

Voters oust 2 school board incumbents

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Cleveland County voters ousted two incumbents on the school board and elected two newcomers Tuesday in a tight race to the finish line.

Official results won't be posted until Nov. 12 by the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

As the Herald went to press at 9:30 p.m. Donnie Thurman Jr., 29, led the nine candidates for the top spot on the ticket with 5,180 votes followed by incumbent Phillip Glover at 3,693; Kathy Falls, incumbent, with 3,502 and newcomer Danny Blanton with 3,440. The fifth place in election results went to Darius Griffin with 3,383.

Danny Blanton, "whistle blower" by his own account, in the state investigation of misuse of funds in the school system, has campaigned heavily on accountability in the school system and on putting teachers and students first.

Falls, of Grover, topped votes in the Kings Mountain two boxes, garnering 763 votes with Glover in second at 484. Blanton received 395 votes at the two Kings Mountain boxes.

During the evening Blanton and Falls tied several times as votes were announced by the board of elections. Blanton, in unofficial results, leads Griffin by 63 votes.

Incumbent George Litton received 2,504 votes and incumbent Dale Oliver received 2,502.

With this being an odd-numbered year there weren't state races on the ballot. In-



Thurman



Glover

stead, voters selected people who will represent them on the local level.

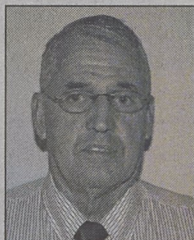
Poll workers who started out in the 26 precincts in the county found cool weather but by afternoon the temperatures had become more comfortable.

Candidates pumped hands up to the last minute as the polls closed at 7:30 p.m.

Provisional ballots remain to be counted on November 11 beginning at 10 a.m. Board of Elections and the canvass of votes will take place on November 12 beginning at 11 a.m.



Falls



Blanton

Aldridges at Joy Nov 23

Back in 2010 when Darin and Brooke Aldridge scheduled a November concert at the Joy Theater in Kings Mountain they had no idea that the Holiday Concert would become the annual tradition it is today.

The 2010 concert sold out. It sold out again in 2011 and 2012. Some observers point to the Holiday Concerts as the impetus for the band's growth from a very talented and entertaining bluegrass band into a top-of-the-charts national "show band".

"That 2010 show at the Joy became a much anticipated date for us. As early as that summer we started talking about all of the stuff we wanted to do with the show. I think that the show could have been six hours long if we had done everything everybody wanted to do. But we knew that the audience couldn't have hung around that long. Just thinking about that show was a tonic for us. And it turned out to be even more magical than we could have expected," says Darin.

The Aldridges just can't stop smiling when they are talking about the upcoming Holiday Concert.

You can tell they are really looking forward to the fourth annual Darin and Brooke Aldridge Holiday Concert on Saturday at 8:00 pm on Nov. 23 at the Joy Performance Center. Copies of their newest release "Flying" will be available for sale.

Advance tickets are \$18 and are available by phone at 704 472-7762 or on-line at www.TicketsNC.com.

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election, he supported incentivizing large companies to induce them to build and move into Kings Mountain.

Butler is a Kings Mountain businessman who has previously served on the council.

He said during his campaign that a casino and entertainment complex could boost Kings Mountain's economy. He also said he aimed to provide insurance to all city employees at the lowest cost possible.

Election results do not include absentee votes.

Boost in benefits ends Nov. 1

WASHINGTON — Food stamp benefits are set to shrink Nov. 1 for the more than 45 million Americans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Food stamp recipients had been receiving a temporary boost in benefits since 2009, due to an element of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also

known as the stimulus package, according to a letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The reduction in benefits brings the assistance levels back to their previous levels.

"The increased benefits provided by this law are expected to expire on November 1, 2013," reads the letter from U.S.D.A.'s undersecretary of Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. "Most families will see their benefits decrease in November due to the end of the extra benefits provided by the 2009 law."

The amount of the benefit received depends on the size of the household. Recipient households with one individual will see an \$11 reduction, while those with

two individuals will see a reduction of \$20. Households with three individuals will see a reduction of \$29. A chart provided in the letter goes up to eight, where the size of the reduction is \$65. After eight, it will decrease by \$8 for every additional recipient.

