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BEACH BLAST: fun beat the heat!

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dancers and contests, and applauded to the music of The Fantastic Shakers and Free Flow.

Mayor Rick Murphrey climbed up in Kings Mountain Fire Department Ladder No. 1 fire truck for the traditional Beach Ball Drop which delighted the crowds.

The winners in the girls 0-3 and boys 0-3 categories were Rayann Campbell and Blaze Teague. The winners in the boy's 4-6 categories were Shelby Wiley and Beckett Stokes. All contestants received prizes from Reno Chiropractic who sponsored the contest that opened the 2012 Beach Blast. Judges were Jan Harris, Main Street Director; Shirley Brutko, local Chamber manager; and Terri Ellison of Reno Chiropractic.

A big crowd watched as hamburger chefs turned out "best hamburgers" and the winners were Matthew Holland and Dr. Foo's Barnyard Experiments, first; Chris Johnson,

second place; and Kings Mountain VFW Post 9811, third, which sponsored the contest.

The spiraling temperatures brought people to the Ice Cream Crank off that was won by Erica Carpenter, Teen Miss Cleveland County and they sampled her yummy chocolate-chocolate chip ice cream and loved it. Erica's mother, Linda Carpenter, took second place in the contest with her delicious strawberry.

In addition to these traditional flavors, a salted sweet corn ice cream was a first for the event and festival-goers also sampled mint chocolate chip, cherry vanilla, and green banana ice cream. The event was a benefit for the Green Banana Project with proceeds going to Relay for Life. The contest was sponsored by the Kings Mountain Herald with prizes donated by Subway, Swoogers, YMCA, Hometown Hardware, Steve Baker of Nationwide Insurance and Oak Grove Auto Sales.



Matthew Holland and Dr. Foo's Barnyard Experiments won first place in Saturday's Best Burger cook-off at Beach Blast at Patriots Park. Making the presentation to Holland, left, is Chuck Sperry, representing Kings Mountain VFW Post 9811 who sponsored the cook-off. The winning team won a \$300 first place cash award. Not pictured is second place winner Chris Johnson, who took home a \$200 cash prize. photo by Ellis Noell

DIRECTOR: Pondillo to be at 'The New Charlie Wu' premier

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Pondillo wrote the script for the film in the summer of 2008 but the idea he said had been "rattling around in my head for 16 years." He had a dream that put him on a path that changed his life. "A woman floated toward me and said, 'Be somebody else before you're 40.' I suspect that in this economy a good many folk are waking to the fact they've got to change their lives too."

David Lawrence, who played Mr. Nugatorius in the film, is a rising Hollywood actor and was seen as a recurring guest star (playing the villain Eric Doyle) on the



Dr. Bob Pondillo

hit NBC-TV show "Heroes," as well as roles on ABC-TV's "Lost" and CBS-TV's "The Unit." He recently co-starred with Frankie Muniz in "Pizza Man," a new comedy. This film is the third

time that Lawrence and Pondillo have worked together.

The "New, True Charlie Wu" won six awards in 2010 as Best Comedy Short in the Smogdance International Film festival, Pomona, CA; Fifteen Minutes of Fame film festival, Palm Bay, Florida; Kent film festival, Kent, CT; Staten Island International film festival, Staten Island, NY; Wildwood festival, Wildwood, WI; and Remi Gold Award, World-fest, Houston, TX. It will be featured in its entirety on Wisconsin Public TV's "The Director's Cut" TV show on July 29 and streamed on demand from WPT websites.

The synopsis of Wednesday's show, rated PG, follows:

Charlie Wu has been an accountant for years, stuck in a job that's sucking his soul. He knows he should leave and go for his dream, but he just can't, or won't quit. If he leaves his good paying position, he fears his parents and

friends will think he's a stupid failure - and he knows he could fail. So, Charlie waits and stewes as the seasons pass. One night Charlie has a vision where he meets Eudaimonia, the Queen of his soul. She whispers: "Be somebody else before you're 30" and launches Charlie on a wild, funny, touching and

ultimately life changing musical fantasy.

Says the writer, director: "If you've ever lost your way on life's journey, if you ever settled for a paycheck instead of your passion, if you've ever postponed your special dream, The New, True, Charlie Wu is for and about you."



The choir from the film 'The New Charlie Wu'

GROVER: two file for city council seats

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Ross and his wife, Linda Gregg Ross, have two children. Kayleigh is a student at Grover School and Logan Ross is a student at KM Intermediate School. He is the son of Lena Ross of Kings Mountain and J. R. Ross of Shelby and is employed by DBA Rentals of Kings Mountain. The family is Baptist.

Jackie Bennett has served

on town council for 10 years. "I love this town and I am interested in our town and people," said Bennett, who has lived in Grover 50 of her nearly 74 years. She has headed the cemetery committee since 2003 and is active in the Woman's Club and is a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church. She lived in Washington state for 20 years and raised her children there and also lived in Alaska 2 1/2 years. Daughter

of the late Dean and Helen Hope of Grover, she is a retired telephone operator and has been a caregiver for many years. Her children are Martha Allen and husband, Dennis and Mona Bennett, all of Grover, Lynn Falls of Blacksburg, SC, Dude Bennett of Alaska and the late Tee Bennett. She has seven grandchildren, including two grandsons serving in the US Army, and two great-grandchildren.

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