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Kimberly Shook and Johnny Blevins will be members of King Sourwood's court during the Sourwood Festival this week.

## Planning Board recommends contract with Land of Sky

by Bill Anthony

The chairman of the Black Mountain Planning Board had to cast the deciding vote on two controversial issues at the Board's Monday, July 26 meeting.

Chairman Travis Childs voted yes on allowing the Alcohol Beverage Control to have two free standing signs at its new location, and also for contracting with the Land of the Sky Regional Council for a year's planning services. Both decisions now go to the Board of Aldermen as recommendations. Each issue split the other Planning Board members 3-3.

Childs presented the ABC's request for two identification signs. The ABC had obtained a permit to erect a sign 60 feet tall prior to the moratorium placed on all new sign permits last winter following the erection of a 100-foot sign by McDonald's. The Planning Board is still laboring over a zoning ordinance which, in draft, permits 25-foot tall free standing signs, but only one per business.

The ABC in a "spirit of compromise," Childs said, is willing to forego its approved 60-foot sign if it could erect a 25-foot sign behind its new building to attract customers off I-40. In return, it requests permission to move its present shorter sign to the front of the new building to be seen by motorists on N.C. 9.

Planners Joe Tyson and Walter Hall expressed the sentiments of those opposed to the proposal. Tyson linked the ABC to the Town of Black Mountain and suggested it should want to conform with the spirit of the proposed ordinance which in its earliest conception was an intent to lessen the number and size of business signs. And Hall argued, "If you allow them to devitate, how will you prohibit someone else from doing so?"

Alderman Michael Begley, in the audience, observed the ABC had "already compromised," that this "is one case of its kind," because of the earlier permit, and that the signs "won't look out of step with other signs in that area 10-15 years from now."

The other disputed issue, planning services, was reduced to who was to provide them. Tyson, for example, thought the town manager should have been present at the Planning Board meeting, and also thought the frequent turnover of town managers in recent years was a substantial part of the problem.

Planner Wendell Begley was dissatisfied with the text of the proposed contract with the Land of the Sky Regional Council, wanting more documentation of work performed.

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## Meeting moved to library

The Board of Adjustments meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday has been moved from Town Hall to the Black Mountain Library Education Room.

## Montreat pastor appointed to new post at Memorial Mission Hospital

by Cynthia Reimer

It is 3:30 on a hot summer afternoon. Visiting hours will begin soon at the hospital and the lobby is milling with people. The Rev. Lindy Cannon makes his way quietly among them toward the door; his day is over and he's on his way home.

In his day's work which began at the operating room before 7 a.m., the Rev. Cannon has sat with the dying, easing their way from this world. He has prayed and hoped, and finally cried, with the relatives. He has, he trusts, brought some peace, some understanding of the impossible questions of life that come with serious illness.

Concern for emotional and spiritual barriers to physical healing has led Memorial Mission Hospital to establish a new program. Heading it is a

Montreat resident, the Rev. Lindy Cannon, the hospital's first resident chaplain. Cannon was appointed in July.

A congregational pastor for 16 years, Cannon felt a calling to the one-to-one nature of hospital work. He has logged over 4,800 hours of training in hospitals and has been a chaplain since 1976.

Memorial Mission Hospital is listed as a trauma center for Western North Carolina, and Cannon says this is also a definition of his work. "Primarily I'm dealing with a person's trauma," he said. "We deal with fear primarily, the fear of living...anger, open hostility at God and at oneself. My primary concern is that they be healed, to remove the impediments to healing."

Cannon is quietly and intensely enthusiastic about his job. "Death, the moment of experiencing it, the pain of what that means, it's a spiritual

journey. I can move into a traumatic situation and not be overwhelmed by that trauma, help people move through it. And, too, I really care about people.

"I enjoy the realness of people. Real relationships form very quickly. People are open and honest. You could live 10 years on the same block and not get into this."

"I grieve a lot with them. It's an emotional roller coaster. You're hoping and praying with people. You sit in the room together, you cry, you grieve. I'm an emotional person. It's a gift I can share."

His family, he said, gives him the support he needs in his work. "They have to bear the grief I share," he said. The Rev. Cannon and his wife, Anna Doggett Cannon, summer residents of Montreat since childhood, now live year-around at Georgia Terrace. They

have four children: Jim, 17, a senior at Owen High School; David, 14, a freshman at Owen; Elizabeth, 12, a seventh grader at Black Mountain Middle; and Rachel, 11, a sixth grader at Black Mountain Middle. The Cannons came to Montreat from St. Louis, Mo., where the Rev. Cannon supervised a chaplaincy program.

