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This Week

Thursday

12 Noon - KM Rotary Club meets at Ramada Limited
 6:30 pm - KM Kiwanis Club meets at Central United Methodist Church

Friday

11 am - 7 pm - KM Optimist Club BBQ at Community Center
 8pm - High School Football Kings Mountain at Bessemer City



Anthony Ash leads Kings Mountain against Bessemer City Friday night

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Deaths

- Arlee Lail, Kings Mountain
- Jennie Hudson, Bessemer City
- James Dover, Shelby
- Maria Zimmer, Kings Mountain
- James Everhart, Kings Mountain
- Krissy Hine, Kings Mountain
- Marshall Camp, Kings Mountain
- Pauline Knipp, Kings Mountain

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Six file for County Commission

By Lib Stewart
 of the Herald Staff

Six candidates filed for the five seats open on the county board of commissioners on opening day of the filing period Monday.

Incumbents Ralph Gilbert, Willie McIntosh Jr., and Jim Crawley joined Joe Hendrick, John R. McBrayer and Norris G. Hastings in throwing their hats in the ring.

Filing closes at noon on September 14. The filing fee is \$68 and candidates may file at the Cleveland County Board of Elections in Shelby between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Hendrick, 70, a Democrat, who resides on Moss Lake at 105-22 Northshore Court, Cherryville, is retired county manager. He led the ticket in the May Primary but Superior Court Judge Stanley Sporkin ruled that all candidates must file and that both parties will hold primaries November 3.

The U.S. Justice Department last week precleared the election schedule. A second primary, if needed, would be held December 1. The general election for county commissioners is January 12, 1999.

Gilbert, 75, of Fallston, a Democrat, filed for reelection as did Jim Crawley, 68, Republican, a former

board chairman, of 322 Country Club Circle, Shelby, and Shelby Police Lt. Willie B. McIntosh Jr. 47, a Democrat, of 219 New Bethel Church Rd., Lawndale. Norris G. Hastings, 60, of 305-1 Pinkney St., Shelby, filed on the Republican ticket and John R. McBrayer, 62, of 4 Yates McBrayer Drive, Shelby, filed on the Democratic ticket.

Other incumbents on the board, Joe Cabaniss, the board chairman, and L. Ray Thomas are expected to offer for reelection.

Under Sporkin's ruling recently in Washington, DC, the two candidates receiving the most votes in the general election would serve four

year terms, the next three would receive two year terms and thereafter everyone would serve four years to return to the stagger that would have been in effect if a consent decree had never been entered into by the county and the NAACP. Cleveland county had entered into an agreement with the NAACP that expanded the county board of commissioners from five to seven members and appointed two minority members, Mary Accor and Bobby Malloy. Cleveland County Association of Government by the People sued and a federal appeals court ruled in their favor, saying the commission did not have the authority to change the makeup of the board.

KM HOMES GET FACE LIFT



ROOFING HOUSE - Mary and Johnny Barber are getting a new roof on their home in the Margrace Community thanks to a state housing grant administered by the City of Kings Mountain.

Home rehabilitation program early Christmas gift for Margrace residents

by Lib Stewart
 of the Herald Staff

For Mary and Johnny Barber and Sarah Jones of the Margrace Community Christmas has come in September for them and their early present is a remodeled home.

The two families are among the 12 from Kings Mountain who were approved by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for the single family rehabilitation program.

Steve Killian, Planning Director for the City of Kings Mountain, said the program offers assistance to owner occupied homeowners who have a low to moderate income for housing rehabilitation grants. Although not an outright grant, the program offers a deferred payment loan.

"As long as they occupy the home or sell to someone with low to moderate income or will their residences to those with low to moderate income the money does not have to be repaid," said Killian.

Killian said the grant money for each home is based on the square footage of the house.

The Barbers have lived in their residence on Fulton Drive for 25 years and Mrs. Jones has lived in her home on Water Oak Street 50 years.

"Our mill village home is getting a new roof, a new airconditioning and heating system, a new paint job, new kitchen tile and cabinet tops, five inside doors, storm doors, windows and carpet," said Mrs. Barber who is very pleased with the work being done by Pioneer Construction of Dalls.

Barber, who is disabled, was also pleased with the new look and new conveniences of his home.

As electricians and construction workers worked inside her four-room house, Jones said she was very pleased with the new kitchen and laundry room, the new doors, new roof and rewiring of her home.

Killian said to become eligible for the grant persons must be elderly, handicapped or single parent heads of household and fall under the income criteria.

The city administers the grant program with John Gannis of Benchmark as the consultant.

Killian says there is money left over in the grant fund and other citizens who want to apply for housing rehabilitation grants are invited to call his office at City Hall.



photo by Lib Stewart

BUSY WORKMEN- Tony Wyatt, Bobby Gosnell II and Jerry Wyatt, left to right, work on the kitchen of Sarah Jones' home on Watter Oak Street. The Jones home is one of 12 being rehabilitated through a state grant program administered by the City of Kings Mountain.

Grover hires former mayor

by Lib Stewart
 of the Herald Staff

GROVER - Retired Grover Mayor Ronald Queen was hired by Town Board Monday night as a consultant for the water and sewer department at a salary of \$300 per month.



QUEEN

Mayor Max Rollins said he had called on Queen for assistance twice recently and that the former two-term board member was experienced and handled numerous sewer problems over the years. Rollins said sewer problems left uncorrected could run into big money.

The action came on a motion by Councilman John Higginbotham. The board also amended the budget to take the annual cost of \$3600 from the contingency fund.

During the citizen recognition portion of the meeting, however, former councilwoman Martha Byers asked the mayor why he didn't open the discussion for public comment before the action was taken and she questioned several comments by the mayor.

"You said you promised Ron you'd look out for him," said Byers, who asked if a deal had been cut between council and its former mayor.

Rollins denied the accusation, saying he had used the wrong choice of words and said that Queen's experience as plant engineer at Grover Industries would be very valuable to the town.

Byers said she came to the meeting to complain that the mayor asked her to move her truck from the town parking lot. "My husband's vehicle broke down and it isn't like you have 300 cars parked out here in this lot," she said.

The mayor rapped the gavel after Byers had exceeded her three minute limit for citizen comment.

After the meeting Byers said she was really upset that the mayor and police chief could not have run a check on her tag and found out that the car was hers before she was asked to move it. Byers is manager of Finally's Restaurant and the parking lot adjoins the restaurant.

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