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Thanks in giving

Arise Church hosting open feast

Arise Church is sponsoring the second annual Community Thanksgiving Feast Monday, Nov. 21, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Patrick Senior Center. The meal is free and the public is invited.

"We had a lot of people to tell us that last year's feast was a real blessing in this bad economy and we are feeding again," said Pastor Charles Pruitt.

Pruitt said that last year's Feast was a huge success. He said his church members are excited to prepare and give food to the less fortunate. "It's a Thanksgiving blessing for us too," said Pruitt who said volunteers will serve the meal from 4 p.m. until all the food is enjoyed.

Thanks giving service Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will host the annual Kings Mountain Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday evening, Nov. 22.

The public is invited to join area churches at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 W. Mountain Street. The East Gold Wesleyan Church Praise Team will provide music beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the service itself will begin at 7 p.m.

Dr. Moses Nueman, president of World Care International, a ministry with tremendous outreach to the countries of Africa but who serves the Lord in this community as well, will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

Dr. Jeff Hensley, host pastor, and other area ministers will share in the service and there will be a report from the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry as well as a love offering taken for that ministry.

After the vote



KYRA TURNER/HERALD
 Cleveland County Board of Elections Director Debra Blanton, in front, leads the canvass Tuesday morning with Steve Wells, Kathy Livsie and Deputy Director Meloni Wray, left to right around the table.

Voters write in a new Grover board

GROVER - Write-in voters put new faces on Town Council, according to official canvass by the Cleveland County Board of Elections Tuesday morning.

Elections Supervisor Debra Blanton is notifying the winners by certified letter of two commissioner seats approved by write-ins and one commissioner whose name was on the ballot. The two people selected by write-ins would have to agree to take the positions.

Grover voters last Tuesday elected J.D. Ledford for his full term as mayor. Ledford had been appointed several months ago to fill the unexpired term of Robert Sides.

Bill Willis, who served previously as councilman and who filed for one of the three open seats, received 68 votes and also received 10 write-ins for mayor.

Political newcomer Cleveland County Deputy Roy Dyer was elected with 47 write-ins and incumbent councilwoman Jackie Bennett, who also did not file, was reelected with 12 write-in votes to serve the two year unexpired term of Ledford.

The third seat up for grabs in the Nov. 8 election was that of Cobia Goforth, who did not file for reelection.

Other members of the Grover board whose terms are not up are Cindy O'Brien and Brent White.

Non-partisan elections in North Carolina give the voter the ability to write in a name. Write-in winners must be registered voters and live in the town limits of the town/city for which they have been nominated.

Final count shows Harris on the Board

It was a close call. Three candidates finished nearly neck-and-neck for the final seat on the Cleveland County Board of Education. The call was so close that two candidates, Page Morgan and Danny Blanton, asked for a recount.

The aftermath of Canvass Day did add a few more votes to each candidate, but not enough to upset the former Crest High principal Roger Harris, who claimed the fifth and final seat on the board.

Election night results had Harris in the lead among Morgan and Blanton with 2,955 votes. Early figures showed Morgan trailing with 2,921 votes and Blanton with 2,890. The final count revealed 2,966 votes for Harris, 2,933 votes for Morgan, and 2,901 votes for Blanton.

Harris said that he may have received more votes from Kings Mountain if something he said in a recent Cleveland County NAACP forum would not have been "taken out of context".

See RECOUNT, 5A



EMILY WEAVER/HERALD
 Keynote speaker Major Chris Gilbert, of the NC National Guard, addresses the crowd on Veterans Day, Friday.

Major: You are worth fighting for

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Kings Mountain veteran Boyce Tesenair is aware that our country didn't always appreciate the military.

Thirty-eight years ago when US combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam they didn't receive the welcome fitting their sacrifice, he said at the annual city-sponsored Veterans Day ceremony Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. It was a day the community gathers to thank living veterans for their service in wartime and peace.

Tesenair planned a beach trip with Marine Wayne Thomas, a buddy he had served with during boot camp. The reunion didn't happen. Thomas was one of six KM casualties of the War in Vietnam.

"They were heroes," said Tesenair, of Chris Brooks, US Army, July 3, 1966; Dudley Hughes, US Navy, Dec. 23,

See VETERANS, 5A

3 new faces on BC council

BESSEMER CITY - A new mayor, Becky Steelman Smith, and two council members will make three new faces on Town Council in December.

Smith ran unopposed for mayor and Howard Jones, Ward 4, and Alfred Carpenter, Ward 5, beat out incumbents for those two positions. Jones took 54.76 percent of the vote or 243 votes to oust incumbent Melanie Neal Colvin who garnered 45.8 percent of the vote or 207 votes. Carpenter, with 54.51 percent or 248 votes, won over challenger Jason Tate, who had 207 votes or 45.49 percent of the vote.

Incumbents D. C. "Little Dan" Boling and Josiah "Joe" Will also were reelected. Boling ran unopposed to keep his Ward I seat on council (97.07 percent or 365 votes). Will also was unchallenged, receiving 98.34 percent of the vote or 414 votes.

See VOTERS, 5A



How they voted...			
Mayor			
Gilbert "Pee Wee" Hamrick	172	Curtis Pressley	330
Rick Murphrey	1,172	Write-in	1
Write-ins	42	Ward 1	
		Howard Shipp	174
At-large		Write-ins	4
Brian Cloninger	22	Ward 4	
Bobby Horne	254	Rodney Gordon	319
Keith Miller	389	Write-ins	29
Jerry Mullinax	203	Ward 5	
Roy "Butch" Pearson	238	Rick Moore	325
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