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Celebration ensues at Auburndale meeting

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AUBURNDALE - It was standing room only at Monday night's Auburndale City Commission meeting, but it wasn't for any reason of opposition. The crowd was there to celebrate.

First up was City Planner Jessie Pearson, who delivered a plaque to the city on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau for a 77 percent participation in the census from the citizens of Auburndale. He reported that those numbers will be used to assist the city with funding in community amenities such as libraries and park services. Polk County reported an overall 73 percent population participation.

Next to the podium was Bob Hartley, the new principal for Stambaugh Middle School. Hartley told the wall-to-wall audience that he will fight for students.

"We have to be competitive. We are going against private, magnet, charter and choice schools," Hartley said.

He also boasted that Stambaugh is the first and only middle school in the county that offers an academy that makes it possible for middle school students to achieve six different high school credits.

After his speech, Hartley offered the school band and chorus to the city for any special event.

Third in the kudos line were local baseball players Alton Johnson, Kyle Chastain and Brandon Patterson who all received a commendation from the city for playing on the county's baseball team that won the Dixie Majors World Series recently in Independence, La.

The Lady Razorbacks and their coaches were next to get a pat on the back for winning the 2010 Girls Fast Pitch World Series. They became the champion team in the Class B 12 and under division, recently played in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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