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Hertford OKs Grubb Street rezoning for bakery expansion

House may develop mixed-use center

REGGIE PONDER
 Staff Writer

Hertford Town Council Monday approved the rezoning of a former textile mill site on Grubb Street that a local businessman plans to renovate as a mixed-use commercial center.

Henry House, owner of Carolina Moon Bakery in

downtown Hertford, told Town Council that the business needs additional space in order to expand. He said the plan is to keep the bakery in its downtown location but open a production facility off site to enable wholesale operations and overall expansion of the business.

The former textile mill site bounded by Grubb Street, Perry Street, Woodland Street and Willow Street is larger than what it is needed for the bakery production facility, so

his plan is to develop a mixed-use commercial center that would include the bakery production facility, a catering kitchen, a restaurant, and a community market that would sell food staples and other basic food items, House explained.

The council voted unanimously to approve the rezoning of the four parcels that make up the site from the current R-8 residential zoning to a new C-2 commercial zoning. The action

was made contingent on House closing on the purchase of the property no later than Nov. 14.

House said that he not only is interested in expanding his own business but also in renovating the abandoned building and improving property values in the town.

"We want to embolden our local community to make an investment within itself," House said.



SCREEN CAPTURE/GOOGLE MAPS

Hertford Town Council agreed to rezone this site on Grubb Street from residential to commercial to accommodate Henry House's plan to renovate a former textile mill on the site into a mixed-use commercial center.

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Getting an early start



CHRIS DAY/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Gov. Roy Cooper sits on the floor while visiting with two toddlers and teachers Valeria Johnson (left) and Marjorie Hassel (not shown) at The Learning Center of Perquimans County, Thursday, Aug. 10.

Cooper stresses child care funding

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HERTFORD — Gov. Roy Cooper said state lawmakers need to make a significant investment in early childhood programs during his visit to an early childhood education center in Hertford last week.

Cooper apologized to a group of children for interrupting their story time as he stepped into The Learning Center of Perquimans County on Thursday, Aug. 10.

"Books are that much

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fun," he agreed when kids told him they like looking at books.

One of the children said Curious George was his favorite monkey, and Cooper responded that Curious George is a favorite of his, too.

The governor listened to pre-school teachers as they talked about the challenges of operating the center during the COVID-19

pandemic. Cooper said he knows about the challenges of early childhood education even through the experience of his own family.

"My daughter teaches preschool so I know that it can be challenging," he said.

He said he appreciates what teachers do every day for young children.

"Thank you guys for what letting us spend a few minutes, and thank you for what you do," Cooper said.

Cooper said it makes a difference for children when they start young with

a quality pre-school education. He said any kindergarten teacher in the state will say that they can tell from the first day which kids have had a quality pre-school education and which have not.

The governor said in rural areas especially, early childhood education is a significant challenge. But he said he can see the difference the teachers at The Learning Center are making for children.

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Hertford hopefuls weigh in on Cole, town's direction

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At least half the candidates in Hertford's Nov. 7 municipal election say they approve of the direction the town has taken under the leadership of Town Manager Janice Cole and the current council since Cole started in January 2022.

The candidates note that since Cole became the town manager, the town has garnered a number of grants to begin addressing infrastructure, stabilized town finances, grown downtown business and begun to address dilapidated structures in the town.

Candidates for mayor and town council were asked the following question: "Are you pleased with the direction the town



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has taken under the leadership of the current council and Town Manager Janice Cole? What do you like or not like about what is being done currently? What if anything do you think should be done differently?"

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Winfall candidates differ on policing

Several believe town will hire full-time officer

REGGIE PONDER
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WINFALL — Candidates for mayor and town council in Winfall's Nov. 7 election have differing views on how the town

should handle policing. While one candidate for town council thought pursuing a short-term contract with the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement protection in the town was a good idea, the two other council candidates and two mayoral candidates did not.

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Wallace held 10 summer golf camps at Sounds Golf Links

Golf pro looks to expand AP's reach

DAVID GOUGH
 The Daily Advance

HERTFORD — Mary Elizabeth Wallace has had a busy summer at Albemarle Plantation this year.

Wallace, PGA Director of Instruction at the Sound Golf Links, held her 10th and final

junior golf camp for kids ages 6-14 last week. Kids from as far away as Moyock participated. The camps were so successful, the 24-year-old Wallace said she plans to host them again next summer.

Wallace, who started her job with Albemarle Plantation in February, said her job is to try to "modernize" the gated community's golfing facility and expand its reach.

"They had kind of been stuck, not getting a whole lot of play outside of the gated community," she said. "They added me to the team so I could have more outreach to Edenton and Elizabeth City, which I started doing that."

Wallace is the first person at Albemarle Plantation to ever hold

the title of Director of Instruction and she has multiple instructional events planned to help others improve their skills.

Starting on Saturday, Aug. 26, the Sound Golf Links will host an eight-week Operation 36 course. The idea behind Operation 36, which is designed for kids and will be held every Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., is to teach the game "backwards."

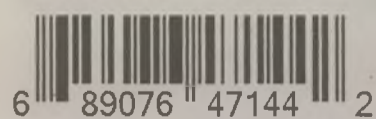
For example, kids will learn about putting the first week. They'll learn about chipping the next week, followed the next week by learning to hit the ball from 50 yards deeper until they finally reach the tee boxes.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mary Elizabeth Wallace (right) instructs a youngster during one of the 10 junior golf camps she held this summer at Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation. Wallace is the first-ever PGA Director of Instruction at the Sound Golf Links.

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