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Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, one of the judges at the Old North State BBQ Challenge Saturday, took time to enjoy the Harley Davidson motorcycles on display. He's in the driver's seat on this beauty in Salisbury at the motorcycle dealership.



KM Fire Chief Frank Burns, left, and Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey, right, congratulate Bobby and Belinda Roberts of Bessemer City, champions again in the Old North State BBQ Challenge in Salisbury Saturday. Grand champions for the second year at the Firehouse BBQ Cookoff in Kings Mountain in April, the consistent winners of cook offs in the state held the highest overall scores from four events in Kings Mountain, Lexington, Kannapolis and Salisbury, among 76 teams participating Saturday, to take the Old North State Series grand champion trophy and a prize purse of \$3500.

# Robertses win Old North State BBQ Challenge

ELIZABETH STEWART

Bessemer City's Bobby and Belinda Roberts love what they do and they do what they love.

They are champions at the barbecue grill and no, they won't give out their prize-winning recipes but sometimes they spice up their entrees depending on what area of the state they are competing.

"They started off about 25 years ago on a team they called "Two Old Men and a Grill" and kept the name," said Kings Mountain Fire Chief Frank Burns who, along with

Mayor Rick Murphrey, has presented them a handsome trophy and cash for the past two years at the Kings Mountain Firehouse BBQ Cook-Off.

Roberts says they plan to cook next year in Kings Mountain at the city's walking track and make it a "threepeater."

As the champion in the Old North State BBQ challenge Saturday at Tillery Harley Davidson in Salisbury, they accumulated the most points to win the championship. Seventy-six teams partici-

ated in the BBQ cookoff Saturday with Killer Bees, who also participated in the Kings Mountain Firehouse cook off, taking the top prize and second place in the Old North State BBQ challenge.

The inaugural year of this intrastate BBQ championship consisted of four KCBS sanctioned BBQ competitions across North Carolina including Kings Mountain (April 19-20), Lexington (April 26-27), Kannapolis (May 10-11) and Salisbury (Sept. 2021). Championship barbecue teams competing in these four events vied to accu-

mulate points to earn the honor of being called the Old North State Series Grand Champion and reserve Grand Champion, first runner up and a prize purse of \$3500 and \$1500 respectively.

Murphrey and City of Kings Mountain Events Coordinator Ellis Noell judged the "People's Choice" category in the Saturday competition.

Burns said Kings Mountain Fire Department is the only firehouse that hosts a barbecue cook-off. The recent cook-off helped raise the

funds for the prize package presented at the Old North State BBQ Challenge.

"I really enjoyed the tough competition and the food," said the mayor.

Noell said the event was a tremendous display of cooking and good barbecue eating. "I think the mayor also enjoyed the Harley Davidson motorcycles. Noell couldn't resist snapping a picture of the mayor astride one of the Indian Motorcycle models on display.

# Grabert and Stirewalt recognized by Kings Mountain council

Two Kings Mountain young people - Gregory Grabert and Cheyanne Stirewalt - were recognized by Mayor Rick Murphrey and Kings Mountain City Council Tuesday night for receiving high awards that reflect determination, dedication and leadership.

The mayor presented the resolutions, introducing them, at the opening of the council meeting.

Grabert, son of Greg and Estelle Grabert and a member of Boy Scout Troop 91 of Bethlehem Baptist Church, has achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout, the highest and most distinguished

award earned by a Boy Scout. He was cited for "exceptional commitment and hard work in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and his outstanding work on the informational signs on the Gateway Trail which provides the name of the trail, GPS coordinates and elevations every quarter mile."

Stirewalt, daughter of Richard and Sandra Stirewalt and a member of Girl Scout Troop 20282, educated children in the community about the history that surrounds them in historical Kings Mountain. To do this, she created a video that captured the history behind the

Battle of Kings Mountain and shared it with children in a local school. Because of her project the students came to appreciate their history filled city that helped shape America.

Cheyanne is an active member of Advent Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain.

By earning the Girl Scout



GRABERT



STIREWALT

Award, Stirewalt has become a community leader. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart. Marcia Cole, Chief Executive Officer of Girls Scouts Carolina

Peaks to Piedmont stated, "Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award designation is truly a remarkable achievement and this young

woman exemplifies leadership in all its forms. She saw a need in her community and took action. Her extraordinary dedication, perseverance and leadership is making the world a better place."

The Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting and recognizes girls in grades 9 through 12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable, Take Action projects in which each girl must dedicate a minimum of 80 hours to planning and implementing a project that must benefit the community.

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