The government calculated the food stamp stimulus increase by taking the level of benefits for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Thrifty" food plan in June of 2008 and increasing it by 13.6 percent.

For more information about SNAP benefits and how the reductions may affect your family, visit <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/USDAFoodPlansCostofFood.htm>.

WALMART: it's official... they are coming to KM

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dairy products, bakery and deli items, household supplies, health and beauty aids and a pharmacy.

Bill Hertz, Walmart spokesperson, said "To more and more Kings Mountain residents — and people across the country — living better means the ability to walk into a Walmart and find affordable food that will help their families live healthier lives. Grocery is an area that customers have come to expect from Walmart because they know it's an area where we can offer a broad assortment of fresh foods at a low price. We're pursuing opportunities to help ensure our customers in the area have access to the products they need for their families. We think our Neighborhood Markets can be part

of the solution in Kings Mountain and communities across the country. We will continue to pursue these opportunities because we don't think families should have to choose between food that is good for them and food they can afford."

Wertz said that while Supercenters remain the primary format for growth as a company, Walmart is always evaluating opportunities to offer our customers new and more convenient access to affordable healthy food options and pharmacy products.

Added Wertz, "And with over 250 Neighborhood Markets nationwide, we are able to continue to be flexible in our approach to communities while serving local customer needs."

SCHIAVO: recalls cold, hunger as POW

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the Battle of St. Vith. The Germans surrounded two largely intact regiments, the 422nd and 423rd of the 106th Division and forced their surrender. Thousands of soldiers were lost plus substantial loss in equipment.

Schiavo recalls, "We rolled into town in a convoy and the Germans were everywhere."

Winston Churchill, addressing the House of Commons following the Battle of the Bulge, said "This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever famous American victory."

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Sam graduated high school in 1942 and was drafted. Then El. Schiavo was captured by the Germans in 1943 and liber-

ated by the Russians in 1944. Returning to Camp Roberts, California, he took two months off and returned to finish his military duty as a Corporal. He retired in 1990 from Paint Pot, which he owned and operated as a paint distributorship.

Schiavo credits his survival to God and answered prayer and to the strong bond with fellow Prisoners of War.

He and his wife, Gurteen, moved from Sunnyvale, California 13 years ago to Kings Mountain to be near his son, Larry and wife, Clarann. He has a daughter, Nancy Ziemen of Vancouver, Washington, a grandchild and three great-grandchildren. Gurteen has two sons and a daughter, and two grandchildren.

In Kings Mountain they are active in Christ the King Catholic Church and Sam

plans to speak about his POW experience to youth at a joint service at St. Mary's Catholic Church Sunday at 5 p.m.

Sam came home from the War to rebuild his life. He missed some things as a young man but he came home to rebuild his life with family. In recent years he and his wife traveled to many reunions of the 106th. Sam enjoyed a holiday reunion of the 106th at Fort Jackson, SC.

Sam and his wife went to the polls Tuesday and voted. "That's what Americans should do," he says. Proud to be a veteran, he doesn't dwell on the experiences of World War II. He looks forward to his 90th birthday in May 2014.

And this Veterans Day on November 11 he says he will remember the good things about the war years and celebrate life.

