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Repairs planned at lake

Water in the Moss Lake reservoir will be lowered five to six feet beginning September 7 for the city do do minor repairs along the beach and shoreline.

Tom Howard, Director of Community Services, said it will take about two weeks to complete the lake lowering, depending on the volume of rain run-off.

Property owners at Moss Lake have been notified by letter from Water Supervisor Walt Ollis of the city's plans to do maintenance and repairs on city facilities and properties. Restoring the normal lake level will begin around November 15.

Ollis said lake property owners will have time to do maintenance on boat docks and other waterfront facilities. He said lake owners had asked the city to lower the lake in the spring months but it was not feasible due to interference with spawning of all species of fish.

Howard said the draw down will be done over a two week period to prevent problems at the water plant. He said the city will attempt to hold the level as close as possible, depending upon the rainfall. He said restoration of the normal lake level will be very much weather related.

"The lowering of the lake is a decided risk on the part of the city due to the possibility of extremely dry weather," said Ollis. "This will not become an annual event but we will attempt to lower the level every few years for maintenance."

Property owners need to obtain city permits for work on the lake shore, said Ollis.

Industrial Park property for sale

A 112,000-square foot masonry warehouse/light manufacturing facility at 200 Kinder Road in Kings Mountain Industrial Park is part of an August 12 sealed bid sale being advertised by The Brumley Company of Charleston, SC and NRC Auctions of Chicago, IL.

Properties in the sale are being sold by First Union National Bank, Wachovia Corp, South Carolina National and Federal Bankruptcy Court.

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PLANTING A SEED



Wanda Allison, center, teaches a group of Bible School students at Pine Manor as Kim Humphries, left, and Greg Moore assist.

Unique Bible School takes Word to children in public housing

By GARY STEWART
Editor of the Herald

Rev. John Houze, pastor of The People's Church on Highway 161, said sometimes people like to talk about the problem rather than being part of the solution.

That's why members of his congregation along with members of Second Baptist Church have undertaken a mission this week to teach the Bible to children at one of the city's largest public housing complexes, Pine Manor.

This is the third project undertaken at Pine Manor by The People's Church, which has grown to 60 members in just three years of existence.

Children of all ages - and even some adults - are meeting each evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through Friday. The opening day crowd Monday was about 45, and Rev. Houze and the other faithful workers hope to see over 100 people participate by the week's end.

There are approximately 150 children living at Pine Manor, and Rev. Houze said his church is reaching about 95 percent of them in one mission program or another.

This is the first year of the Bible School program, which is called "Outdoor Bible Club." The church also witnesses at Pine Manor once a month and Alfred Ash, a church member and public school teacher, teaches Adult Education each week through a joint program with Cleveland Community College.

"We see this as a way to give the people here a chance to know that there is hope," said Rev. Houze.

Houze has seen several residents of Pine Manor saved during previous mission efforts there, and four families have actually gotten out of the complex and into their own homes.

"It's giving them self-esteem," he says. "The Adult Education program on Tuesday and Thursday nights has been a tremendous success. It's been going on since November and people are working for their diplomas, not a GED."

While the monthly witnessing program is an outreach of The People's Church, which is Southern Baptist, Rev. Houze takes great pride in the fact that the Bible School is a non-denominational program

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White files for Ward 4

Incumbent Ward 4 Councilman Jerry White assured a race for his seat when he paid his filing fee to Elections Board Chairman Becky Cook Tuesday morning.

With White now in, the race for four seats in the October 5 city election numbers ten overall - and at least two in each individual race. If run-offs are necessary, they will be held on November 2.

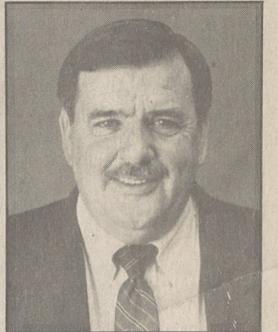
Citizens have until noon Friday to file for the four-year terms. The filing fee is \$36. Candidates must live in the ward which elects him. The At-large candidate can live anywhere in the city limits.

White, who was appointed to fill the final two years of Scott Neisler's term when Neisler resigned to run for mayor, is opposing former Councilman Jim Childers, who lost his most recent bid for City Council two years ago.

White said the city has made great strides in zoning in his two years on the Council, and he sees zoning as a major priority in the coming term four years, also.

"I think the city has worked hard to get things done in zoning areas, and we also completed the addition to the Wastewater Treatment Plant during my time on the Council. That puts us in a better position to serve industry.

"Our zoning ordinances were



JERRY WHITE

badly outdated and needed revising," he said. "We need to continue to update all the zoning ordinances and continue to bring industry into Kings Mountain."

Others who previously filed for City Council include:

Ward 1 - Charlie Smith, Gilbert Hamrick and incumbent Elvin Greene.

Ward 5 - Incumbent Fred Finger and Rick Murphy.

At-large - Kyle Smith, Jerry Mullinax and Frank Brackett.

