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Meth lab busted

A Friday meth drug bust at 207 Linwood Road turned up several one pot meth cooks, according to Det. Sgt. Lisa Proctor of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Proctor said that KMPD had arrested David Edward Parker, 46 of 207 Linwood Road, earlier in the day on a warrant for probation violation and he was in custody at the Cleveland County Jail when police received a call to assist Probation and Parole at 207 Linwood Road.

Proctor said that KMPD and the state SBI arrived to assess the scene and upon further investigation officers

secured the scene until a search warrant was obtained. After a search warrant was obtained by KMPD joint agencies searched the residence.

The search led to locating the pot cooks.

Officers from the North Carolina SBI processed the scene with officers from KMPD and Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.

Parker is also charged with felony maintaining a dwelling, felony manufacturing methamphetamine, felony possession of meth precursor, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

It's the 'Great Pumpkin Parade'!

The City of Kings Mountain will host the annual "Great Pumpkin Halloween Parade" on Wednesday, October 31. Children are invited to gather at the City Hall Plaza on Cherokee Street at 10 a.m. and walk with Mayor Rick Murphrey on the parade route to the Gazebo at Patriots Park for post parade activities.

Mauney Memorial Library's Harris Children's Department, in cooperation with Cleveland County Childcare Connections, Partnership for Children - Community Play and Learn Program,

Smart Start, and NC Pre-K will provide entertainment, games, Halloween stories, songs, sing-alongs and a haystack search for Halloween goodies.

One lucky individual, in each of the three age groups' haystacks, will find the "Gold Pumpkin" and receive a \$25.00 gift card to a local toy store. There will also be an

inflatable giant slide and obstacle course. The Kings Mountain Police Department will provide reflective bags for treats to the children and the Kings Mountain Fire Department will have a fire truck on display. Local merchants are encouraged to dress in costumes to greet the children along the parade route.

Afterwards, children and parents are welcome to stay and play, have a picnic lunch or dine in one of the convenient downtown restaurants.



These superheros marched in the 2011 Great Pumpkin Halloween Parade.

Herald file photo

Grover Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 27

GROVER - Come out Saturday and have a spooktacular time at the pre-Halloween Fall Festival on Main Street, says Grover Mayor J.D. Ledford.

The Oct. 27 festival from noon until 8 p.m. promises to be a fun-filled event for the whole family, featuring live bands, a wall of 700 lighted pumpkins, and a corn maze which is not just a maze but a challenge to find six hidden trick or treaters.

Entertainment features include Southern Experience from noon until 1:30 p.m., Emily Minor, former American Idol contestant from 3-

4:30 p.m. and Nantucket Sound from 6:15-8 p.m.

An added highlight is the 5K run dedicated to the memory of young Zoe Brockman with all proceeds earmarked from the race for the Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation.

Headless horsemen carriage rides, plenty of food and crafts, kiddie rides, crowning of a Pumpkin Queen, a trick or treat trail, and other events make the Octoberfest one of the most unique fall festivals in the state which last year attracted crowds to Grover.

YMCA Fall Festival Thursday, Oct. 25

The Kings Mountain YMCA's community-wide Fall Festival Thursday, Oct. 25, will feature fun for all from 6-8 p.m.

Kevin Osborne, Y Executive Director, said the events in the YMCA Gymnasium are free with a donation of two canned food items for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

Food, old fashion cake walks, inflatables for the

kids, and plenty of games are on the agenda for the two hours of entertainment.

"We hope everyone will come and have a good time during this family event and also help out the Crisis Ministry," said Osborne. He said that staple food items are needed to stock the pantry at the Crisis Ministry as the holidays arrive.

Last year over 300 people attended the event.

Early voting begins

Kings Mountain's early voting polling place will open Monday, Oct. 29 and continue through Nov. 2 from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at Boyce Memorial ARP Church on Edgemont Avenue. The last day to vote early is Saturday, Nov. 3,

from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

City Council included funds in the budget for the satellite site.

Nearly 1,000 people voted last Thursday at the Cleveland County Board of Elections on the first day of early voting. "It's been non-stop ever since," reports the Elections Director Debra Blanton. She recommends voters arrive at the board of elections early in the morning or later in the day to avoid peak lunchtime crowds.

