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This Week

Thursday

12 noon - Kings Mountain Rotary Club meets at Ramada Limited.

5 p.m. - Cleveland County Fair opens at the Fairgrounds in Shelby.

6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club meets at Central United Methodist Church.

Friday

7:30 p.m. - High school football, Kings Mountain at Freedom.

Saturday

10 a.m. - White Plains Shrine Club barbecue at American Legion.

Monday

7 p.m. - Grover Town Board meets at Grover Town Hall.

Tuesday

9 a.m. - Kings Mountain Board of Adjustment meets at City Hall

7 p.m. - Cleveland County Board of Commissioners meet at County Administration Building, 311 E. Marion St., Shelby

Wednesday

3 p.m. - 218th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain at Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Inside

4A Kings Mountain postal clerk Millage Spires is retiring.

5A Nightmares return for Kenya native David Toco each time he sees the terrible bombing of the American embassy.

5A 218th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain is Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the Battleground.

6A Cleveland County Fair opens Thursday at 2 p.m. at The Fairgrounds in Shelby.

11A Noah Canipe is 95 years old and still playing the piano.

Deaths

Martha Miller, 85
Lawndale

Faye Hughes, 65
Blacksburg, SC

Sandra Ely, 48
Kings Mountain

Betty Thompson, 68
Grover

Joe Hord, 79
Kings Mountain

Mabel Ruley, 88
Huntington, WV

Jerry Langley, 55
Shelby

Rodney Hovis, 33
Kings Mountain

Florence Swain, 73
Columbia, SC

Ollie McDaniel, 84
Kings Mountain

Bill Stinnett, 57
Bessemer City

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Hearing set on Sunday beer sales in KM

By ELIZABETH STEWART
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By vote of 4-3, City Council Tuesday set public hearing for October 27 on a proposed amendment to the city ordinances to permit Sunday beer sales.

The action came after local businessman Ken Hamrick appeared before Council for the second time to seek a vote on a change in the city's Blue Laws. Hamrick was accompanied by other businessmen questioning the fairness of the ordinance.

Voting to set the public hearing were Commissioners Gene White and Bob Hayes, who made the motions, Jerry Mullinax and Norma Bridges. Voting against were Phil Hager, Clavon Kelly and Rick Murphrey.

White's motion to invite representatives of the city's ABC Board to attend the next meeting and explain current state laws died for lack of a second.

Mayor Scott Neisler, Hayes and Mullinax concurred with Hamrick that fairness to all merchants was the real issue

because the city could not eliminate beer sales altogether because state laws take precedent. Currently four businesses in town are state licensed for on premise sales which start at noon on Sunday and are permitted only where food is served.

"Be fair to all, alcohol is already here," said Mullinax.

Responding to White, who strongly opposed changing the local ordinance, Hamrick said firms who sell on premises must supply 36 seats for customers, operate a kitchen and 60 percent of their sales

must be for food.

"Cities all around us permit the sale of beer on Sunday and Kings Mountain is losing sales tax dollars and also other business like groceries and gas," said Hamrick.

"Big crowds at one or two places in town that can sell beer create trouble spots for police and there is some price gouging going on," he said.

Hamrick, who operates Silver Villa Restaurant, said he is licensed to sell beer on Sunday. He said state inspectors come by monthly to check local permits.

The mayor read a letter from Food Lion management asking that Council change the current Blue Law to permit all businesses, such as grocery stores, to sell beer on Sunday.

White, who set a beer bottle in front of him at his council seat, said the deaths of 20,000 people every day can be related to alcohol.

"So what if there is some price gouging," he said to Hamrick. "I want to know what the churches and all resi-

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POLICE BUILDING COMMITTEE - Pictured are members of the building committee for the new city law enforcement center which held groundbreaking Tuesday. From left, Ken Cook, Ralph Grindstaff, Joe King, Johnny Reavis, former police chief and city commissioner Bob Hayes, Captain Houston Corn, Councilman Jerry Mullinax and City Manager Jimmy Maney.