Al Moretz, the incumbent at-large Councilman, announced earlier that he would not seek reelection.

School filing deadline Friday

Ronnie Hawkins and Connie Allison must have their fingers crossed.

With the deadline for filing for the Kings Mountain School Board Friday at noon, the two are still unopposed for the two outside city seats in the November 2 election.

Only two persons have filed for the At-large seat, former Board member Billy Houze and Larry Hamrick Jr.

Hawkins, Board chairman, is completing his first four-year term on the Board. Allison was appointed two months ago to fill the remainder of the term of Houze, who had to resign when he moved inside the city limits.

Citizens who live within the

All candidates must file with the Cleveland County Board of Elections by noon Friday. The filing fee is \$20.

Three join Grover Board race

Three more people filed for the Grover Town Council during the past week, assuring at least a four-person race for the three available seats in the November 2 election.

Incumbent James N. Howell filed, along with Noel G. Spivey and Evelyn Willis. Incumbent Don Rich filed earlier.

Timothy Rowland, the third incumbent, has not yet filed, according to the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

Grover citizens interested in serving four-year terms on the Council have until noon Friday to file at the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby.



SUE DAVIS

Davis governor's Volunteer of Year

The only reward Sue Davis wants for hours of volunteer work is a smile or a big hug from her son and his 15 friends at Western Carolina Center who call her "Mom."

But Governor Jim Hunt last week picked the Second Baptist Church member from 38 nominees to receive one of six prestigious "Volunteer of the Year" awards from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources.

Her name will be engraved on a plaque that will hang in a government building in Raleigh. A replica certificate will be framed and placed at her home beside the many volunteers awards the busy homemaker has earned.

Davis and her husband, Carl, and their pastor, Rev. Gene Land, went to Raleigh to bring home the honors for both Mrs. Davis and her church, among the groups nominated for an award. The church sponsors 30 residents at the Morganton center at \$24 each and provide birthday and Christmas gifts, a project started by Mrs. Davis about four years ago.

Three times a week the Davises drive from their home on Brookwood Drive in Cherryville to Morganton and visit their son at Cedar Oak Cottage. Mrs. Davis has been honored as "Parent of the

"I just can't help myself when I see a need, I just have to do something about it..."

-Sue Davis

Year" for two years and before that won the Maryland Governor's award after 20,000 hours of volunteer service at Great Oak Center in Silver Springs, Maryland. She was also active in the Maryland Cerebral Palsy Association.

"My reward is when I walk in the center and they hear my voice," said Mrs. Davis. "One little boy follows me down the hall, another one laughs and my son, Leslie, will smile and reach out and hug my neck."

Carl Davis is as popular as his wife. The boys call him "Pop." When they miss a day, the staff calls to find out what happened.

Davis sews jogging clothes and shirts for all the boys from materials donated by Sunday School classes at her church and at least once a year the Center transports 15 boys to the Davis home for a big birthday bash for Leslie, 44. This summer they postponed the trip because of the hot weather. Davis says she hopes to be part of a Center fundraising project for an air-conditioned wheelchair bus.

"The Lord moves in mysterious

ways," says Mrs. Davis, telling the story of how God directed them back to North Carolina in 1988 after 35 years in Maryland.

The Davises moved from Kings Mountain to Maryland when their son was 3 1/2 years old to find a hospital and treatment center for him. The boy had encephalitis when he was six months old.

Leslie Davis, now 44, uses his hands and arms very little and can't dress or feed himself. In Maryland, the Lions Club helped the family get the boy in a day care program which also taught the parents how to care for him. Leslie stayed at home for 25 years, until his parents could no longer lift him.

Davis is a retired bus driver with the Department of Defense in Washington, DC. Mrs. Davis was a school crossing guard for 15 years in Prince George County, MD until she suffered a mild heart attack in 1979. They are both Kings Mountain natives. Mrs. Davis' father, Ben Bennett, drowned in a boating accident in 1938. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Fipps, 88, lives on First Street and Sue and her sis-

ter, Ruth Davis from Rock Hill, SC share in her care. Davis is the son of the late Charles and Bessie Davis. In Kings Mountain Carl Davis worked as a supervisor at the Craftspun Mill. Mrs. Davis was a winder at Burlington Mills Phenix Plant.

"We were traveling 450 to 500 miles one way to check on mother," Sue said. "One day Carl said that we should just move back home. I said we had to find a place for Leslie first."

Two years before they decided to move back home, Leslie was seriously ill. While she waited in the Intensive Care Unit waiting room one evening Sue talked with another woman and found out about Western Carolina Center in Morganton.

"It's a shame that more people don't know about that wonderful facility," said Carl Davis.

Leslie has learned to cut paper without getting hurt and he gets a small salary for his work that he can use on shopping trips and outings. He has learned how to use a special hole punch, to operate a switch box and to hold his own drinking cup. The boy was on strong medication for seizures for 30 years and is now off it and no

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