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15	Mitchell	Home
18	North Buncombe	Away



Junior varsity home game play begins at 5 p.m., with the girls' game at 6:30 and boys' play beginning when the girls are finished. Tickets are \$2 for students and adults.

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Zoning map changes recommended; Planning Board chairman resigns

by Cynthia Reimer

The Black Mountain Planning Board voted Monday night to recommend a change in the zoning map to the Town Board. The change involves an area off Highway 9 zoned R-20 which would be rezoned C-2, a one-block R-10 area across from the old Ingles on Montreat Road which would be rezoned C-2, and an area from the Monte Vista Hotel on U.S. 70 just past the motels, where C-2 commercial zoning would be extended.

The earliest opportunity the Town Board will have to act on the recommendation is the January meeting. Three public hearings will precede the Aldermen's decisions.

Planning Board members were divided into committees to study the areas of zoning within the town. "The committees physically looked at these areas and used the new zoning ordinance to determine what each zoned area should be using the definition of purpose, lot area requirements, permitted use, etc." said Chairman Travis Childs.

In other action, the Planning Board agreed to uphold the recommendation of Bobby McMurray to fill a vacancy on the board.

Planning Board members must own property within the city limits, and show

interest in the planning and zoning of the town and willingness to accept the responsibilities of a board member. Board members urged anyone meeting those requirements to express their

willingness to serve to the Planning Board or Board of Aldermen.

The Planning Board heard the resignation of their chairman, Travis Childs. Childs has served on the board for four

years. He said he would resign Dec. 31 in order to spend more time with his family and to pursue other interests.

Childs expressed his gratitude to the Board of Aldermen for their support. "During the last year the Town has accomplished a number of major objectives in the area of planning and zoning and I am proud to have played a part in these endeavors," he concluded.

Until a replacement is voted on by the Planning Board, Vice Chairman George Venturella will preside.

Planning Board members received copies of the old town subdivision ordinance for study. They will begin review of the ordinance soon and urged real estate agents, contractors, builders, bankers and others who would be affected by changes to get involved in the process. Copies of the old ordinance are available at Town Hall.

At its next meeting the Planning Board will begin examination of the Permitted Uses Table for the zoning districts. If they find inconsistencies there, they will recommend amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Final reading of the proposed new zoning ordinance will be Dec. 13 at the Town Board meeting. Copies are available for study at Town Hall.



Steve Roberts, right, assists Bob McMeans in stamping the elevation on the bench mark on Black Mountain Drug Co.

Elevation inscribed after 53 years

The official elevation of Black Mountain is 2400.038 feet, a fact that remained unrecorded on the geological survey marker on the wall of the Black Mountain Drug Company. The marker was placed there in 1929; last week, 53 years later, Bob McMeans of Town Hardware added the elevation numbers.

"A lot of times they just didn't have the man on hand to do the stamping," is

how Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Andy Andrews explains the oversight.

Andrews thought the elevation should be recorded on the bronze disk but admits to being slightly intimidated by the words "\$250 for molesting this disk" printed there.

While he was in Raleigh recently he got permission from Larry Akers, head of the U.S. Geological Survey Department, to have the disk stamped.

Directors to meet

The regular Board of Directors meeting for the Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the fire department. All taxpayers are invited to attend.

Owen takes top drama awards at UNC-A

On Saturday, Nov. 13, Thespian Troupe 2294 members Kim Decker, Tina Rogers, Mike Coburn and Jodi Steucher attended the North Carolina Theatre Conference One-Act Play regional competition at UNCA. They performed a 30-minute one-act play titled "Families" by Conrad Bishop. Kim Decker won best actress, Mike

Coburn took best actor, with Tina Rogers winning honorable mention for acting. Peggie Boring, Owen's drama director, won excellence in directing. The ensemble will compete on the state level at UNGG. Owen Thespians have won best actress at this conference for three consecutive years.

