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Council ponders rental rules

Town, county plan defines short-term rentals, seeks taxes

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

Edenton Town Council had a heady agenda for Monday's work session that was filled with proposals and projects that Chowan County will be hearing about for the rest of the year.

Let's start with a proposal to regulate rental housing and follow up with the renewed zeal by Chowan County to collect occupancy taxes.

Council eventually will consider an ordinance that seeks to regulate short-term rentals, which may be more familiar to most as Airbnb — those quick stay-over places that may be a mother-in-law suite, a few rooms in a house, maybe even the house itself.

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Board of Elections ready to work

Filing for Edenton election starts July 5

From Staff Reports

The Chowan County Board of Elections has been assembled after Gov. Roy Cooper picked John E. Guard to serve as its chairman last week.

The board was sworn in on Feb. 19 without Guard, who was appointed Feb. 20. The board includes Dr. Robert G. Reiheld, vice chairman, Lynn Patin, Jerard I. Perry and Linda Tiller, secretary.

In other election related news, filing for the Edenton municipal election begins at noon July 5 and ends at noon July 19. No one can file until the filing period opens.

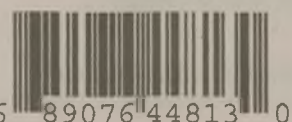
Election day is Nov. 5. One stop will start at 8 a.m. Oct. 16 in the regular office of the Board of Election (BOE) and ends at 1 p.m. Nov. 2.

Four offices are up for election: council-at-large seat, the 1st ward seat,

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MANNING'S GREATEST EDITION

'Edenton's newsman,' community servant dies

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

Edward Nelson "Pete" Manning, 89, a former, long-time publisher of the Chowan Herald, died at his home in Edenton on Feb. 21.

For more than 50 years, Manning was Edenton's newspaperman, doing everything from delivering papers, working as a linotype operator, serving as general manager and publisher. He

was active in public affairs at both the local and state levels.

Former Chowan Herald publisher Bud Amburn, who worked closely with Manning for many years, said he had lost a dear friend.

But things didn't immediately start off well, he said.

"When I became editor/publisher in 1964, Pete was immediately bitter; he had



MANNING

been promised the opportunity of some day having an ownership position," he said. "I assured him that I wasn't made aware of such during my negotiations to purchase The Chowan Herald."

Despite that initial hiccup, Amburn said he and Manning "immediately bonded." For the next 20 years, there was never a harsh word be-

tween them, he said.

"His dedication to the craft was evident as he moved from Linotype operator to ultimately top man," Amburn said. "We were always co-equals, never owner-employee."

John Mitchener, a former county commissioner and former Edenton-Chowan Board of Education member, said he recalls Manning's work for the paper when his own father, who also was

named John, was mayor of Edenton in the 1960s.

"Pete's 'Chowan Herald' was welcoming, fair and accessible to anyone who reached out to him," Mitchener said.

Mitchener, whose family operated a pharmacy in Edenton for years, said losing his friend "hurts."

"Pete brought out the best in others while retaining in-

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Manning lived life of service

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

Former Editor's note: One of Chowan County's great ones has passed away — Pete Manning — former publisher/editor of the Chowan Herald.

A lot of people, many familiar faces, attended Manning's calling hours Sunday at Edenton Baptist Church. He was buried at Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton was among those in the long line of folks waiting in line to talk to family members at the church's fellowship hall. She was hired when Manning was a leading member of Town Council.

Pharmacist, business leader and downtown ice cream counter icon Jim Blount was in line as was local legal eagle John Morehead, Tourism director Nancy Nicholls, jewelry maker extraordinaire Margaret Attkisson, and many others. On each of the tables within the church's fellowship hall, there were copies of last week's edition of the Chowan Herald.

How does one explain who Manning was?

Born in 1929, Manning was a part of that generation that didn't take anything for granted and valued hard work. A self-made man, Manning started his long career by sweeping the floors at the newspaper office where he would become publisher many years later. By all accounts, Manning was a devout Baptist, who

was a strong advocate for his church — one of the finest in Chowan County or anywhere for that matter.

In person, Manning was humble, forthright and a caring person who could talk to anyone.

I had the pleasure of meeting Manning last year when former county commissioner John Mitchener made the invite and accompanied me to Manning's home on West Eden Street — one of those lovely homes with a historic sign that has a date on it.

Mitchener was an essential part of the equation, because I'm shy and he likes to talk, so I was hoping that he and Manning would share stories; that they did.

To pay tribute to Manning, we're reprinting that story from May 2018.

For my part, Manning inspired me, as do some of the ghosts (Edwin Bufflap and Rebecca Bunch) who haunt this office on late nights, that it's not the size of the paper that counts most, but that it's the newspaper's commitment to the community it serves. If you get that right, business will take care of itself and you may be successful if you work hard.

RIP Mr. Manning

Pete Manning's life was dedicated to a noble aim — publishing the Chowan Herald.

"You've got to want to do this kind of work — it can be hard let me tell you — but I enjoyed the work and serving the community," said Manning who retired in 2002.



PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON

Former Chowan Herald Publisher Pete Manning holds up a copy of the newspaper he devoted 54 years of his life too.

For 54 years, Manning worked at the paper during its Golden Age. Books filled with past editions of the Chowan Herald bear this out with the newspaper's coverage of local government news, church announcements, civic groups, lots of school news, farm reports and much, much more.

Manning spoke of the importance of how local newspaper, a business where people have a stake in the community, is vital to the

community it serves. Toward that end, Manning provided a very solid blueprint as to how newspaper can survive and thrive. He insisted that if these principles were applied today, the newspaper would continue to grow and thrive into the next century.

"Treat people right," he said.

Apprentice to publisher

Manning began his news-

paper career at the Chowan Herald when he was 16 years old by sweeping the floor, stoking the coal furnace and doing janitorial duties every afternoon after school. He moved up to running a hand fed job printing press and then the newspaper press.

A John A. Holmes alumnus, Manning was promoted to linotype operator. Put simply, those were machines that

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\$500,000 grant to help renovate boat-making plant

Daedalus Yachts to create 50 new jobs

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

The state has awarded the town of Edenton a \$500,000 grant to help a local yacht maker renovate its 38,000-square-foot plant and create 50 new jobs.

The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority announced Feb. 21 that Edenton will receive the grant through the Building Reuse program to assist Daedalus Composites, a yacht design, engineering and manufacturing company that is also known as Daedalus Yachts, in renovating its existing plant at the town's airport park at 109 Anchors Way



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A yacht is shown under construction at Daedalus Yachts in Edenton. The town of Edenton was awarded a \$500,000 state grant on Feb. 21 to help Daedalus renovate its 38,000-square-foot plant. State officials say the grant will help Daedalus create 50 new jobs.

Drive. Daedalus, which specializes in thermoformed car-

bon fiber composites, plans

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COLONY TIRE OPENS NEW FACILITIES



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Charlie Creighton (center), CEO of Colony Tire, speaks to the crowd gathered at the grand opening of the new warehouse and corporate office Friday. Scott Creighton (left) and president of Colony Tire, waits for his turn to speak. More about the new facilities will appear in a future edition.