Breaking New Ground

City's new law enforcement center should be open in eight months

Eight months from now, weather permitting, the \$1.7 million Kings Mountain Law Enforcement Center should be ready to open.

Mayor Scott Neisler, the seven City Council members and members of the police building committee broke the ground on North Piedmont Avenue Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

"This is a super occasion," said a jubilant Neisler.

Neisler said history will prove that city officials made a wise decision in spending the money for a facility that will last 70 years.

"Fifty years from now people will be looking at our picture turning the soil today," Neisler said, recalling that a 1938 picture at City Hall

which shows that administration breaking ground for the old city hall which at that time held the police station, fire department and public works all under one roof.

The old police station, which was the old historic city hall, was razed recently to make way for the new building.

"We bit the bullet and al-

though critics say we're spending too much money for this new facility I believe history will prove us right," he said.

Jim Stewart of Stewart/Cooper Architects says workers are ready to start building and construction people are moving into trailers set up at the back of the site.

Shriners barbecue is Saturday

Shriners Tommy Tindall, Clyde Whetstine and Lawrence Adams spent Tuesday afternoon chopping up cabbage for slaw for the annual White Plains Shrine Club Barbecue which gets underway at 10 a.m. Saturday at the parking lots of City Auto and Truck Parts and the American Legion Post 155.

"It takes a lot of fixings but everything is always delicious," said Tindall who has been active in serving up barbecue for years. The local club has provided hundreds of dollars to help crippled and burned children and the barbecue is the chief money making project.

Not only do the Shriners prepare the fixings but they start cooking the barbecue at outdoor pits in front of the American Legion Friday night.

"It's always a job but we do it for the children," says Adams. Tindall says his crew starts getting the donated twenty 50 pound bags of cabbage together early in the week before the day of the barbecue. At Masonic Hall Tuesday Tindall's crew had the cabbage washed and ready to put through two grinders.

Plates will sell for \$2 or two for \$4, sliced shoulders will go for \$35 and that also includes slaw and sauce, and barbecue plates are \$5.



Lawrence Adams, left, and Tom Tindall prepare the slaw for Shriners Barbecue

Ordinance re-draws city wards

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Redrawing of the city's five ward lines won't change anyone's residence but will merely merge the city's newly annexed areas, City Attorney Mickey Corry said Tuesday night as Council adopted an ordinance amending the city charter and code of ordinances to amend and reestablish the five ward lines.

Corry said the next step in the procedure is to make the proper advertisement, which would include a map drawing, and then presentation to the U. S. Justice Department for preclearance.

Council also approved an ordinance with the State Department of Transportation for construction of 18 feet of sidewalk along Cansler Street. The \$50,000 cost will be reimbursed to the city in the form of a state grant.

After a lengthy presentation by engineer Alvin Moretz on water and sewer needs, the board indicated it would set a work session to set priorities for needs before approving bids for a water and sewer rate study. Moretz said he has found a number of problems that need to be addressed in doing repairs to the city's water tank and installing a liner at Pilot Creek Treatment Plant. The board is expected to take action on change orders for these two costly projects at next month's meeting. Moretz estimated that it will take about 60 days to complete the work on the basin liner.

Moretz said the city could be looking at a five year plan for capital improvements in water/sewer or a long-range plan of 20 years.

In other actions, the board: Appointed Ken Cook to the lake commission representing Ward 4.

Accepted the bids and awarded the contract for the Country Creek gas project to Eagle Pipeline Construction for \$36,950; the Bethlehem Estates gas project to Eagle in the amount of \$25,647.50; and the system-wide tree trimming to Ingles Tree Service at \$26,800. The tree trimming will be done on Canterbury Road, the cemetery, Linwood Road, the hospital, Lackey Street and Meadowbrook Road.

Set October 27 at 7:30 p.m. for public hearing on a request for rezoning on Howard D. Welch Sr., 517 North Watterson Street, Ben H. Goforth, 1113 Shelby Road, and Mary Philbeck and Charles L. Ruley, 403 York Rd., 405 York Road and 604 Mauney Avenue.

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