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Saturday Mountaineer Day in KM

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Mountaineer Day Saturday will be a celebration geared to family.

Tandra Ramsey, events coordinator for the sponsoring city Parks & Recreation Department, said events will kickoff at 11 a.m. at the intersection of East Gold and Battleground (Kiser's Restaurant) and food and crafts vendors will line Battleground. A big car show on Railroad Avenue in front of Plonk's is expected to draw participation.

Ramsey said East Gold Street will be closed from the corner intersection at Kiser's Restaurant to Cherokee.

Children can receive I. D. cards from a Safety Pup during a C. O. P. S. program from 1-3 p.m. in the parking lot of City Hall. A fire rescue demonstration will be presented by Shelby Fire Department at noon.

Rides for kids, a castle maze of tubes and towers that children can crawl through, a balloon typhoon and a moon bounce are among the fun events available from noon until 4 p.m. A 2 1/2 hour gospel concert, "Fellowship in the Street," will get underway at 6 p.m. and feature Christy Walker, Living Water, Terry Dorsey and Gloryland Singers and Fifth Sunday from Kings Mountain until 8:30 p.m.

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■ MOUNTAINEER DAY FUN



There will be something for everyone Saturday at Kings Mountain's annual Mountaineer Day celebration downtown. At last year's celebration, Kelisha Goodson (top left) enjoyed an ice cream cone while listening to the entertainment on stage; Ken Yarbro and John Grant (top right) served up good hot dogs and hamburgers to raise money for Shriners Hospitals; and Paul Carpenter, in his best Mountaineer garb, took it all in while relaxing on a downtown bench.

Reynolds new chief

Just call Richard Reynolds Chief Reynolds.

The 51-year-old Kings Mountain law enforcement officer, interim police chief for a month following the retirement of veteran officer Bob Hayes, was promoted to Chief Tuesday by City Manager Jimmy Maney.

In his first official act as Chief, Reynolds promoted Det. Lt. Houston Corn, longtime officer, to Captain and named him Assistant Chief.

The announcement of the promotions came during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Cecile Reynolds pinned the eagle on her husband's uniform. "I pray every day that God will lead me in the right direction and together with Captain Houston Corn we will do our best to fight crime in Kings Mountain and serve as our primary duty," said Reynolds.

Reynolds joined KMPD as a patrolman in 1969 and was promoted through the ranks. His experience in the Detective Division for 21 years was a highlight of his career in law enforcement.

He heads a department of 45 people, including patrolmen, crossing guards, dispatchers, secretaries and reserve officers.

Reynolds, only the seventh Chief in Kings Mountain's history, said his goals are essentially the same as his predecessors -



CHIEF REYNOLDS

to run a top department.

The Chief says he and his department are excited about plans for the new \$1 million plus Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center which architects with Stewart-Cooper of Gastonia presented in a second phase design and development drawings Tuesday night.

The 14,000 square feet building of contemporary design will face Piedmont Avenue on the site of the present building with the major entrance off South Piedmont Avenue. The new facility would include administrative offices, a magistrate's office and prisoner holding areas.

Stanton to speak at battle celebration

Robert G. Stanton, Director of the National Park Service, will deliver the keynote address at the 217th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain Tuesday, October 7 at 3 p.m. at the Kings Mountain National Military Park.

The address by Stanton will be part of the ceremonies commemorating the Patriot victory over Major Patrick Ferguson's Loyalist force in the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

Stanton, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is the 15th person to serve as Director of the National Park Service since the agency was established in August 1916. He is the first African American to hold that

position.

Stanton began his federal career as a seasonal park ranger at Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming in 1962. His first permanent assignment was a personal management and public information specialist in the Washington, DC office. In 1970 he became Superintendent of National Parks-East, Washington, DC and Maryland. One year later he was appointed Superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park. Other positions held by Stanton include Deputy Regional Director of the Southeast Region, Assistant Director, Park Operations, and Deputy Regional Director for the National Capital Region. From

1988 until his retirement in January 1997 he served as Regional Director of the National Capital Region where he was responsible for 40 park units which attracted more than 38 million visitors annually.

Stanton is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In 1994 he received the National Council of Negro Women's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award. In 1993 he earned the Presidential Distinguished Senior Executive Rank Award. In 1987 he received the Interior Department's highest award, the Distinguished

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ROBERT G. STANTON

Five city residents named to Moss Lake Commission

Five Kings Mountain residents were appointed to the reestablished Moss Lake Commission Tuesday night.

Nominated by the seven City Council members and unanimously elected were Danny Parker, Ward I; Bill Johnson, Ward II; Jane Dixon, Ward III; Larry Patrick, Ward IV; and Jim Potter, Ward V.

Mayor Scott Neisler said the remaining two members will come from the Moss Lake Property Owners Association expected to make the appointments at the upcoming annual meeting.

