

# Committee recommends change in ordinance

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Size may not matter anymore, at least when it comes to road side trash. The Kings Mountain Utilities Committee passed a motion unanimously to recommend changing the roadside trash ordinance.

City Manager Jimmy Maney said brush amounts have been one of the biggest problems. "What we've seen as the

problem with the ordinance is the amount of brush that is put out," he said.

The committee voted to recommend to the City Council that the size of the load not matter and a medical form used for residents who are not able to haul their own tree trimmings off.

Contractors that will cut trees down will now have to get a no-charge permit from the city, and Committee Member Gene

White said he was in favor of the idea. "It's about time we got the contractors in line," he said.

The last proposal brought before City Council, which limited the amount of trimmings would pick up, never came to a vote. "It's about time we got the contractors in line," he said.

The committee will recommend the city not pick up building materials, but to pick up household furniture. Refrigerators, though must

not have freon in them for pick up.

Extending the leaf pick up by a month will be another item the committee wants to give to the City Council.

In other business, the committee voted to recommend to the City Council that it lock the price of natural gas. Currently the price of natural gas was reported at \$4.24 per 1,000 cubic, and the city wants to lock the price before it goes up.

# Grover may re-open wells

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GROVER - The town is a step closer to supplying its own water.

During Monday's meeting at the Town Hall, the Town Council passed a motion 4-1, which would give the mayor authority to contact a consulting firm on whether the wells could be opened again.

Mayor Bill Favell said Kings Mountain, who has been providing Grover water for five years, is moving the town from the inside industrial rate to the outside industrial rate, approximately a 43 percent increase.

The rate will jump from \$2.22 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.08.

Favell was at a recent Kings

Mountain Utilities Committee meeting, and City Council to plead his case.

"I don't think I got anywhere," Favell said of his time at the two meetings. "But I could be wrong."

Favell said the town of Fallston has a Charlotte firm that supplies the water and manages its wells, and that he wants to talk with that firm.

Jack's Gun Shop will be able to stay at its current location.

The town passed a unanimous motion not to appeal a decision by the Cleveland County Board of Health, Health Department Director Dense Stallings said she will try and fund the start up cost of the clinic, even with the county not funding the new building.

Favell said he has seen tractor

trailers and gun equipment at the store.

Councilman Robert Hunt said he wanted more evidence if the town was to pursue this matter with Cleveland County.

"You have to have some type of grounds to send Mickey (Corry, Town Attorney) there," Hunt said to Favell.

The town recently gave Cleveland County the authority on zoning matters, and wants to hire its own zoning officer, or share one between the small towns in the county.

In other business the council heard a proposal from Johnny Lavender, Lavender Real Estate Company, on building a subdivision at the corner of Hardin and Watterson Circles, outside the town limits.

Lavender said Upper Cleveland would provide water, but wanted the town to provide sewer service.

"How do they propose to arrive at the amount for sewer?", Mayor Pro-Tem Max Rollins said.

"By the town's own ordinance, they would have to accommodate someone to get water, but not sewer," Town attorney Mickey Corry said.

Lavender said the town would pass on a chance to gain extra money.

"We're talking about a sizeable amount of revenue coming in," he said.

The council passed a motion unanimously to table the matter.

# Health clinic may be funded

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SHELBY - The Rolling Stones have a song, "You Can't Always Get What You Want."

And with the county not receiving approximately \$900,000 in inventory tax from the state, many County agencies know the Stones song too well.

Although it did not get the

money, the Cleveland County Health Department satellite clinic in Kings Mountain may be closer to reality.

In Tuesday's meeting of the County Board of Health, Health Department Director Dense Stallings said she will try and fund the start up cost of the clinic, even with the county not funding the new building.

Kings Mountain will fund

\$21,000 of the clinic's approximate \$47,000 start up cost.

Stallings said the Health Department had received a \$407,000 check from Medicaid to balance next year's budget.

But the check is not a panacea for the budget, as cuts were made to the 2001-2002 budget.

Reductions for the new budget includes cutting \$11,000 in General Administration.

The School Health budget will be reduced by \$133,000, cutting four clerical positions, and a nurse at Shelby Middle School.

Stallings said she wants to keep the displaced clerks and use them in other parts of the department.

Stallings said both Shelby and Kings Mountain schools have agreed to help fund school-based health clinics in their districts. She said Shelby will not be able to give any additional money for it.

