

# Air horn prank gets local family on 'Funniest Videos'

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A rude awakening has turned into a chance to win \$10,000 for a Grover family.

KMHS 9th grader Madison Hoyle and her dog Toby are the unwitting stars of a short video that has been selected by the popular America's Funniest Home Video as a finalist.

The video features the teenager snoozing with the family's pet miniature schnauzer on the Sunday morning before the first day of school. Enter air horn. The blast startles the dog and abruptly ends Hoyle's peaceful rest as the piercing noise causes her to roll out of bed and quickly cover her face in a blanket. Dad Marty, mother Gina and little sister Leah can be heard laughing off camera.

The TV show is flying the entire family out to southern California for the Manhattan Beach taping. The Hoyles have been informed they are among three



Madison would have liked to slept in that August morning, but the family, armed with an air horn, had other ideas.

finalists, with 1st place paying \$10,000, 2nd place paying \$3,000 and 3rd place paying \$2,000.

"Last week they called and said they loved it," Gina said. "They're flying us out there. We're really excited."

Gina said she posted the funny video on Instagram and within a day or so everyone at Madison's school had seen it. "It spread really, really quickly."

The 8:30 a.m. prank was Madison's father's idea. After many friends and family members saw the hilari-

ous outcome, they pressed Gina to submit it to the funny video show. In talking with the show's producers, she learned the show is set to tape on Saturday, Nov. 2. The tentative air date is Nov. 24.

Should they win first place, the family's air horn video will instantly become eligible for the funniest video of the year, which pays a \$100,000 prize. That taping, according to show's producers, would happen sometime in December.



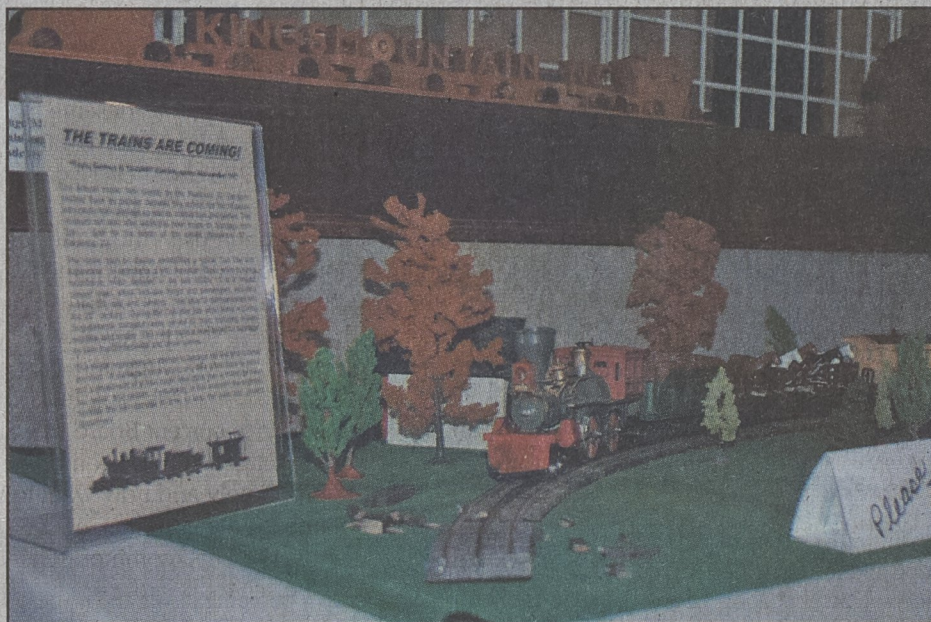
Brandon "Tater" Ayers looks for the pumpkin he painted as an art project for his kindergarten class at Grover Elementary.

## Pumpkin Festival rolls through Grover

The Grover Pumpkin Festival rolled through town last Saturday with blue skies and cool temperatures. Crowds enjoyed

rides, the pumpkin carving wall, entertainment, food, vendors and a whole lot of fun for local families and visitors alike.

## Train exhibit, other events coming to historical museum



The holidays are just around the corner, and anticipation is building at Kings Mountain Historical Museum as it gets ready for its 10th annual model train display and other upcoming holiday events.

### November 16 - January 4: "Toys, Games & TRAINS" Exhibit

The annual model train display by the Piedmont "S" Gaugers returns! Back by popular demand, this exhibit fills the museum with model train displays, railroad memorabilia, and antique toys and games. An extensive interactive model train track provides hands-on fun for all ages. Open Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm & Sun. 1pm-4pm.

### Saturday, December 7: Christmas in Kings Mountain

Celebrate at Kings Mountain Historical Museum with a full day of activities sure to get the whole family into the holiday spirit!

- 10am-3pm: Experience the magic of the "Toys, Games & TRAINS" exhibit, and tour the historic Cornwell and Barber Houses decorated for the holidays. Learn about the history of Christmas celebrations, and see traditional craft demonstrations such as Scherenschmitte, the historic German art of paper cutting, presented by Linda Bell.
- 3pm-5pm: City of Kings Mountain's annual Christmas Parade (Museum closed).
- 5pm-7pm: Enjoy extended evening hours of the "Toys, Games & TRAINS" exhibit, candlelight tours of the historic Barber House, and hot

apple cider by the firelight.

### Saturday, December 14: Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus at the Museum

At 11 a.m., Mrs. Claus will do a special reading of the classic 1823 children's story, "The Night Before Christmas" to get the kids ready to meet Santa Claus, who will visit the Museum from 1 p.m.-3pm. Bring your camera for the perfect holiday family photo.

Our Museum Gift Shop has a great selection of pottery, art, jewelry, and other one-of-a-kind items crafted by local artists perfect for all of your gift-giving needs. We also sell a variety of books, train novelties, toys, and holiday treats like Moravian cookies and cheese straws.

PLEASE NOTE: The Museum will be closed on Saturdays from Oct. 26 - Nov. 9 while it prepares for

the upcoming "Toys, Games & TRAINS" exhibit. It will remain open regular hours Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The Museum will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Please check the website for additional closings.

ADMISSION IS FREE! Donations are appreciated. All donations go toward fulfilling the Museum's mission to collect, preserve, and interpret history through exhibits, educational programs, tours, and other appropriate means, in order to foster a deeper understanding of the history of our community and the region. To find out more about upcoming exhibits and events, please visit us at: [www.kingsmountainmuseum.org](http://www.kingsmountainmuseum.org) or call (704) 739-1019. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Pinterest.

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Above: A participant lets one fly in the Pumpkin Roll on Saturday at the Grover Pumpkin Festival. The object was to roll a miniature pumpkin farther than others. The winner notched a distance of just under 200 feet.

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Below: Kids have a thrilling time on the Tilt-A-Whirl at the Grover Pumpkin Festival on Saturday under sunny skies and cool weather.



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