Bring food for needy to parade

Black Mountain's Christmas parade, to begin at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, will include a float to collect food for the needy families in the community.

The float is sponsored by the Committee for Better Sports and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Food may be placed on the float during the parade, or call 669-7465 to have the donation picked up.

The parade will form on North Dougherty and start at the corner of Dougherty and State. It will travel down State, Broadway, across Sutton and up Richardson.

Several floats are expected, as well as bellringers, clowns, horses, and of course, Santa Claus. The Owen High School band and chorus, cheerleaders and distributive education students will participate.



Vocal concert by Briggs

Elizabeth Tolar Briggs, a Christian artist well-known in Columbia, S.C. will appear in concert at Black Mountain, First Baptist Church, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Briggs is the daughter of Mrs. W. Carson Tolar, and the late Mr. Tolar, of Black Mountain. She made her operatic debut in 1968 with the Columbia Lyric Theatre. A member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, she teaches in her own studio.

Her appearance here will include secular as well as sacred selections. The public is invited to attend the free concert.

Santa will answer letters

What communication is smudged and grubby, contains maximum spelling errors, and is probably the most important letter a kid sends out all year? Give up?

It's the annual letter to that jolly old gentleman, Santa Claus, lovingly addressed to the North Pole and signed with Xs and Os and promises of milk and Christmas cookies, with several assurances of good behavior sown about for good measure.

This year, Buncombe County youngsters who remember to add their return address will get a reply from Santa himself.

Becky Hammond of the Asheville-Buncombe Youth Council announced recently that the council has made arrangements to pick up letters from the U.S. Postal Service and deliver them to the North Pole.

The letters should be addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole. No Zip Code is necessary. All letters to Santa should be mailed by Dec. 13 to give him time to reply before Christmas.

This annual project of ABCYC handled 2,500 letters last Christmas.



A whole lemonade stand in one lemon was recently purchased by J.C. Laws of Swannanoa. The almost four-pound lemon (right) has a circumference of 21 1/2 inches. Laws bought it at Roberson's Orchard in Lutz, Fla., 20 miles north of Tampa, while he vacationed there recently. The orchard has one tree of Ponderosa lemons and one of Pink Shaddock grapefruit, which he holds in his other hand. The grapefruit weighed in at four and a quarter pounds.

Bob Warren opens new law office on Cherry Street

by Cynthia Reimer

A small-town lawyer's day is made up of "every type of case you can imagine,

from kidnapping of a teenage wife by her parents to robbery in criminal court," Black Mountain's newest lawyer reports. Bob Warren, lawyer, hung

his shingle at 117D Chery Street this week.

Warren came to the area from South Carolina two years ago. Until recently he was project director for Pisgah Legal Services of Asheville, providing free legal aid to low income people in six counties. He lives in Montreat, where he spent his childhood summers.

Although he'll take on any case, he specializes in Constitutional law, and has had extensive experience as a trial lawyer in federal court and with worker's compensation cases.

Warren was recently involved in a zoning ordinance case in Black Mountain when a resident sought permission to put a recreational vehicle park inside the city. The dispute was settled outside of court.

"Getting the two sides talking and willing to compromise is the major function of a lawyer," Warren said. "You don't want to go to court every time you have a disagreement. The trend now is to find alternative ways to

solving disputes."

A dispute settlement center in Buncombe County is in the planning stages, Warren said. Trained mediators will help both sides of a dispute explore settlement possibilities. The settlement center will help relieve crowded court dockets and also save all concerned a significant amount of money.

Although court litigation is expensive for all concerned, Warren calls the legal field more of a "consumer's market" now that lawyers are allowed to advertise. "You can call any lawyer and ask what they would charge," he said.

Legal fees will also be held down in the future by the use of computers and paralegal assistance. "Lawyers are becoming more efficient through computers and word processing. Therefore they can charge less," he said.

Warren predicts that in the next 10 years every lawyer will have access to a national computer data bank holding information on every case ever decided in a U.S. court. "It will improve the