"We're funding significant money to Kings Mountain and Cleveland County," Stallings said. "I feel it's fair to have a partnership with Shelby Schools to put money into it."

Board of Health Member Ronnie Hawkins said the decision was up to the Shelby City School Board.

Health promotion will lose \$25,000 in the next budget, an item being cut is the County Employee wellness program.

# CANCER

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By then, Sherry said every vessel in her stomach was visible, and that it was swollen.

The Gastonia doctors gave her an appointment to see a pediatric gastroenterologist 10 days later.

But Sherry thought that would not be soon enough.

"I knew I had to get her somewhere," she said. "We went to CMC (Carolinas Medical Center) and in three hours we knew it was serious. In eight and half hours, we knew she was eaten up with cancer."

Sherry said Autumn was having problems around Christmas, and during one of her CAT scans in February, a doctor had found around four tumors inside her.

Autumn has been going to receive blood at Carolinas Medical Center about three times a week.

"We've been in the hospital more then we've been home," Sherry said. "So it's not been a good time this time," she said about Autumn's last bout of not feeling well.

Sherry said, Autumn's illness is uncertain, that there has not been any other known cases of it.

"They don't know," Sherry said. "They can't give us figures, which they have told us in '99. Her oncologist told us is what they do is take a group of kids and they study that group of kids. That is where they get their figures from. But since she is her own little unique case there's nothing else out there to compare her to."

At seven-years-old, Autumn was going to have to take chemotherapy, and her mother said that she didn't want to take it and lose her hair.

But when her hair did start to fall out, Sherry said her daughter did not mind.

One of the other unusual things Sherry said she noticed about her daughter was that she was starting puberty at five years old.

Sherry believed a lot of the early development was caused by hormones in meat and dairy products, so she did some independent research, which she said made her decide to buy other types of food.

"When your child gets cancer, and they don't have answers, you start looking," she said. "That's the hardest thing, no one knows. The unknown is scary sometimes."

The American Cancer Society said it recommended choosing most foods from plant sources and limiting intake of high fat foods, especially those from animal sources.

"Even though the impact of these dietary recommendations on ovarian cancer risk remains uncertain," the ACS site said.

"Following these recommendations can help prevent several other diseases."

People in the area have heard of Autumn's fight with the disease and have wanted to help.

Sammy Johns, a Gastonia country music singer, Sherry said was looking to do a benefit for her.

Neighbors have also helped her with the household chores.

The Kings Mountain National Guard will be holding a wrestling benefit for her at the Armory with the Eastern Wrestling Alliance.

Country music has been a favorite of the Malpass, and Autumn got to meet a group, Rascal Flatts, where she was able to go on stage with one time.

She's got to meet, Jeff Bodine, and Jeff Roper and Terry Blake from WSOC-FM

Missing school is something else Autumn has had to deal with but her mother had put as much time into finding a way around that as she did researching.

Autumn has missed two months already from this part of the year.

"I was in the process of trying to start a non profit organization," Sherry said. "I want to raise money to buy computers to link between children with serious illnesses like cancer, children who have been in car wrecks with long term disabilities."

Sherry said she wants to get a computer connected where Autumn can log on from home and be as connected as if she was in the classroom.

"Because when you have a child that's sick, like her, the last thing you want to worry about is their education," she said. "The children go through so much, their education doesn't need to suffer."

Sherry previously worked as a computer consultant, and she started to think of ways to help her daughter with the technical experience.

"I was to the point I had even gone out to Gaston College and was taking a few courses," Sherry said.

"Since Autumn was diagnosed I hadn't been able to work, we didn't know when it was going to happen," she said.

She said the only obstacle, was finding a camera for a classroom, to follow the teacher around.

Her father, Billy, is a member of the National Guard in Kings Mountain.

"My hope is, somehow I can raise the money to get this computer system so we can set this up," Sherry said.

She said she hoped to have something like it set up around the state and country.

Sherry also has a 15 year old son, Brandon, and 13 year old daughter, Amber.

"They've got things going through their heads, and they're dealing with this too," Sherry said.


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### Cancer survivors needed for Relay

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The event is held each year to raise funds for cancer research, education and service. The first lap is dedicated to cancer survivors.

Anyone wishing to walk or to receive more information should call Maxine Bennett at 739-6889 or Dot Dixon at 739-4238.



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