Besides visiting the patients in coronary, intensive care, pediatric intensive care, emergency room and operating rooms, and holding Sunday services in the chapel of the 472-bed hospital, Cannon will establish a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at the hospital.

The program is expected to be under way early next year. It will provide training for anyone, lay or clergy, involved with people in critical situations.

## Town ends fiscal year 'in the black'

by Cynthia Reimer

The annual town audit began Monday and officials are certain the accountant's figures will show the town is "in the black" for the 1981-82 fiscal year. Earlier in the year cash flow problems left the town in a financial bind which led them to ask businesses to extend credit.

Town Manager Al Richardson and finance officer Midge Blakeslee credit higher than expected tax revenues, higher than expected state revenues, careful spending by department heads and a better collection rate of water revenues and taxes with saving the budget.

A higher collection rate on current taxes was reported after Black Mountain officials studied county tax lists and discovered people who were not listed but lived in Black Mountain.

State revenues came in at about \$12,000 over the estimate given the town by the State.

"We wouldn't have been able to stay within the expenditures of last year's budget without these higher revenues," Blakeslee said.

A crack-down on delinquent accounts raised water revenues significantly for the year. "We built a well, \$35,000 not budgeted, by the Water Department savings and still came out in the black," Blakeslee said.

"Getting the Board out of managing the town" and giving the authority over

their budgets to department heads has been a major factor in saving money, according to Alderman Doug Stafford.

No money was budgeted last year for capital improvements, but most departments have managed to make capital improvements with savings from their budgets. The Fire Department, Stafford said, was able to hire another fireman because of savings on other expenditures.

About \$5,000 was saved in administrative salaries while the town was

without a manager. Another savings occurred with the elimination of one job in the water department.

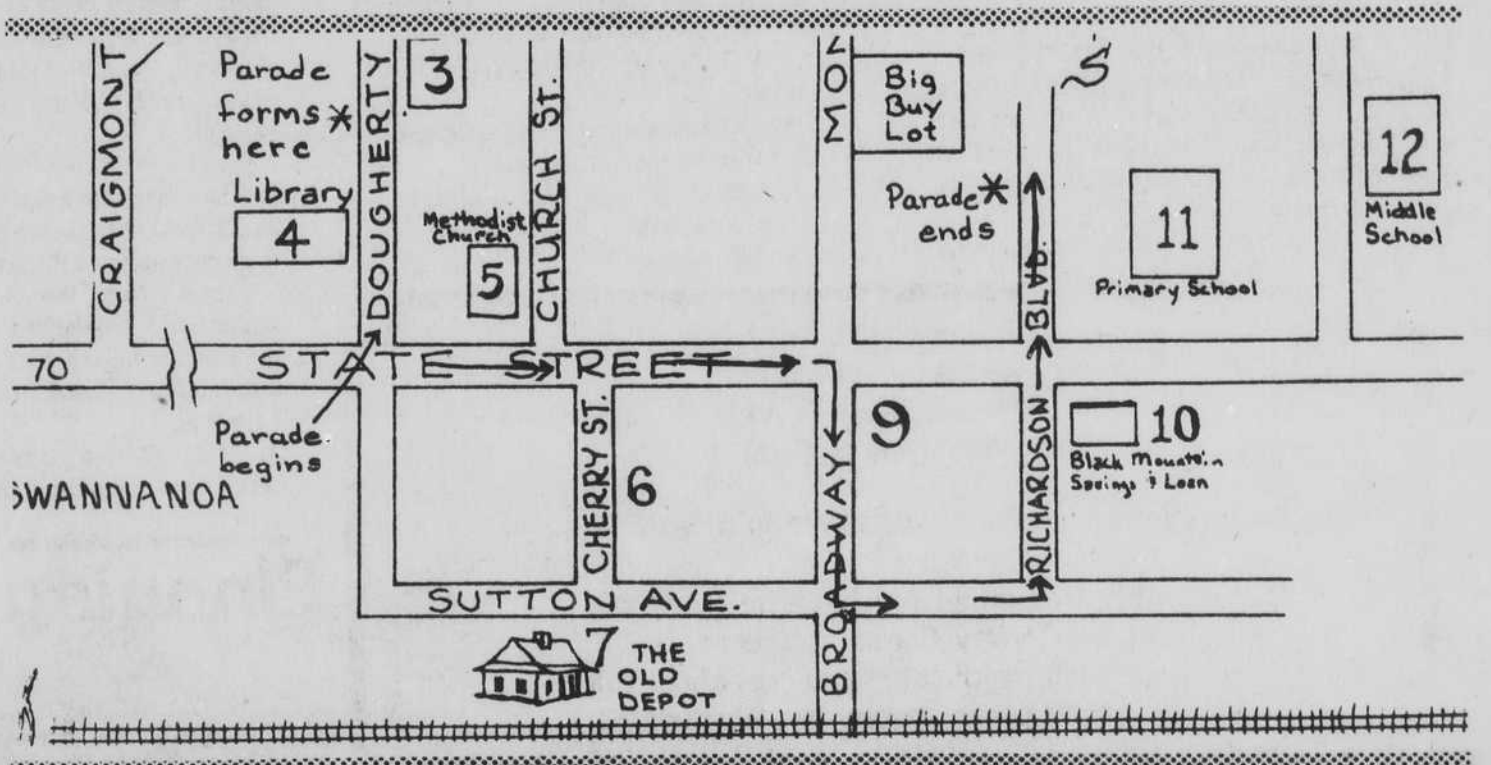
The golf course has done well this year, according to Richardson. "We had higher expenses, but also higher revenues than expected. We have less personnel, two people less than in past summers, because of updated equipment," he said.