"We expect to vote on the two members at the October 28 City Council meeting," said Neisler.

In other actions during a lengthy agenda, Council:

Rezoned to Neighborhood Business Lots 7 and 9 on the North side of East King and the North Side of Deal Streets at request of Day Enterprises Inc. Bob Karuso, representing Kentucky Fried Chicken, said the present building is 29 years old and KFC is building a 78-seat restaurant for which grading has been completed. Karuso did not indicate how the current building with 38-seat capacity will be utilized.

Contracted with Robert Thomas, engineer with

Progressive Engineering, for an electric rate study at cost of \$13,900 and for a two-part preventive maintenance contract with extended 10-year warranty for \$31,395 and a service contract of \$6,525 for the peak generation facility on agreement with Carolina Engineers. The last rate study was conducted by SVBK of Charlotte in 1995 and since that time the city has moved to a coincident rate design. Thomas said the study will involve all classes of customers and will also include an audit of every single customer using utilities. The study will take about six months to complete. Thomas and his staff will work with city finance department staffers to get input on budget and wholesale power costs.

Set a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the erection and construction of communications-type towers. "We need to be able to regulate where they could go and this ordinance would give us the opportunity to look first at zoning," said City Attorney Mickey Corry. One application was received by the city Friday for a 175 foot tower to be located near the Margrace area.

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City has the money for major projects

City Council, backed by City Manager Jimmy Maney and Auditor Darrell Keller, said the city has money on hand to fund major capital projects.

A new \$500,000 swimming pool, recreational improvements at both Davidson and Deal Street Parks and a new law enforcement center are all in the works and could go up sooner than expected.

At fiscal year end June 30, the city expects to see a hefty general fund balance of \$1.8 million and a 37.4 percent fund balance.

"The city has had a tremendous financial turnaround,"

said Keller, who suggested that the city fund capital projects on a pay as you go basis.

The report on the city finances and the unveiling of projects came during a long 33-item agenda of City Council Tuesday night. All actions of Council were unanimous, 5-0. Councilmen Ralph Grindstaff and Jerry Mullinax were absent.

Councilman Rick Murphrey made the motion that the board authorize the manager and auditor to set up a capital reserve projects fund as soon as the audit report is finalized and create an improvements program so that each year's budget require-

ments would be passed on while still maintaining the required fund balances by the Local Government Commission.

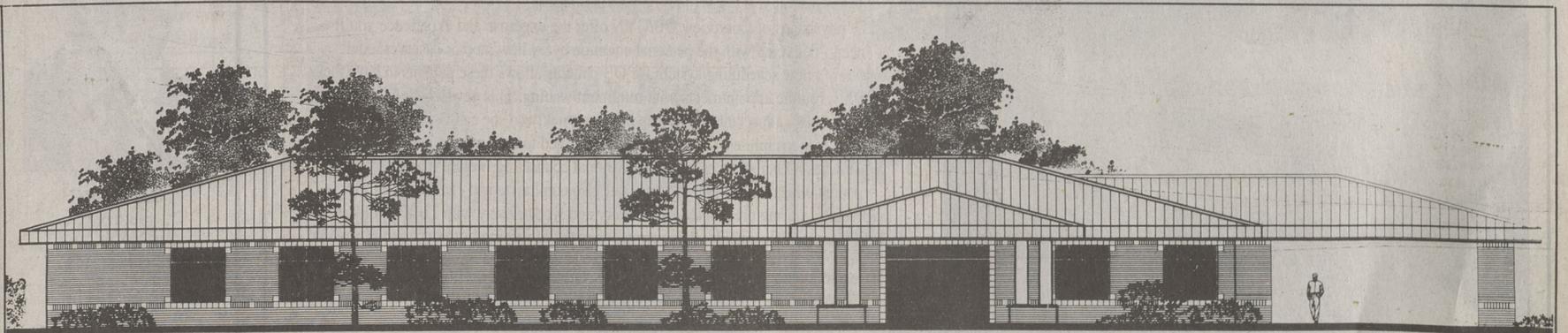
Upon motion by Recreation Committee chairman Norma Bridges, Council set a work session for Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. to give input into a master plan for recreation after hearing a report from engineer Al Moretz. He suggested utilization of Davidson Park for more playing fields, a "little people's complex," and for Deal Street and Jake Early Park with the major change elimination of the old city pool and building of a

newer pool closer to the Community Center.

"We need better use of the city's land," said Moretz, displaying drawings of the concepts for more ball and soccer fields, horseshoe areas, parking, volleyball courts, picnic shelters and possibly a second walking track. Moretz said no additional parking is available at old city stadium and he could not recommend that more than two teams play at a time in that city owned facility.

In a related action on recreation, Murphrey made the mo-

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Architect's drawing of new Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center