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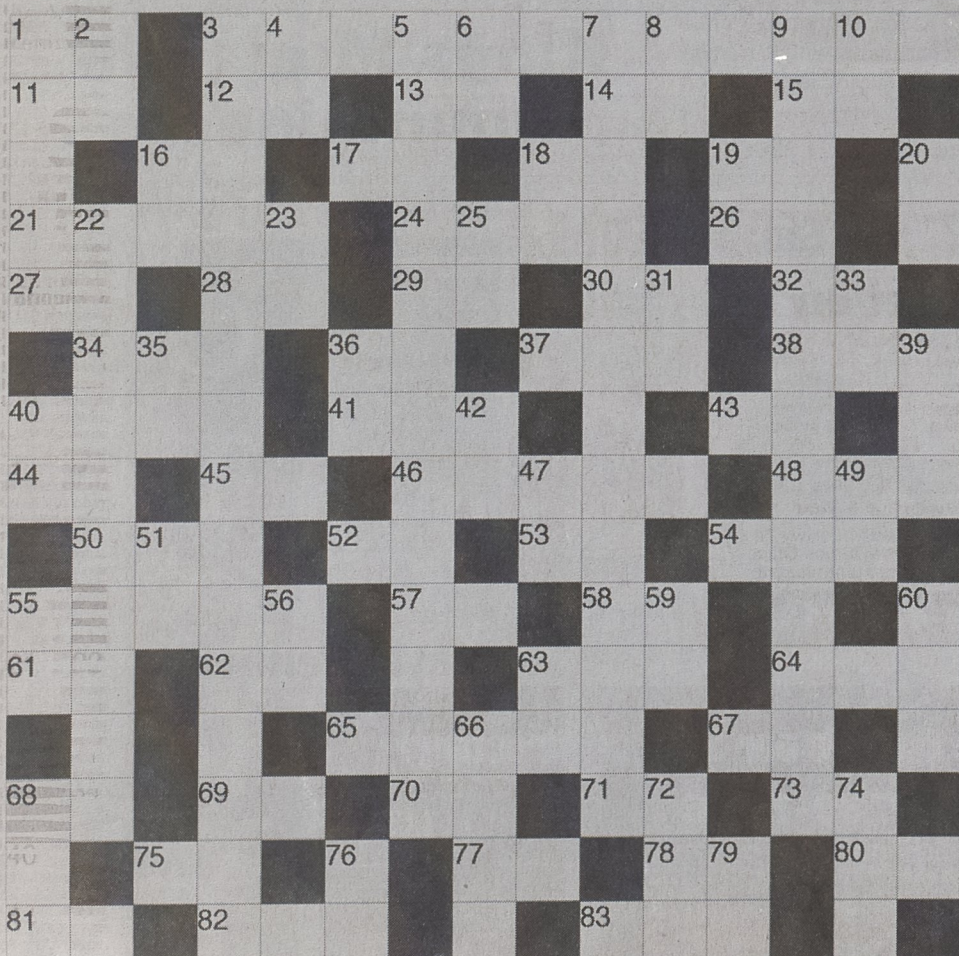
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- 11 Texas
- 12 Advertisement
- 13 Messieurs
- 14 Virginia
- 15 Red Cross
- 16 Florida
- 17 general practitioner
- 18 northeast
- 19 sodium (natrium)
- 21 U.S. emblem
- 24 place where a wild animal hides, rests, and sleeps
- 26 touching
- 27 after noon
- 28 alternating current
- 29 Illinois
- 30 past participle
- 32 silicon
- 34 Mutual Broadcasting System
- 36 science fiction
- 37 Voice of America

- 38 liquid crystal display
- 40 surface of the soil with grass growing in it
- 41 Voice of America
- 42 liquid crystal display
- 45 nickel
- 46 cause to rain
- 48 peeper
- 50 place
- 51 trained animal doctor
- 52 Texas
- 53 equally
- 56 center
- 57 Alabama
- 59 verb transitive
- 60 number
- 61 dinner jacket
- 63 Edward's nickname
- 65 number
- 66 aluminium
- 68 United Nations
- 69 having been in use for a long time

*** DOWN ***

- 1 penetrate
- 2 Texas
- 3 airport code
- 4 identification
- 5 increase
- 6 Prime Minister
- 7 having too many people
- 8 Iowa
- 9 spell in another alphabet
- 10 European Community
- 16 field goal (football)
- 18 nickel
- 19 used in an answer expressing refusal or disagreement
- 20 software
- 22 things fired from a weapon
- 23 European Community
- 25 Albert's nickname
- 31 power amp.
- 33 integrated circuit

- 35 bromine
- 36 stanza
- 39 not bright, not clear
- 40 trademark
- 42 plural
- 50 Senior
- 51 long-haired ox of central Asia
- 52 chlorine
- 54 hard parts of the body
- 57 Japan Airlines
- 59 toll
- 62 laser disc

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