A change in insurance saved the town \$3,000 for the year.

Stafford also credited Richardson,

Blakeslee and Suzanne Turner, administrative assistant, for other savings resulting from money management skills and cooperative efforts in working with the department heads.

Money not spent from last year's budget will go toward replenishing the town's fund balance account. Just what the figure left over will be won't be known until accountant Richard Hudson completes the audit.



## Sourwood parade Sat.

The Fifth Annual Sourwood Festival continues for the remainder of this week with all the big events still ahead.

On Friday and Saturday the first annual flea market will be held as part of the festival. More than 15 churches and organizations have been saving and collecting treasured items for sale on Cherry Street. In addition to flea market items, there will be crafts.

No festival is complete without a street dance and a parade. The dance will be Friday night on Cherry Street. The big parade will be Saturday morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. From the Black Mountain library the parade will proceed down State Street to Broadway, down Sutton Avenue to Richardson Boulevard and up Richardson Boulevard, disbanding in the former Big Buy lot.

Get ready for that "up, up and away" hot air balloon ride with Mr. Bill from the Ingles Shopping Center. There will be a small charge. This event begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Friday's schedule (Aug. 6) includes: tennis tournament (all day) youth and

senior citizen fishing contest, 12-4 p.m.; flower and vegetable show, 2-9 p.m.; flea market, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; horseshoe tournament, 7-10 p.m.) miniature golf tournament, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; street dance, 8:30-10:30 p.m.; ugly and unusual pet show, 3-5 p.m.; merchants' sidewalk sales, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; craft sales, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; David Holt, musician, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Old Depot; demonstrations and sales, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; law and safety displays, 1-9 p.m.; carnival, 6-10 p.m.

Saturday's events will include: tennis tournament finals, 10:30 a.m.; Sourwood parade, 10:30 a.m.; flower and vegetable show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; flea market, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Ronald McDonald show, 2-3 p.m.; street music and dancing, 1-8 p.m.; horseshoe finals, 4-6 p.m.; craft sales, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; merchants' sidewalk sales, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Bessemer Bell Ringers, 7-8 p.m. at the Old Depot; demonstrations and sales, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; law and safety displays, 1-8 p.m.; recreational vehicle show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Mr. Bill's hot air balloon, 9 a.m. to noon; slowpoke bike

race, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; mountain hiking and overnight camping; carnival, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tennis tournament finals will continue on Sunday. The art exhibit tea will be held from 2-5 p.m. and the Jaycee Gospel Sing from 2-6 p.m.

For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 669-2300.

## Schools open

Aug. 16

Monday, Aug. 16 will be the first official day of school for Buncombe County students. According to officials, buses will run on a regular schedule for the first day of school.

Work days for teachers will be held Aug. 9-13.

The first holiday of the year for students will be Labor Day, Sept. 6.

