 66-point lead (388-327) over second runner Curtis Pressley.

"It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the citizens of Kings Mountain and I appreciate the citizens voting for me for another four years," said the mayor. He added, "I will continue to work with the city staff to move Kings Mountain progressively forward to insure that Kings Mountain continues to prosper and improve the quality of life. I have always enjoyed serving the citizens of Kings Mountain and look forward to a great four years."

With all 26 precincts reporting the top five leaders in the school board race in unofficial returns posted by the Board of Elections were: Richard Hooker, 3,433; Jerry

Hoyle, 3,416; Shearra Miller, 3,325; Jack Hamrick, 3,002; and Roger Harris, 2,955. The sixth place finisher Page Morgan garnered 2,921 votes. Hooker, Miller and Hamrick are incumbents.

Still to be tabulated by the Cleveland County Board of Elections on Nov. 15 are the provisional ballots.

Miller topped five other candidates for the At-Large seat on city council being vacated by the retiring Houston Corn. It was a tight race between Miller and Pressley. Both men lost in previous elections but came back strong.

Placing third in the six-man field was Bobby Horne with 252 votes and fourth was Butch Pearson with 238. Jerry Mullinax garnered 200 votes and Brian Cloninger, 22, according to unofficial returns.

Three other councilmen - Howard Shipp, Ward 1, Rodney Gordon, Ward 4, and Rick

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Winning candidates, Keith Miller, at-large, and Rick Murphrey, mayor, shake hands after learning the unofficial election results.
photo by ELLIS NOELL

Land dispute heads to court

Mike Brown served with criminal summons



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A property dispute between developer Mike Brown and Cleveland County over trees cut by Brown is headed to court Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m. in Cleveland County District Court, room 0002.

Brown was served a criminal summons for injury to personal property, a misdemeanor, by county deputies Monday morning on a warrant signed by Cleveland County Planning Director Bill McCarter.

The warrant alleges that Brown cut a row of 5-6 trees along the gravel Gateway trail that crosses the back side of his property and meanders through Chemetal property all the way to I-85.

This week McCarter flagged a number of small and big oak and pine trees with green ribbons along the trail which he maintains is county property. "Mike is the landowner but he's limited on what he can do and he can't disturb the easement," said

McCarter.

Brown said he cut the trees "on my property" for a sediment pond (basin) that he is mandated by the state to create to control erosion and that the pond will comprise 3/4 to an acre of land.

"The Gateway trail is in the wrong place," says Brown, adding, "I have told the county to move it."

McCarter said that Brown cut the trees inside the 50 foot easement that the county signed in an exclusive conservation and trail agreement with the Kings Mountain Consortium for Progress Feb. 19, 2008.

McCarter says that Chemetal Foote gave the county a 50-foot easement right-of-way along its property Nov. 23, 2010 and Cleveland County started work on the trail Feb. 24, 2011. Brown bought the 57,522 acres (the former Park Yarn/Glen Raven Mills properties) from the KM Consortium for Progress May 20, 2011.

"The Trail is not on the Chemetal Foote property line, it's on my property

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Hines to resign from MPI post, president notes his leadership will be missed

Adam Hines, Executive Director of Mountaineer Partnership, has resigned, effective Dec. 30, to begin training Jan. 3, 2012 as Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments.

In a letter to MPI President Suzanne Amos, he said that his announcement is with mixed emotions but that as he looks back over three short years it is "with thanksgiving for the board members, property and business owners with whom we have achieved much progress toward revitalizing downtown Kings Mountain."

Hines said that he will spend the time between now and Dec. 30 trying to help Amos and the board of directors begin the search for a new director, completing the Cash for Christmas business promotion, coordinating the logo development for MPI, and working with the execu-

tive committee on preparing for a smooth transition for the new executive director.

"It is time for me to move on and for a new executive director with a different set of skills to be sought out who can advance the MPI organization and the Kings Mountain downtown to a new level of success in their revitalization effort," said Hines in his letter copied to the board of directors.

"The Mountaineer Partnership has had the privilege of working with an incredibly talented young man - Adam Hines. With his leadership we have accomplished more than most Main Street programs of our age," said Suzanne Amos, president of the Mountaineer Partnership.

"Adam's leadership, talent and energy will be missed, but our organization will continue to work with the City of Kings Mountain



ADAM HINES

"With his leadership we have accomplished more than most Main Street programs of our age."

Suzanne Amos
MPI President

to continue the progress that we have made over the past

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Volunteers harvest 1,650 lbs of sweet potatoes to feed hungry

EMILY WEAVER
Editor

Something sweet was plucked from the earth at Patriot's Park last Tuesday evening...something very sweet that will help feed hundreds of local residents battling hunger.

Volunteers harvested 1,650 pounds of sweet potatoes from the park's potato patch to go to local outreach agencies as part of the Cleveland County Potato Project. Thirty-six boxes piled high with potatoes were transported to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry Wednesday morning. Some of the others were set to be taken to Cleveland Vocational

Industries to be cleaned and distributed to local agencies, like the Sal-

vation Army.

Strictly a volunteer effort, the Cleveland County Potato Project has raised 36,000 pounds of potatoes (Irish and sweet) this year to help ease hunger. Citizens across the county have volunteered their land, labor, experience and time to the cause.

The City of Kings Mountain was the first municipality to volunteer land and labor to the Project, now in its second year.

City Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem Rodney Gordon heard about the project and asked City Manager Marilyn Sellers if there was something the city could do to help. The city offered a plot of its land at Patriot's Park. Howard Elmore, owner of Hometown Hardware, helped supply the fertilizer. And several city employees, at no cost to the city or its taxpayers, gave their time and labor to the sweet potato patch.

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KYRA TURNER/HERALD
Ken Knight, left, and Doug Sharp, one of the founders of the Cleveland County Potato Project, clean freshly picked sweet potatoes at Patriots Park.



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