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## The Class of '57



Ralph Grindstaff of Kings Mountain was one of dozens of car enthusiasts who showed off their restored antiques and collector's cars during Saturday's Mountaineer Day celebration in downtown Kings Mountain. Grindstaff's is a 1957 Chevrolet. Other Mountaineer Day photos are on page 3-C.

## Council approves new swimming pool, park improvements

City Council okayed plans Tuesday night to build a public swimming pool by summer in a master recreation plan.

City Manager Jimmy Maney and Recreation Commission members praised the board for "taking a step in the right direction."

Establishing by unanimous vote a capital projects fund, the board earmarked \$500,000 for a new swimming pool; \$1 million for a new law enforcement building; and \$300,000 for improvements to Davidson and Jake Early Parks.

The board authorized Parks & Recreation Commission members to give input on the layout of the park improvements with engineer Al Moretz and authorized City Manager Jimmy Maney to work with Stewart & Cooper Architects and engineers to develop specifications so that bids could be taken as soon as possible.

"We need to move on this project to have the pool and two parks ready by summer," said Maney.

"Recreation improvements are just the beginning," said Maney who said that capital projects on the back burner for 10 year are now on the front burner.

"This is a step in the right direction," said an elated David Allen, the new chairman of the recreation commission succeeding veteran chairman councilwoman Norma Bridges. Mrs. Bridges introduced Allen and other members of the commission, including Mike Bennett, Twyla Robinson, Kim Spicer, Dan Potter and Charles Smith.

The Recreation committee met after the city

board's special meeting to review the conceptual plans.

"We're all in agreement for the most part but we want to review the plans," said Allen. "You did say recreation is getting \$800,000, didn't you?" he asked.

Both Robinson and Bennett objected to other activities in the walking track area designated for senior citizens and walkers.

"We fought hard to get this track for the older population and skateboarding and other activities would not be ideal," Robinson said.

Commission members also questioned if there was adequate parking.

Under the proposed plan for Davidson Park would be the addition of two T-ball fields, two Little League baseball fields and two soccer fields or in Moretz' words, "a little people's park." His plan also calls for a one way street around the complex and more than 120 parking spaces.

Moretz suggested closing Deal Street at the rear of the community center and moving the swimming pool closer to the community center, create a skateboarding facility adjacent to the walking track and place volleyball courts in the center of the walking track. His plan also called for a small amphitheater on the southeast side of the walking track and the addition of a baseball diamond to the facility that contains Jake Early field. He recommended the addition of 200 parking spaces.

Architects had recommended construction of a 41 foot by 82 foot junior Olympic pool and a children's wading pool

See Pool, 3A

## Ground breaking held for KM industrial park

Earth-moving equipment graded the site last Wednesday as ground was broken for the first 100,000 square feet structure in a new Kings Mountain industrial park on the southbound service road on the east side of I-85 off York Road.

The project represents a \$30 million investment for Johnson Development Associates of Spartanburg, SC.

"This is a great day for Cleveland County," said Ted Hall, chairman of the Cleveland County Economic Development Commission.

Johnson's President Foster Chapman, Jim Crawley, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and Kings Mountain Mayor Scott Neisler echoed Hall's excitement.

Other county commissioners attending the groundbreaking were Mary Accor, Ray Thomas, Ralph Gilbert and Joe Cabaniss. Other members of City Council attending were Rick Murphrey, Norma Bridges, Phil Hager and Dean Spears.

Also recognized during the ceremonies were Rep. Debbie Clary and Senator Walter Dalton, county EDC Director Steve Nye, Kings Mountain City Manager Jimmy Maney, city planning director Steve Killian and John Barker Sr. and John Baker Jr. of Shelby, site location consultants and

See Park, 3A



**GROUND BREAKING** - Plant and county officials break ground, above, for a new Kings Mountain Industrial Park off York Road. From left, Ted Hall, chairman of the Cleveland County Economic Development Commission; Garrett Scott and Foster Chapman of Johnson Development of Spartanburg, SC; Phil Hager, Don Yelton, both of the county EDC, Steve Nye, EDC executive director, Franklin Mabry of the EDC board and John Barker Jr., realtor.

## Public hearing set on sign for hospital

Public hearing by the city zoning board of adjustment on a request for a sign variance by Kings Mountain Hospital has been continued until Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.

The board delayed action Tuesday to give Alex Bell time to confer with doctors about consolidation of a new sign that would include the names of all doctors who currently operate clinics. Currently the hospital has four free standing signs on its property and is applying for a fifth sign to be placed on King Street to list the names of all doctors on staff.

Kings Mountain's zoning ordinance only permits two signs. Currently the hospital has a marquee type sign at the front of the building and incidental signs on Edgemont and Sipe Street.

Herman Greene suggested that the hospital consolidate the signs to conform with the ordinance. He suggested that doctors who put up signs at the front of their clinics attach wall signs instead and include their names on a bigger sign the hospital wants to put up on King Street for benefit of patients.

Bell said the hospital has a number of physicians who operate clinics but the public doesn't know about them.

See Sign, 3A

## Funeral Friday for Rev. Bob Davis

Rev. Robert Gray Davis Sr., 63, Hawthorne Road, died Tuesday, October 7 at his home.

A native of Independence, Mississippi, he was the son of the late Van Sr. and Ann Barbee Davis. He was a graduate of Mississippi College and received his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Religious Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, Virginia and Lowell, NC. He was appointed career missionary by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in 1978. He became director of church and community min-

See Davis, 7A



**OVERMOUNTAIN MARCHERS** - Pictured are the Overmountain Marchers as they arrived at Kings Mountain National Military Park Tuesday at the celebration of the 217th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.



**HOMECOMING QUEEN** - Senior Jada Clark was crowned Kings Mountain High homecoming queen during halftime ceremonies of Friday night's game with Freedom at John Gamble Stadium.

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