Fairgrounds shut down pending health department investigations

More than three weeks after an E-coli outbreak hit the Cleveland County Fair, the fairground has shut down for other events.

Calvin Hastings, manager of the Cleveland County Fair, said this week that all public events at the Cleveland County Fair are cancelled "in the interest of the general public and until the exact source and DNA identity of the strain or strains of the current E-coli virus are determined."

Preliminary findings suggest animal exposure may be the likely source of the outbreak.

"Hog Happin'", the biggest event

scheduled at the fair the remainder of the year, has booked the Shelby City Park.

"We are making the responsible decision to temporarily close all public events at the fairgrounds pending the completion of current state and local health department investigations," Hastings said in a press release.

Hastings added, "Since so much is unknown about the pathogen at this point, including the finding of a heretofore unknown and unidentified strain of E.coli, and sine no source has been identified, the Fair has determined that, in the exercise of all reasonable and

necessary precautionary measures, it will temporarily suspend all public events at the facility."

This suspension, said Hastings, will remain effective pending further findings and instructions from the state and local health agencies and the N. C. Department of Agriculture. In the meantime, he said the Fair will continue to work with all state and local health partners in a joint effort to determine the proximate cause and source of this incident.

Last week public health officials

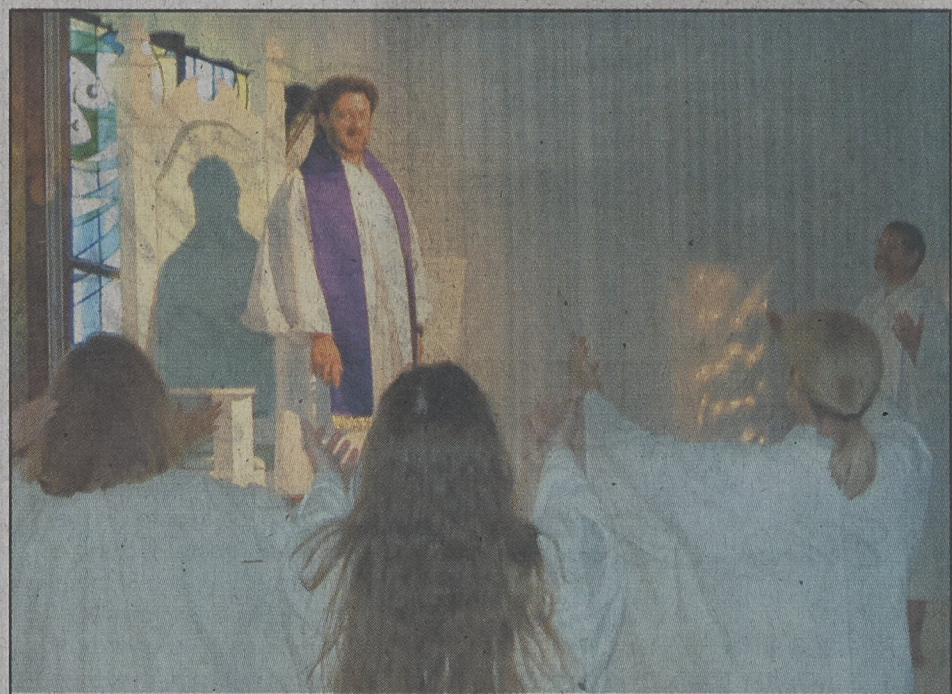
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Experience choices and their eternal consequences with 'Judgement House'

The dramatic walk-through gospel presentation, "Judgement House," attracted 1,345 people to First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain in the first of two weekends of performances.

This coming weekend will be the final weekend of this year's presentation. The times are Friday, 6:30-10 p.m., Saturday 3:30-10 p.m. and Sunday 3:30-7 p.m. The show "tours" begin every 15 minutes.

Rev. Jeff Johnson, Minister of Students, is the producer for the event, a gift the church gives to the community and free to everyone. The drama is the result of many months of preparation involving the talents of more than 200 members of the



Aaron Allen, in the role of "Jesus," in Heaven before a worshipping host in the First Baptist Church presentation of "Judgement House." The final weekend of the performance is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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